

The Metanarrative

Creation—Blessing

From chaos to order
From darkness to light
From unproductive to fruitful
From aimless to *telos* / blessing
From work to rest

Fall—Blessing and Curse Compete

From innocence to shame
From harmony to strife
From fruitful to futile

Israel—Blessing to all through Abraham

Fear and faith compete
From Canaan to Egypt
From Egypt to Sinai

Jesus

The Church

Promises Kept

Be Fruitful and Multiply (Genesis 1:28, Genesis 15:5)

But the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them. Exodus 1:7

Salvation Through Judgment

Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. Genesis 15: 13-14

During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to **God**. And **God** heard their groaning, and **God** remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. **God** saw the people of Israel—and **God** knew. Exodus 2:23-25 (ESV)

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Moses and Israel

Saved Through the Waters

Moses—Exodus 2: 1-10
Israel—Exodus 14

Escape After Egyptians Death

Moses—Exodus 2: 11-15
Israel—Exodus 12: 21-25

40 Years in the Desert

Moses—Exodus 2:21-25
Israel—Numbers 14: 33

Fiery Divine Meeting at Sinai

Moses—Exodus 3
Israel—Exodus 19-24

Question: how else does God use the life of one to embody many?

YHWH Gives His Name

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation. Exodus 3: 11-15

"Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go."
Exodus 5:2

The Liberating Battle: Plagues, Passover, Victory

On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. Exodus 12: 12-13

Question: how does Israel survive the last plague?

“Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand... In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. This is why I sacrifice to the LORD the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.’ And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead that the LORD brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand.” Exodus 13: 3, 14-16

Question: in what meal do you commemorate God’s mighty act of deliverance?

We give you thanks, Eternal God,
for you nourish and sustain all living things
by the gift of water.
In the beginning of time,
your Spirit moved over the watery chaos,
calling forth order and life.

In the time of Noah,
you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood,
giving righteousness a new beginning.

You led Israel out of slavery,
through the waters of the sea,
into the freedom of the promised land.

In the waters of Jordan
Jesus was baptized by John
and anointed with your Spirit.
By the baptism of his own death and resurrection,
Christ set us free from sin and death,
and opened the way to eternal life.

We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
From it we are raised to share in his resurrection,
Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Goal of the Exodus

What's the Goal of the Exodus?

Let my son go, so he may worship me. Exodus 4:23

Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness. Exodus 7:16

This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me. Exodus 8:1

This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me. Exodus 8:20

Let my people go, so that they may worship me. Exodus 9:1

Let my people go, so that they may worship me. Exodus 10:3

Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then ***out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.***' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD. Exodus 19: 3-8

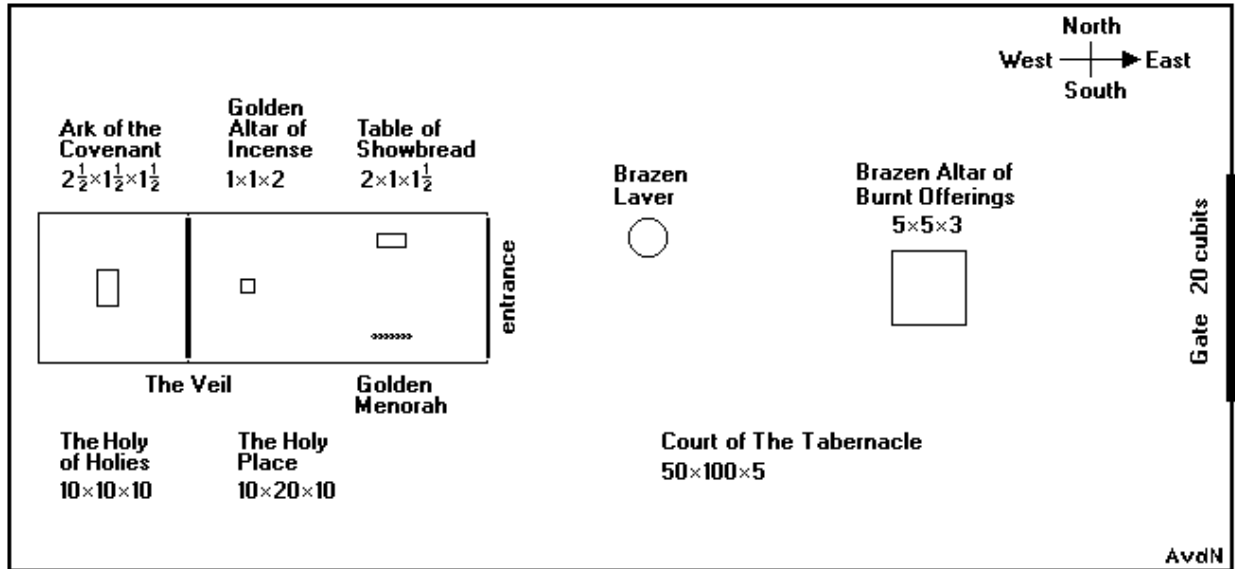
Question: What needs to happen for Israel to be this kingdom of priests?

The Place of Worship: Eden Restored

7 Words of Tabernacle Creation

Exodus 25:1; 30:11, 17, 22, 34; 31:1, 12

A Three-Tiered Tabernacle—A Literal Microcosm



1. Outer Court as the habitable world where humanity dwells
2. The Holy Place as the Visible Heavens
3. Holy of Holies as the invisible place of God's presence

Israel's Original Sin

Exodus 32:13-14

"Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Question: how does this scene remind you of the Garden sin?

The Meaning of YHWH

Exodus 33: 18-20

Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, YHWH, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

Exodus 34: 5-7

Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

Question: If YHWH means, "I am/will be who I am/will be," how does YHWH promise to be for Israel?

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

"The mercy of God lies in His readiness to share in sympathy the distress of another, a readiness which springs from His inmost nature and stamps all His being and doing...In concrete the mercy of God means therefore His compassion at the sight of the suffering which man brings upon himself, His concern to remove it, His will to console man in this pain and to help him overcome it...This, then, is how God loves. His love is merciful love."
Karl Barth

Eden Restored...for Now

7 Commands Fulfilled: Exodus 40: 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 32

And so Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels.