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The Gospel
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a study of exodus

Exodus 5:17-21

17 Pharaoh said, “Lazy, that’s what you are – lazy! That is why you keep saying, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.’ 18 Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks.”

19 The Israelite overseers realized they were in trouble when they were told, “You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day.” 20 When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, 21 and they said, “May the Lord look on you and judge you! You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”



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Let's think about what would have happened if...this scene played out (according to Moses' thinking). Let's say Moses went in and he and Aaron did everything they were supposed to and said everything just as they were supposed to. And that was it. They got to leave. Who gets the credit? Moses and Aaron! Let's say they do everything just right and Pharaoh says, "You know what? I'll just let you go" ...Who gets the credit? Pharaoh! Redemption is not easy because only one can have the credit for it. And so this is why he said "it's not going to be easy but it's going to happen in such a way that everyone will know that I am the LORD."

~ Jen Wilkin, Podcast: *Exodus I, week 5: Opposition and Unbelief*



So, let's say things had gone more easily and the Israelites got to leave with Moses at the outset. Who would know that God was I AM? Israel would. But would Egypt? No.

But what we're going to see is that God will bring them out and redeem them in such a way that everyone will know, *everyone* will know that he is God.

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The LORD: I AM to your ancestors

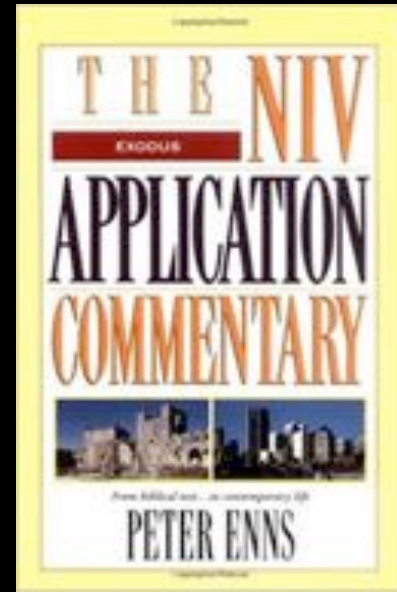
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The focus of God's message to the Israelites is on who he is, and their assessment of the situation must be based squarely on that immovable fact.

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“God promises to redeem his people (6:6b). In the Old Testament, the word ‘redeem’ is used for rescuing someone from a contract or from some evil...Not only will God free the people from slavery; but he will also renew their identity as his people (I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God – 6:7) and he will give them a land of their own (6:8).

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Exodus 4:22-23

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Joshua 21:43-45

43 So the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. 44 The Lord gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the Lord gave all their enemies into their hands. 45 Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

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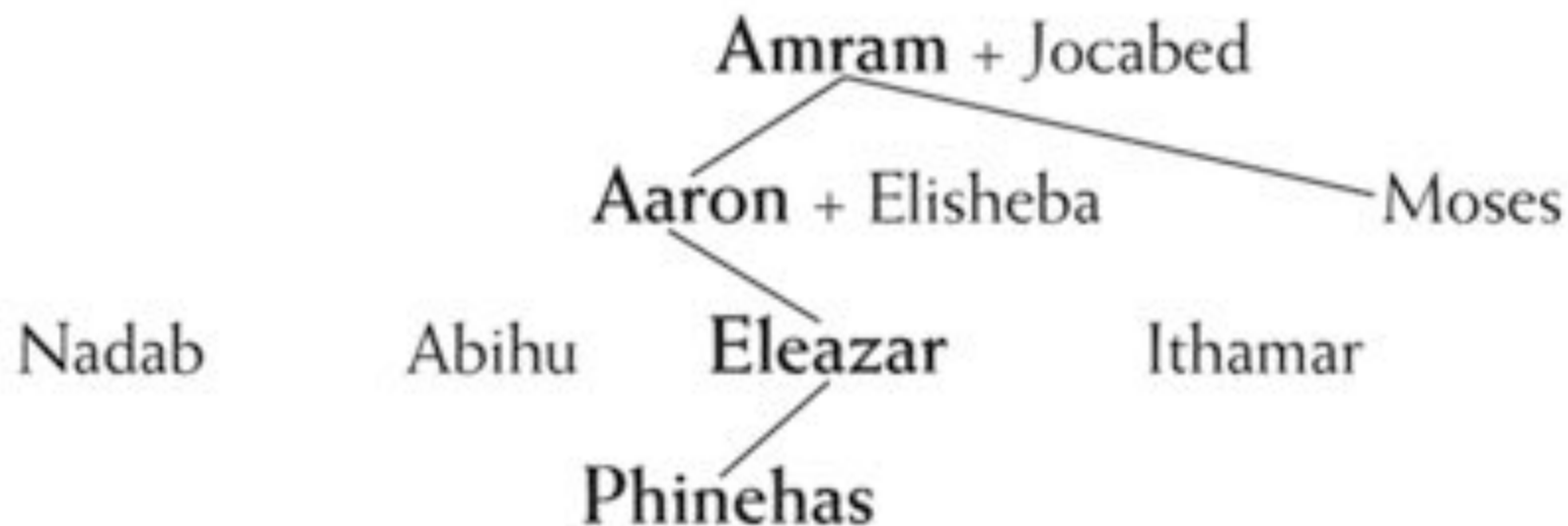
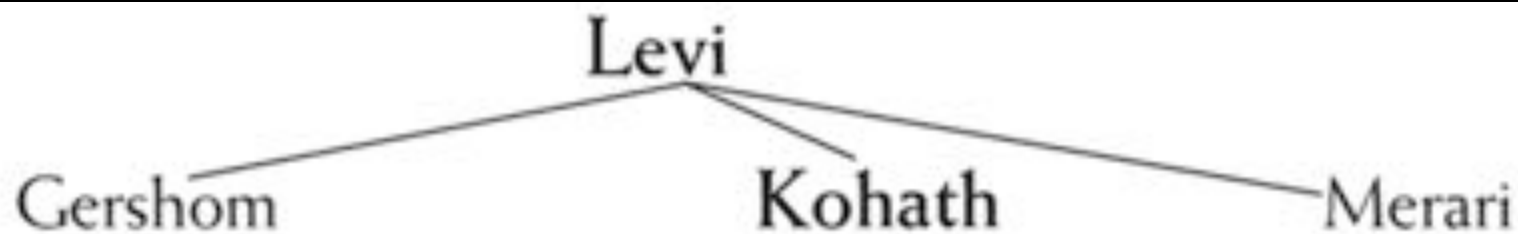
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These were the heads of the Levite families, clan by clan.

26 It was this Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said, "Bring the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions." 27 They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing the Israelites out of Egypt – this same Moses and Aaron.



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Matthew 26:36-39

36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." 39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."



A painting of a man with a crown of thorns and a yellow robe, with the word "Christ" overlaid in white serif font. The man has a dark beard and is looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and indistinct. The word "Christ" is written in a large, white, serif font, centered horizontally and partially overlapping the man's face and robe.

Christ

A painting of Jesus Christ with a crown of thorns, set against a dark, textured background. The image is dimly lit, with the central figure of Jesus being the primary focus. He has a beard and long hair, and his eyes are closed. The background consists of dark, swirling patterns, possibly representing a night sky or a stormy sea.

Hebrews 12:2-3

- 2 For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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