

Message Notes

Welcome to Exodus!

Introduction - "Make any promises in those last 10 seconds?
Then, welcome to Hope Community Church!!"

A new series:

The Gospel according to Moses: a study of the book of Exodus

Ways that Exodus has impacted us

Social Justice

William Wilberforce, Martin Luther King, Jr. &
Contemporary uses

Spiritual Transformation

Promises of God, Hardness of Heart, Holiness of God,
A Reluctant Leader, The Nature of Grumbling,
The Power, Love, Mercy and Wrath of God, Redemption

Theological and Gospel Implications

What do we learn about:
God, People, Power, Sin, Mercy, Wrath, Need for a Savior?

Today's Message:

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Exodus 1:1-22

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Genesis 50:18-26

Genesis 15:12-21

The promise is being fulfilled (part 1) - Exodus 1:6-7

The promise is being fulfilled (part 2) - Exodus 1:8-14

The cruelty of Pharaoh - Exodus 1:15-16

God's hand in the midst of calamity - Exodus 1:17-21

Not to be outdone, Pharaoh ups the ante - Exodus 1:22

Gospel Implications:

Where is God when circumstances are dire?

Psalms 73:1-17

Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Application - "Worship and Wait"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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Other passages used:

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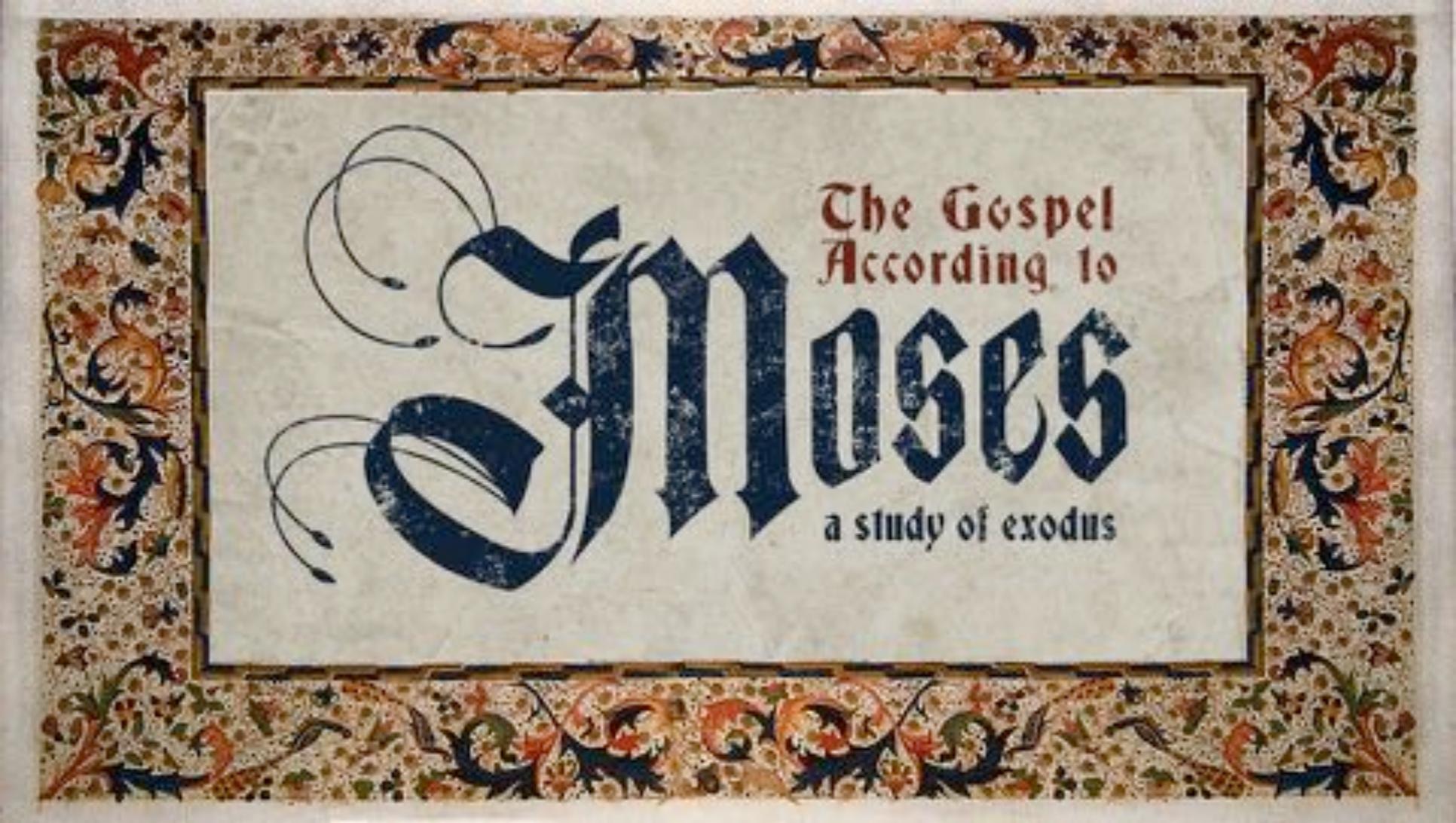
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Downtown Minneapolis





