

INTRODUCTION TO EXODUS



- ***Sh'mot*** is Hebrew name for 2nd book of the Bible
- ***Sh'mot*** = names
- 1st Five books of the Bible are the Torah
- Torah does NOT mean LAW!
- ***Torah*** = teaching, instruction

EXODUS: ANOTHER BOOK OF BEGINNINGS





- In Egypt, Israel grows into a nation
- Israel establishes its own history, culture, morals
- Passover, when death passed-over the Firstborn
- Passover, a picture of the purpose of Messiah

A NEW COVENANT

- Old Testament and New Testament are manmade divisions
- We have one UNIFIED Bible, not two Bibles
- New Covenant IS NOT the New Testament
- The “New Covenant” is proclaimed in the O.T.
- The “New Testament” records when the New Covenant came about



UNCONDITIONAL



DIFFERENT COVENANTS DIFFERENT PURPOSES

- Newest covenant at Mt. Sinai did NOT replace the older covenant with Abraham
- Conditional = bilateral, mutual
- Unconditional = unilateral
- Abrahamic Covenant established the “line of promise”
- Everything BEFORE the covenant at Mt. Sinai were PROMISES



CONDITIONAL



- Exodus is a saga
- Only events that illustrated divine principles were recorded
- Not typical secular history
- From end of Genesis to beginning of Exodus is about 350 years



ISRAEL: GOD'S CAKE

- God “baked” Israel in the oven of Egypt for 400 yrs.
- We get almost no information about Israel’s time in Egypt
- The Torah gives us bookends without the books
- ***Gen 46 “go down to Egypt...become a great nation”***
- ***Ex.1 “...children of Israel were fruitful...multiplied...”***
- Did Israel remember God’s promises after centuries of slavery?



EGYPT: A DEATH CULTURE

- Torah barely touches the subject of death and afterlife
- Pyramids were but afterlife chambers
- Exodus starts with Moses' battle with Pharaoh



6 DIVISIONS OF EXODUS



1) DELIVERANCE NARRATIVE

2) WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

3) COVENANT AND LAW

4) BLUEPRINTS OF THE WILDERNESS TABERNACLE

5) INFIDELITY AND RECONCILIATION

6) COMPLETION OF THE WILDERNESS TABERNACLE

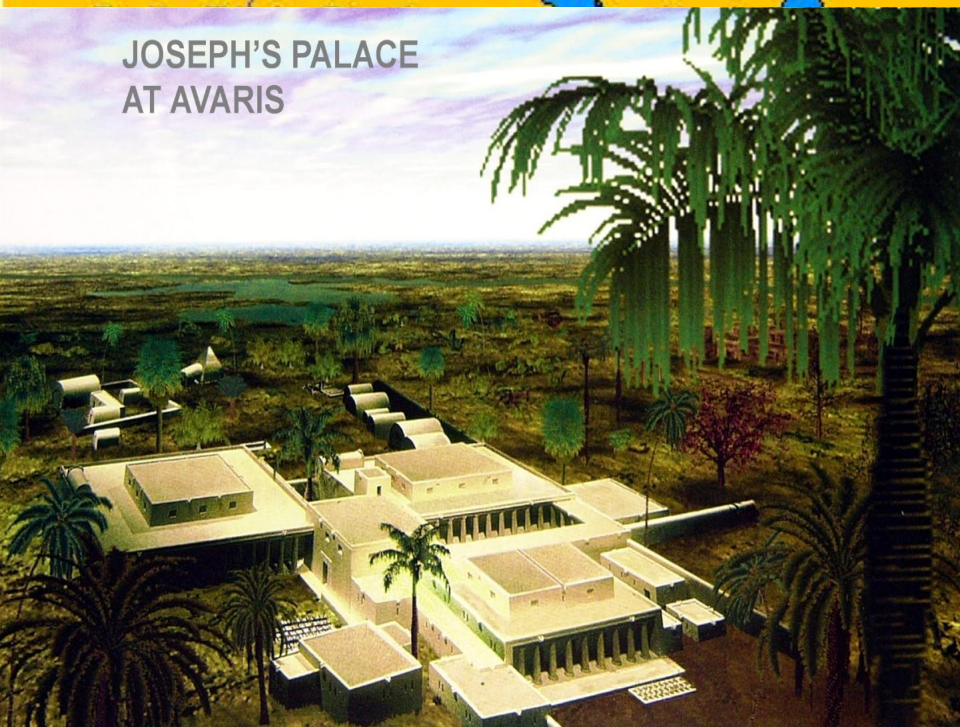
HEBREW UNITY OF WORDS IS MASKED BY ENGLISH

