

A Synopsis of Core Biblical Theology: Exodus

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Almost seamlessly, Exodus continues the narrative but introduces a new tension. It picks up a motif from the prologue— be fruitful and multiply— to introduce a new antagonist: a pharaoh who did not know about Joseph. And then it continues the narrative of the unfolding of God’s redemptive plan.

Promise

Direct Promise -

Inheritance - Land - 3:8,17; 6:4,8; 12:25; 13:5,11; 32:13; 33:1,3;

Heir -

Promised son / firstborn- 4:22-23 (cp Deut 32:6) - parent-child relationship

My people - 3:7, 10; 5:1; 6:7; 7:4,16; 8:1,8,20-23; 9:1,13,17,27; 10:3-4

Purchased possession - קנה - “buy, purchase” - 15:16; 19:5

Yahweh’s “special treasure” - סגולה - 19:3-6 (cp. Deut 7:6; 14:2; 26:18)

Yahweh’s inalienable possession - נחל - 34:9 (cp. Deut 4:20 נחלה)

Royal priesthood - mediators of grace to the nations - 19:3-6

Holy nation - “set apart” -19:3-6

Heritage - “Egypt will know” - 7:5,17; 8:22; 14:4,18 (cp. Isa. 19:18-25)

Yahweh’s “steadfast/covenant love” - חסד *hesed* - 15:13; 20:6; 34:6-7

Transcendent God demonstrates His immanence -

Tabernacle - שכן / משכן - 25:8; 29:43-46

Pillar of cloud / fire - 13:21-22; 14:19,24; 33:9-10

Angel of Yahweh “My Name is in him” - 23:20-23

Rest - 33:14

Redemption / Deliverance

Yahweh’s redemption - אפדה - “I redeem” 13:15

Yahweh’s salvation - ישועת יהוה *y’shu‘at yhw* - 14:13; 15:2 (“my salvation”)

Yahweh’s atonement - כפר - “to make amends by substitute” 29:36-37; 30:10,15-16

Righteous Expectations / Instructions

Righteous expectations / instructions given to the rescued by the gracious Rescuer- 20-23

Love and serve Yahweh God only - 20:2-7

Time to worship Him and rest in Him - 20:8-11

Honor all who bear God’s image - 20:12-17

Maintain an authentic relationship with Holy God - 20:22-23:33

Redeemed people are called to morality; moral people are called to worship. The redeemed person demonstrates repentance in the quality of ones moral life; they demonstrate gratitude in worship – (after B. Ramm, *His Way Out*, p.148)