

Exodus: Journey toward Apocalypse - Part 1 of 3

Do Catholics know the Bible?

Our Father who art in. . . - Matthew 6:9

You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in. . . - Deuteronomy 5:11

Hail Mary full of . . . - Luke 1:28

Honor your father and your. . . - Exodus 20:12

Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of your. . . - Luke 1:42

Holy, Holy. . . . - Is 6:3

Glory to God in the. . . - Luke 2:14

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the. . . - John 1:29

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the. . . - Matthew 28:19

When listening / reading scripture, always ask "Why?"

Old Covenant → New Covenant

We must be good Jews in order to be good Christians

- St. Augustine - the New Testament is hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is revealed in the New
- CCC 1096 - *Jewish liturgy and Christian liturgy*. A better knowledge of the Jewish people's faith and religious life as professed and lived even now can help our better understanding of certain aspects of Christian liturgy. For both Jews and Christians Sacred Scripture is an essential part of their respective liturgies: in the proclamation of the Word of God, the response to this word, prayer of praise and intercession for the living and the dead, invocation of God's mercy. In its characteristic structure the Liturgy of the Word originates in Jewish prayer. The Liturgy of the Hours and other liturgical texts and formularies, as well as those of our most venerable prayers, including the Lord's Prayer, have parallels in Jewish prayer. The Eucharistic Prayers also draw their inspiration from the Jewish tradition. The relationship between Jewish liturgy and Christian liturgy, but also their differences in content, are particularly evident in the great feasts of the liturgical year, such as Passover. Christians and Jews both celebrate the Passover.

Christ as the New Moses

<i>MOSES</i>	<i>CHRIST</i>
40 days fasting • Exodus 34:28	40 days fasting • Matthew 4:2
Ascends mountain into the cloud • Exodus 24:15	Ascends mountain into the cloud • Luke 9:28-36
Face glows after ascending the mountain • Exodus 34:29	Whole body glows while on the mountain • Luke 9:29
Turns water into blood • Exodus 7:20	Turns water into wine, then wine into blood • John 2:3-11 • Matthew 26:27-28

Divides the Red Sea • Exodus 14:21	Walks on the sea • John 6:16-21
Builds the Ark of the Covenant • Exodus 37	Builds the New Ark of the New Covenant • Revelation 11:19-12:1
Gave bread from Heaven • Exodus 16:13-33	Is the True Bread from Heaven • John 6:47-51
Gave flesh from Heaven • Exodus 16:13	Is the True Flesh from Heaven • John 6:51-58
Gave the blood of the Covenant • Exodus 24:5-8	Is the True Blood of the Covenant • Matthew 26:27-28
Places Aaron's rod, the manna, and the Ten Commandments into the Ark • Hebrews 9:4 • Numbers 17 • Exodus 16 • Exodus 20:40	Fulfills the contents of the ark (he is the new manna, the true High Priest, and the Word) • John 6:47-51 • Hebrews 4 • John 1
Rescued from the King's execution • Exodus 1:22-2:10	Rescued from Herod's execution • Matthew 2:13-18
Goes into Egypt to escape the execution • Exodus 2:3-10	Goes into Egypt to escape the execution • Matthew 2:13-18

Brief overview of Exodus

- Chapters 1-4 - Moses' birth, fleeing from Egypt, return to Egypt
- Chapters 5-13 - the Plagues and Passover
- Chapters 13-19 - Departure from Egypt and arrival at Mt. Sinai
- Chapters 20-24 - The 10 Commandments
- Chapters 25-31 - Instructions for the Tabernacle and the Covenant
- Chapter 32 - The Golden Calf
- Chapters 33-40 - Construction of the Tabernacle

In order to understand the Old Covenant → New Covenant, we must first understand what is a covenant - must be JEWISH!