- See Glory Serve Know
- Root word “serve”
- Servitude to Pharaoh → *Service* to God
- Warned against serving other gods
- Laws on proper treatment of servants
- God is to be served
- Hebrew was structured that it could be more easily heard and memorized
- Hebrew word patterns help us to connect the dots in God’s organic plan

The Land Of Goshen



JOSEPH'S PALACE
AT AVARIS



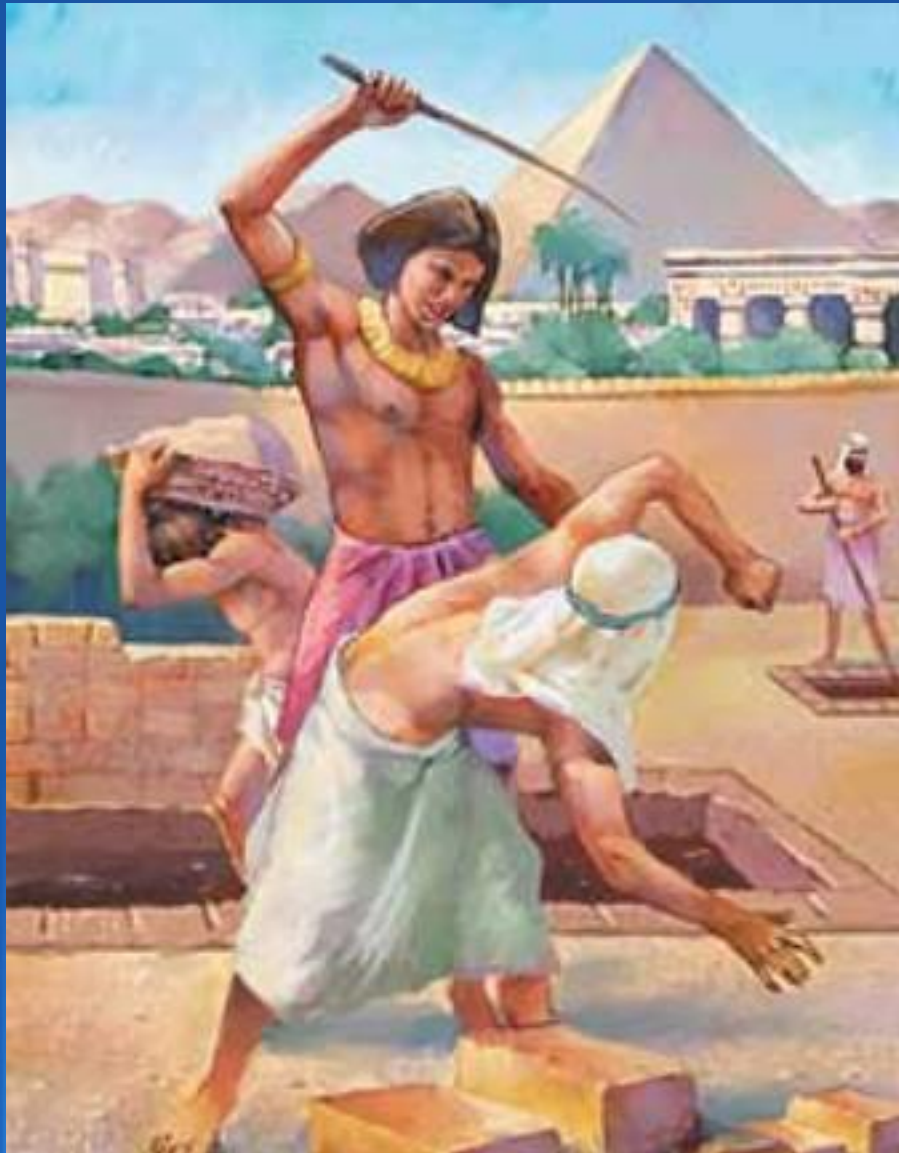
- For first 200 years, Israelites prospered
- Given the land of Goshen to settle in
- Joseph had a palace in Avaris, in the land of Goshen
- Hebrews primarily remained shepherds
- Others took up building trades
- Hebrews migrated all over Egypt, and assimilated into the culture

THE HYKSOS



- At the time of Joseph, Semites ruled Egypt
- The Pharaoh was NOT Egyptian, but was a Semite
- Israel was free and prosperous in Egypt for a long time

ISRAEL IS ENSLAVED



- Israel made scapegoat for Egypt's problems
- Hebrews can no longer own property
- Egyptian nationals form a menacing army
- Hebrews become the work force

ISRAELITES BUILT THE GREAT STORES-CITIES OF EGYPT





**MANMADE CANAL IN EGYPT,
PROBABLY DUG BY ISRAELITES**