

# Going Somewhere

## Introduction

### Get in the headspace

- Where were you five years ago? How about 10? Where are you now? Where are you going?
- If you could go back and tell yourself what was in store to get you where you are now, would you do anything differently?
- If future you showed up and told you where you would be, and it was great but it will be miserable to get there, would you continue in the same direction and manner? Or the reverse?
- I would love to ask everyone in Exodus these questions, especially Moses. If he knew what was in store, what would he have done?

### Is it kind of a moot point?

- Perhaps, but it doesn't change the fact that we are always going somewhere. Young, old, man, woman, doesn't matter.
- God has a destination in mind and He has a means for us to get there that doesn't always make sense to us on the way.
- Yet God says, "Trust me," and we can. If Exodus teaches us anything, it teaches us that.
- Generally speaking, where are we going? Out of this world.

## Techno intro

### The details

- Pentateuch, Torah, Law, five books of Moses
- Exodus - depart, departure
- A historic narrative yet the facts are loaded with prophetic symbolism.
- Written by Moses sometime before his death around 1450 BC.
- Covers 80+ years not counting transition years between books.

### The content

- Promise, fulfillment, repeat.
- Israel held captive, the process of being freed, learning and living that freedom.
- Giving of the law (civil), instructions for worship (ceremonial).
- Why do we have/make laws for things that seem obvious? Obviously we need them.
- The ugliness of sin, how God sees it. The holiness of God, how we ought to see it.
- Being in the world and not of it. Being God's chosen people in a dark world.
- God saying, "This is who I am, this is how I work, this is how you can relate to me."
- Points us to Jesus in most every detail.

## Prequel - Genesis

- **Exodus 1:1-6**. Who are these guys? What's going on? Need some context. Need a prequel.

## Genesis 1-11

- 1-2 Creation (timeline slide, and for Adam)
- 3-4 The fall, promise of savior, life after the fall (timeline slide)
- 5 Genealogy of promise (regular slide for gen., followed by timeline for Met, Noah, Shem)
- 6-9 The flood of promise, judgment, and deliverance (timeline slide, Shem & flood)
- 10-11 Life after the flood of water, flood of people (timeline slide)

## Genesis 12-25

- 12-15 Abraham's "early" years (timeline slide) 15:13-15 begins the Exodus clock
- 16-21 Son of the flesh, son of promise (timeline slide)
- 22-25 Abraham's faith and fair well

## Genesis 26-28

- Isaac passes on the promise and the problems (timeline slide)

## Genesis 29-36

- Jacob passes on the promise and the problems (timeline slide)
- Becomes Israel, has 12 sons and one daughter

## Genesis 37-50

- 37 Meet Joseph, the son and the slave (timeline slide)
- 38 The Tamar Incident
- 39 Joseph the faithful slave
- 40 Joseph the faithful prisoner
- 41 Joseph the faithful prince of Egypt
- 42-45 Brothers reunited
- 46-49 Jacob/Israel reunited
- 50 The reason for it all. Money verse, 50:20
- Exodus begins with birth of Moses (timeline slide)

## Wrap up

- This is all going somewhere. Creation, fall, flood, Abraham, Exodus, Jesus, you.
- Your life is going somewhere. Are you involved in that or are you just along for the ride?
- When God says, "Trust me," you can. Whether you know what's coming or not.
- God has a path and a plan. I will never leave you, I will send the Comforter.
- Gospel.