- Covenant Theology - difference between covenant and contract?
- Covenant - Hebrew for "7" or oath - Sheva
 - Latin word is "Sacramentum" - how many sacraments are there?
 - Anywhere you see # 7, God is speaking of covenant
 - Genesis 1 - creation as covenant
 - Exodus 25:1; 30:11; 17; 22; 34; 31:1; 31:12 - new creation
 - John 1:1; 29; 35; 43; 2:1 - new creation
 - Marriage as covenant
 - The well - Exodus 2:15-21; John 4:6-30 (Samaritan woman); Genesis 24:10-67 (Isaac); Genesis 29:1-14 (Jacob)
 - John 2:1

God's original plan - bring all of humanity up into communion with him - Genesis 12:3

- Plan B - bring all of Israel up into communion with him - Exodus 3:12
- Plan C - bring Moses and the elders up into communion with him - Exodus 19:9-15
 - Wash the garments - marital imagery
- Plan D - bring Moses up into communion with him - Exodus 24:15

Exodus as the template for the New Covenant - God knew what Christ was going to do when he told Moses what to do in preparation for the Old Covenant

- Moses was seeing in a dim room with grease on his glasses
- According to the plan shown on the mountain - Exodus 24:9-11; 25:9; 25:40; 26:30; 27:8

Passover as the template for the New Covenant

- kill, spill, eat your fill
- Hebrew - Pesach
- Greek - Pasch
- Israelites slaughter lambs in front of entire assembly of the congregation of Israel - Hebrew "Qahol" Greek "Ekklesia" - Exodus 12:6
- Contrast with Exodus 8:25-26
- Spread blood on "wood" of the doorposts and lintels - Exodus 12:7
- Roast the ENTIRE lamb - Exodus 12:8
 - "Crucifixion" - Josephus - put on skewers to be able to roast - 250k lambs
- Eat the lamb - Exodus 12:8
- Requirements for the lamb - Exodus 12:5; 46
 - Year-old (in its prime) 12:5
 - Male 12:5
 - Unblemished 12:5
 - No broken bones 12:46
- No foreigner shall eat of it (not of the covenant) - Exodus 12:43-45
 - Let strangers be circumcised (joined to the covenant) - Exodus 12:48 → Colossians 2:11-12
- Do not take out of the house - Exodus 12:46
- Christ as the Lamb of God - John 1:29 → Exodus 12

EXTRAS / APPENDIX

- Blood of the covenant - Matthew 26:27-28 → Exodus 24:8
- Bread from Heaven - John 6:32-35 → Exodus 16:12-17; 31-34
- Flesh from Heaven - John 6:53 → Exodus 16:12-13
- High Priestly garments of Aaron (khitom) - Exodus 28:31-35 → Psalm 22:18 → John 19:23-24

Golden Calf - Exodus 32

- Bull / Calf represents money (gold), sex (fertility), power (strength of the bull)
- Fertility rites of the Egyptians and the Canaanites - "Rose up to play" - Exodus 32:6
- Exodus 32:28 → Acts 2:41
- Exodus 32:20 - ground into dust, made them drink it - test for adultery in Deuteronomy

Contents of the Ark - Hebrews 9:4

- Manna - Exodus 16 - miraculous bread → John 6
- Ten Commandments - Exodus 40:20 - The 10 Words → John 1
- Staff of Aaron - Numbers 17 → Christ the true high priest - Hebrews 4

Plagues

- Serpents (nahash) - power over evil and the devil - Exodus 4:1-4 (God asks us to trust him); 7:8-12 - Pharaoh's magicians duplicated, swallowed up
- 1) Water into blood - Exodus 7:20-22 - Pharaoh's magicians duplicated, made it worse
- 2) Frogs - Exodus 8:5-7 - Pharaoh's magicians duplicated, made it worse
- 3) Gnats - Exodus 8:16-19 - "Dust of the earth" - Pharaoh's magicians could NOT duplicate
 - see Genesis 2:7 - only God has the power of life
 - "Finger of God" - Exodus 8:19; Exodus 31:18
- 4) Flies
- 5) Livestock diseased (emphasis on CATTLE)
- 6) Boils (emphasis on CATTLE)
- 7) Hail (emphasis on CATTLE) - see Exodus 9:24 - FIRE and hail
- 8) Locusts
- 9) Darkness x3 days
 - See Exodus 10:28, compare with Genesis 2:17 - Only God has the power of death
- 10) Death of the First-born
 - Compare with Matthew 2:16 and Exodus 1:22