

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Unfolding Story of the Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God

“God’s people in God’s place under God’s rule and blessing”

1. The Kingdom Modeled (Gen. 1-2)
2. The Kingdom Lost (Gen. 3-11)
3. The Kingdom Promised (Gen. 12ff)

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Exodus: The Promise Continues (?)

- outwardly things appear to be going contrary to God’s promise
- in God’s providence, things are exactly on course!

Providence Displayed

Example #1

- *Pharaoh’s enslavement of Israel*
 - Did not thwart God’s promise
 - Served to fulfill God’s promise

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Example #2

- *Preparation of a Deliverer (Moses)*

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1. Rescue of Moses

- rich with irony:
 - Moses was spared by being put in the Nile
 - Pharaoh’s daughter was the rescuer
 - Moses’ mom was paid to nurse him
 - His name foreshadows his future

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1. Rescue of Moses

- **God's Providence:**
 - Pharaoh's decree led to Moses' safety, freedom and training in Pharaoh's house
 - Pharaoh's decree became a means of advancing God's promise



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Greatest Illustration

- *The crucifixion of Jesus*
 - Unjustly put to death by wicked men in seeming opposition to God's plan
 - Yet this act was meant by God as the means of the greatest deliverance of all – deliverance from our sin

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2. Exile of Moses

- A. The cause
 - commendable action – he identified with his people in their suffering

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“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;
choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin;
considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.”

(Hebrews 11:23-26)

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2. Exile of Moses

A. The cause

- commendable action – he identified with his people in their suffering
- regrettable action – he took matters into his own hands



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2. Exile of Moses

B. The result

- lived 40 years in Midian as a husband, father and shepherd
- God's final preparation of Moses as His deliverer

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Lessons:

- God's methods and timing are often different than our expectations
- In His providence, God can use even our failures for His purposes