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a study of exodus

**SOCIAL
JUSTICE**

Exodus and Emancipation

Essays & Reflections on the Bible and African-American Slavery

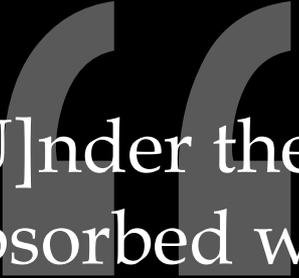
By Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Chelst





WILLIAM
WILBERFORCE

1759-1833



[U]nder the influence of Thomas Clarkson, he became absorbed with the issue of slavery. Later he wrote, "So enormous, so dreadful, so irremediable did the trade's wickedness appear that my own mind was completely made up for abolition. Let the consequences be what they would: I from this time determined that I would never rest until I had effected its abolition."

Wilberforce was initially optimistic, even naively so. He expressed "no doubt" about his chances of quick success. As early as 1789, he and Clarkson managed to have 12 resolutions against the slave trade introduced — only to be outmaneuvered on fine legal points. The pathway to abolition was blocked by vested interests, parliamentary filibustering, entrenched bigotry, international politics, slave unrest, personal sickness, and political fear. Other bills introduced by Wilberforce were defeated in 1791, 1792, 1793, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1804, and 1805.

When it became clear that Wilberforce was not going to let the issue die, pro-slavery forces targeted him. He was vilified; opponents spoke of "the damnable doctrine of Wilberforce and his hypocritical allies." The opposition became so fierce, one friend feared that one day he would read about Wilberforce's being "carbonated [broiled] by Indian planters, barbecued by African merchants, and eaten by Guinea captains."



...All this in spite of the fact that poor health plagued him his entire life, sometimes keeping him bedridden for weeks. During one such time in his late twenties, he wrote, "[I] am still a close prisoner, wholly unequal even to such a little business as I am now engaged in: add to which my eyes are so bad that I can scarce see how to direct my pen."

...When healthy, however, he was a persistent and effective politician, partly due to his natural charm and partly to his eloquence. His antislavery efforts finally bore fruit in 1807: Parliament abolished the slave trade in the British Empire. He then worked to ensure the slave trade laws were enforced and, finally, that slavery in the British Empire was abolished. Wilberforce's health prevented him from leading the last charge, though he heard three days before he died that the final passage of the emancipation bill was ensured in committee.

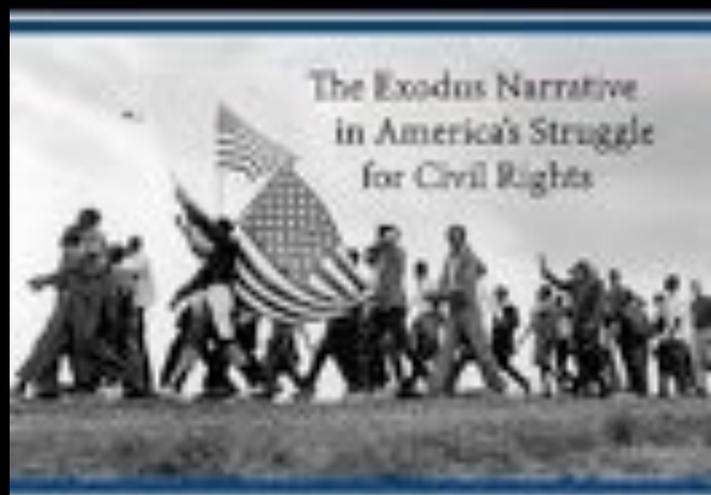
~ from *Christian History*, Issue 53 (1997) : *William Wilberforce: Fighting the Slave Trade*





