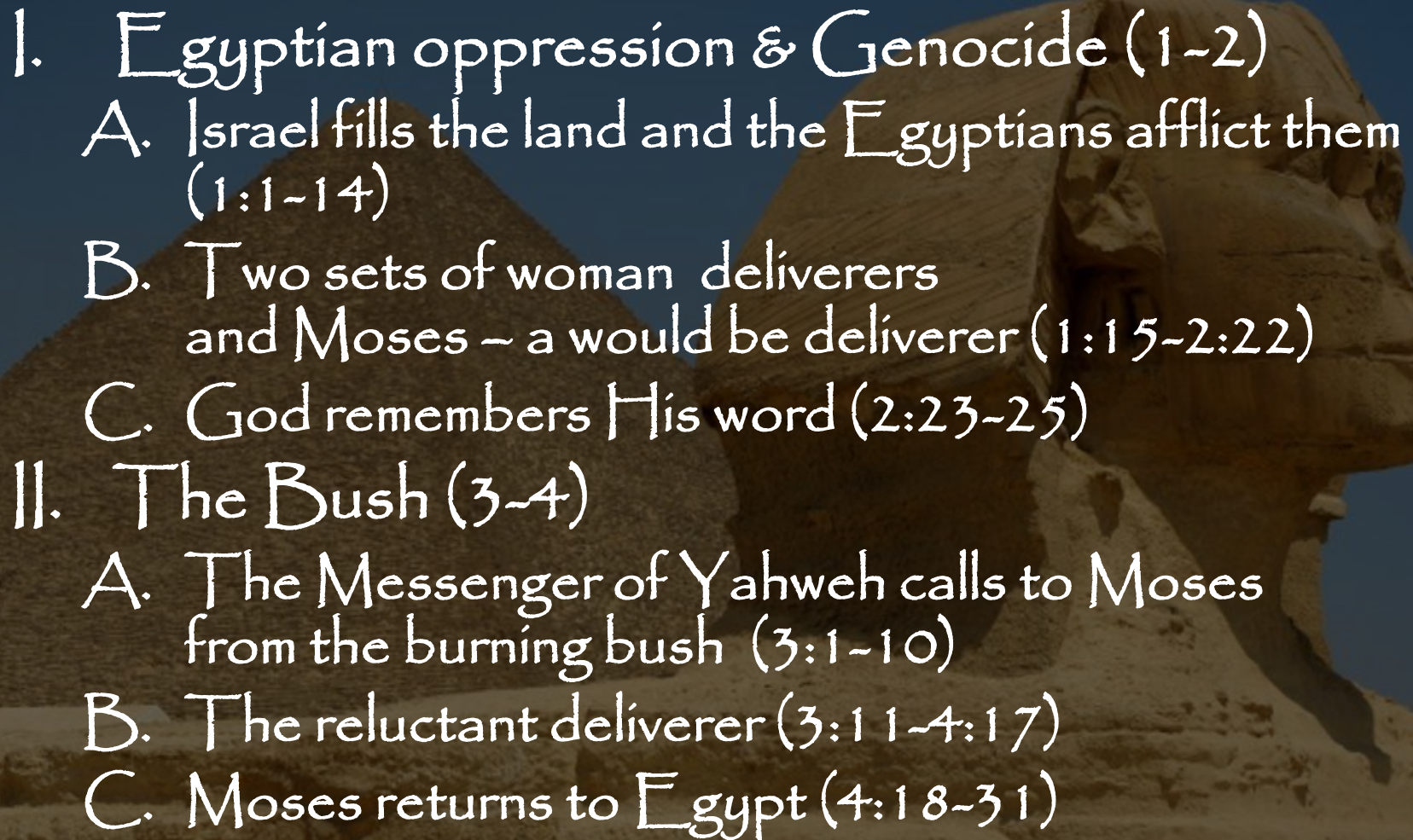


The River and the Bush

Exodus 1-4

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The River and the Bush (1-4):

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- I. Egyptian oppression & Genocide (1-2)
 - A. Israel fills the land and the Egyptians afflict them (1:1-14)
 - B. Two sets of woman deliverers and Moses – a would be deliverer (1:15-2:22)
 - C. God remembers His word (2:23-25)
 - II. The Bush (3-4)
 - A. The Messenger of Yahweh calls to Moses from the burning bush (3:1-10)
 - B. The reluctant deliverer (3:11-4:17)
 - C. Moses returns to Egypt (4:18-31)

The Chronology of the book of Exodus

Bondage		Deliverance	Journey to Sinai	The Camp at Sinai
Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3-11	Chapters 12-18	Chapters 19-40
Indefinite number of months or years	Eighty Years (7:7)	Unspecified number of Weeks	Three Months (12:1-3, 19:1)	Nine Months (40:2,17)

Exodus opens affirming the Creational Blessing ...

- The opening list of Sons who came to Egypt link Exodus back to Genesis, and to the creational blessing ...
 - Gn 1:28 given to Adam & Eve
Be fruitful & multiply
 - Gn 9:1 given to Noah, and his family
Be fruitful & Multiply
- Ex 1:7 tells us,
⁷But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

Pharaoh's Oppression and the Midwives

- The Pharaoh didn't know Joseph, and the Hebrews had grown into a great people.
- Pharaoh adopted two measures
 - Oppressive working conditions
 - Infanticide of male babies
 - Kill at Birth
 - Later, through into the Nile

The Raising of Moses

- Protected at Birth,
 - Hebrew Mosheh means drawn out
 - Egyptian Mos means child
- After years in the Palace, Moses flees to Midian to save his life. He had killed an Egyptian for beating a Hebrew slave and many were now talking about it.

The Dialog between God and Moses at the Bush

Moses:

God:

Who am I?

**I will be with you and I sent you
(3:11-12)**

Who are you?

**I am who I am ... I am has sent
you (3:13-22)**

**What if the people
do not believe me?**

**If they do not believe you, they
will believe the signs (4:1-9)**

**I am not able to
speak well.**

**I made your mouth and will teach
you what to say. (4:10-12)**

Send someone else!

**Yahweh becomes angry, Aaron
will help you speak (4:13-17)**

The Framing, Moses Saved by

The Dialogue at the
bush (3-4)

The Story of the
Exodus (5-14)

Two women and
Miriam deliver
Moses from the
river (2:1-10)

The Song of
Miriam and the
dance for the
women for
victory at the sea
(15:20-21)

Moses Rescues
Zipporah
(2:15-22)

Zipporah
Rescues Moses
(4:24-26)

The cost of Moses Neglect

- Moses had neglected to circumcise his sons, and for that God is confronting him
 - Commanded to circumcise on the 8th day
 - Thought that Moses accommodated Midianite views (Zipporah's) of pre-marriage circumcision, not baby.
 - When Moses was slow (or unable) to respond Zipporah circumcises her sons, and in disgust places the foreskins at "his" feet. Some saying the "his" is Moses, but some commentators place this as the feet of Yahweh.

Is there a principle here we need to watch for ?

Moses' Commission (4:21-23)

- Told to go to Pharaoh, and do the miracles.
- Told that God will harden Pharaoh's heart, and Pharaoh will not let the people go.

We will look at this more later . . .

- Told that in the end, the first born son of Pharaoh will be killed.