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)

The Kingdom of God

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."

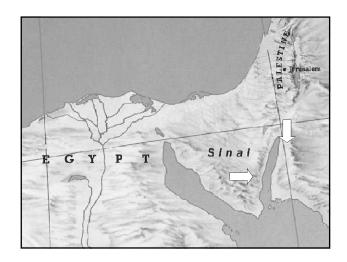
(Hebrews 11:23-26)

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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