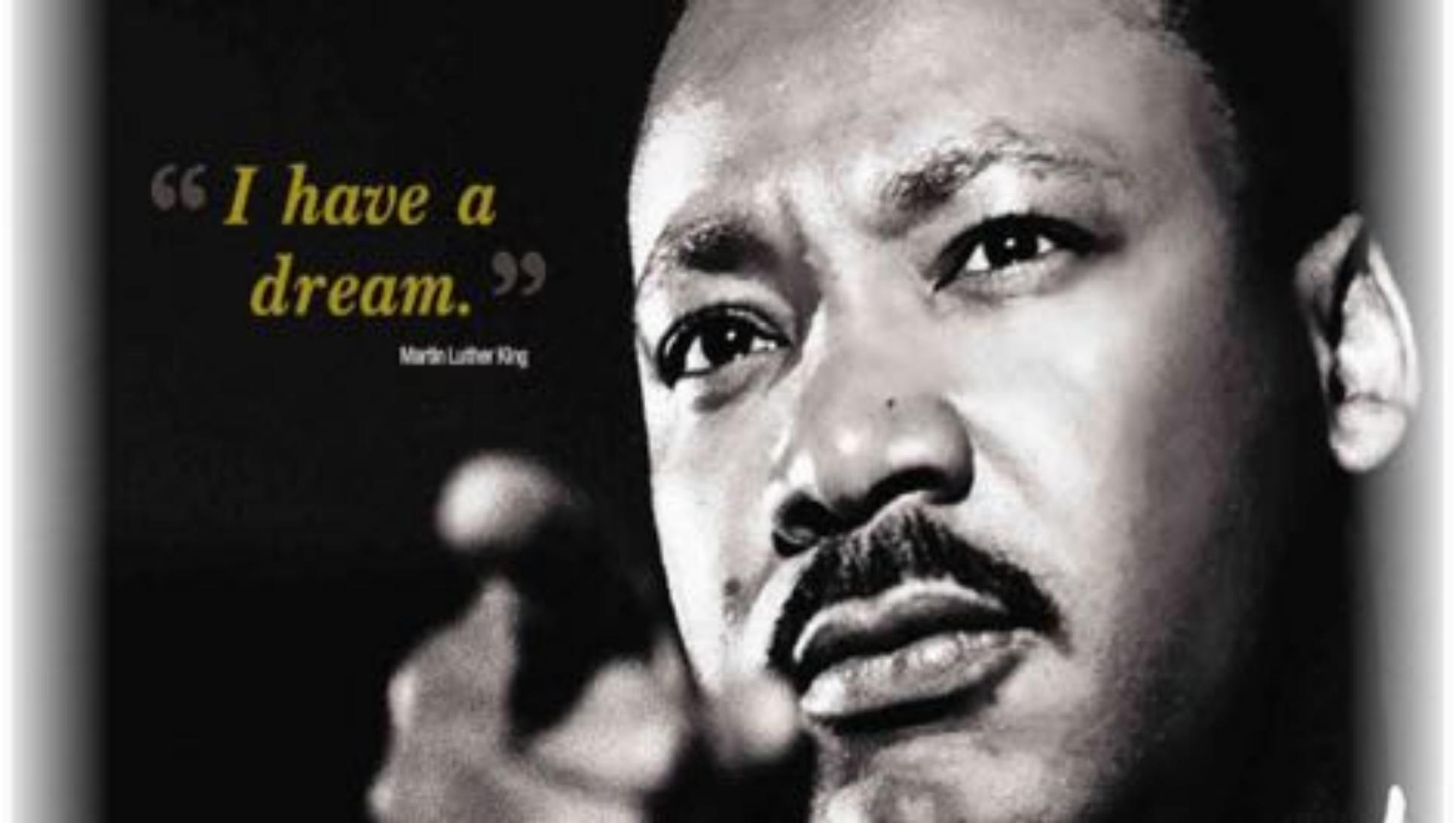
MARTIN LUTHER KING

and the Rhetoric of Freedom



The Exodus Narrative
in America's Struggle
for Civil Rights

Gary S. Selby

A black and white close-up portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. He is looking slightly upwards and to the left with a serious, contemplative expression. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the contours of his face and his mustache. The background is dark and out of focus.

*“ I have a
dream. ”*

Martin Luther King

EXODUS FROM HUNGER

WE ARE CALLED TO CHANGE
THE POLITICS OF HUNGER.



DAVID BECKMANN

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FOREWORD BY ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU

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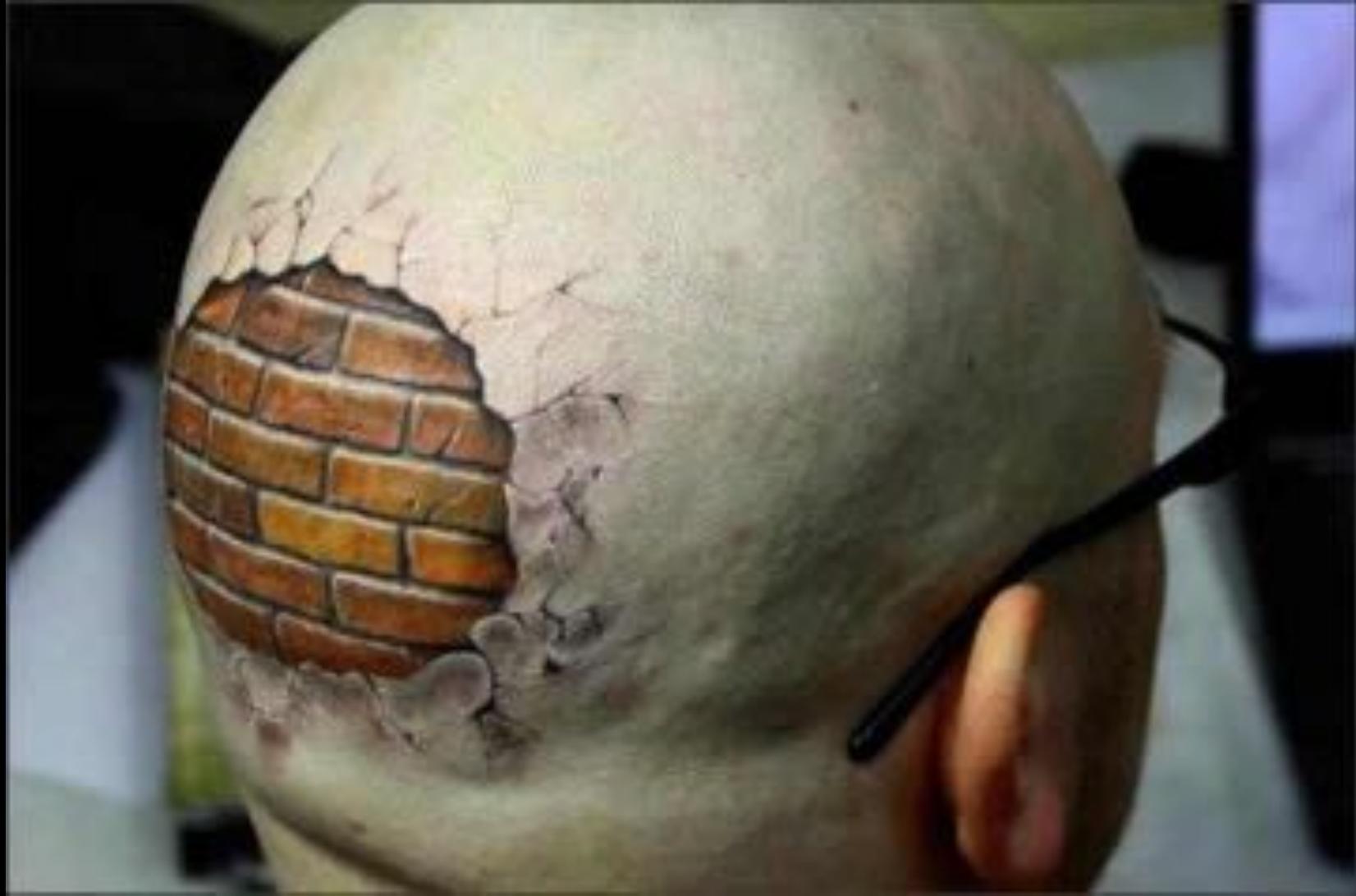
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The Late Date ~ a 13th century date (1290 BC)

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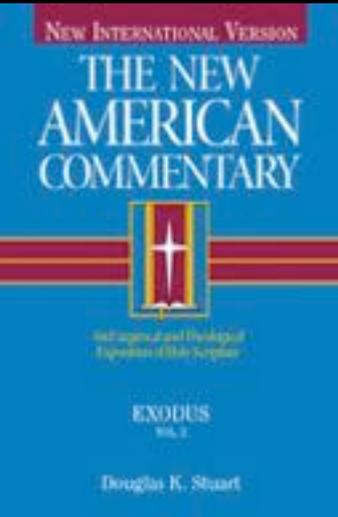
Moses had nearly thirty-nine years to write Exodus. When he did so during that time period between the Israelites' departure from Sinai and his death and exactly how many days or weeks he spent doing so is impossible to reconstruct. We may reasonably conjecture that the first audience for whom he wrote was the second postexodus

generation, the one that had grown up in the wilderness during the days described in the book of Numbers. He would have written the book for them as that generation was preparing to enter the promised land as a reminder of who they were and what their origins



(i.e., the events and instructions their parents had experienced) had been and what was required of them in the covenant God had made with their parents. If these conjectures are correct, Exodus would have been produced in writing sometime near the end of the forty-year period after the Israelites left Egypt and before they entered

Canaan, that is, when Moses himself was nearing the end of his life.



~ Douglas K. Stuart, *Exodus*, vol. 2, *The New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2006), 28.

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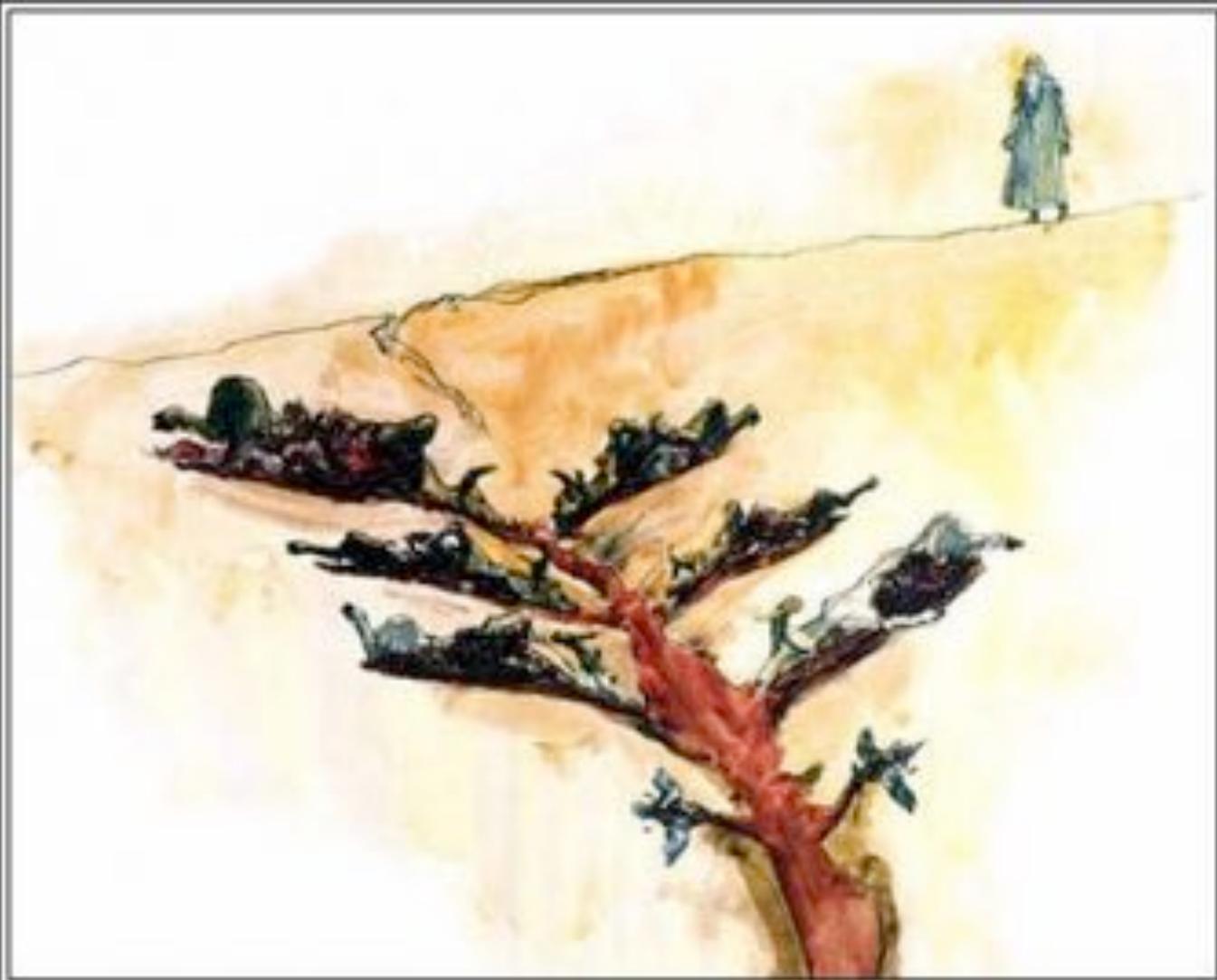






Simon de Myle
Noah's ark on the Mount Ararat
1570, oil on panel
114 × 142 cm
Collection privée du sud-ouest
de la France

















Gerrit Willemsz Horst
(c.1612 – 1652)
Isaac blessing Jacob
1637



The 12 Sons of Jacob



1. Reuben



2. Simeon



3. Levi



4. Judah



5. Dan



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7. Gad



8. Asher



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11. Joseph



12. Benjamin



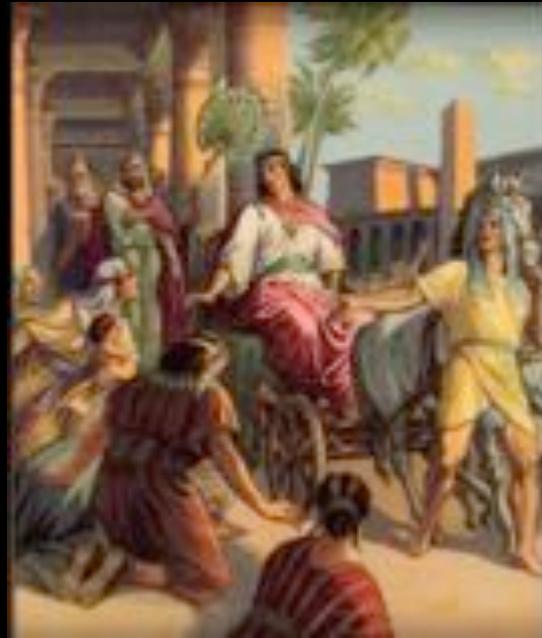
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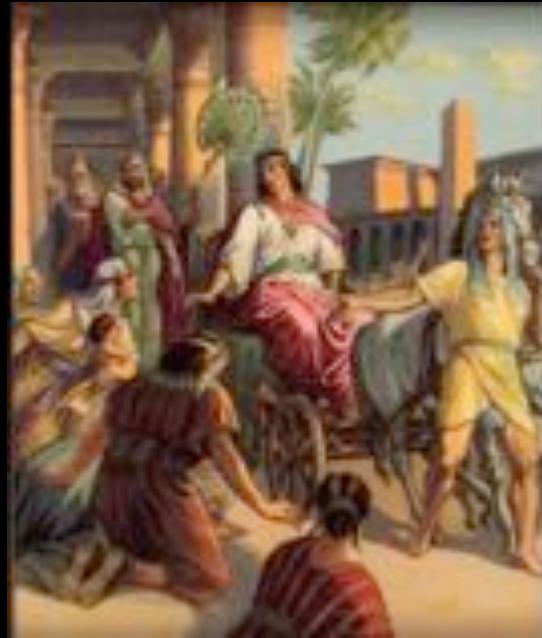
¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said.

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.



Genesis 50:18-26

²²Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years ²³and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.



²⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." ²⁵And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

Genesis 50:18-26

²⁶So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.





Genesis 15:12-21

¹²As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹³Then the LORD said to him, “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. ¹⁴But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. ¹⁵You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

Genesis 15:12-21

¹⁷When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.

¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates — ¹⁹the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, ²⁰Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, ²¹Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.”

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¹Surely God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

²But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my foothold.

³For I envied the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴They have no struggles;
their bodies are healthy and strong.

⁵They are free from common human burdens;
they are not plagued by human ills.

⁶Therefore pride is their necklace;
they clothe themselves with violence.

Psalm 73:1-17

⁷From their callous hearts comes iniquity;
their evil imaginations have no limits.

⁸They scoff, and speak with malice;
with arrogance they threaten oppression.

⁹Their mouths lay claim to heaven,
and their tongues take possession of the earth.

¹⁰Therefore their people turn to them
and drink up waters in abundance.

¹¹They say, “How would God know?
Does the Most High know anything?”

¹²This is what the wicked are like —
always free of care, they go on amassing wealth.

Psalm 73:1-17

¹³Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure
and have washed my hands in innocence.

¹⁴All day long I have been afflicted,
and every morning brings new punishments.

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¹⁵If I had spoken out like that,
I would have betrayed your children.

¹⁶When I tried to understand all this,
it troubled me deeply

¹⁷till I entered the sanctuary of God;
then I understood their final destiny.

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Gospel Application:

Will you worship while you wait?