

1-2 God's Plan vs Mine

Introduction

- When you aren't in control you really want to be, right? When do you really want to be in control? When things aren't going the way you think they should.
- When we aren't in control we have to buy in.
 - Insincerely, out of obligation, respect, reward. Mostly in jobs (*illustrate*), sometimes family, sometimes church. Quit when it gets too hard or something better comes along.
 - Sincerely, because you get it, want it, love it, regardless of how things go for you. In it for life and death.
- We make and have plans, we think we are in control. Sometime they even work! When they something goes wrong its because we weren't and aren't really in control.
- *God is in control, God has a plan, and nothing ever goes wrong with it.* Do you believe that it's true? Do you live like it's true? Have you sincerely bought in to God's plan?
- Exodus is going to show us both sides of this coin.
- Remember, historical, factual, yet principle and prophetic. Prophecy is also pattern.

Exodus 1 Setting the stage for Moses

1:1-7

- About 130 years from death of Jacob/Israel to birth of Moses. Easily six generations, plenty of time to grow a big population. $70 \times 5^6 = 1 \text{ mill}+$.
- Language indicates they were especially fruitful. PDX .5mill.

1:8-14

- **1:8** What made him new? Didn't know anything about Joseph. Which pharaoh? Much debate. Why not named? Don't know.
- **1:9-11** Didn't want rebellion or Hebrews to leave the land. Big numbers! Why was he like this? Two reasons.
 1. Didn't know Joseph, his God, significance of these people. Consequently...
 2. *Fear. Fear makes people run from God, we think we can do it on our own, we build walls, when God is the only one who can help us. Fear should make us run to God, not away from Him.*
- Unbeliever, you are about to get a wake-up call in this book concerning what happens when you fight God for control. Believer, consider this a warning and a reminder.
- **1:12-14**
 - Had the opposite effect. Kind of like the early church. *Pressure can either destroy something or make it stronger. What is it doing in your life? What or Who is your source of strength?*
 - Seeing an early example of second generation syndrome. Judges shuffle. Joseph as a type of Jesus. There are no second or third generation Christians. You need to know Him personally, not just about Him.
 - Even the most fanatic person can know all about but not know the person.

1:15-22

- Riff through. Civil disobedience.
- Why is this happening? Put yourself in everyone's shoes. Why? Abuse and infanticide? God's plan. **Genesis 15:16**. Nothing ever goes wrong.

Exodus 2 Enter Moses

2:1-10

- **2:2** Same as God seeing creation.
- **2:3-5** Did the basket even go anywhere?
- **2:6** How did she know he was a Hebrew? Circumcision.
- **2:7-10** The daughter was knowingly violating the law of the king. Talk about intrigue! I wonder what she told people concerning his origin. Simple adoption?

2:11-22

- Survey
- **2:11-15** Moses' catalyst moment.
- Best commentary on the Bible is the Bible. (S) **Acts 7:22-29, Hebrews 11:24-26**

2:23-25

- **2:23**
 - **in the process of time** - not fun! Everything that has a beginning, has an end.
 - Perhaps they thought it would all end when this king died. Looking for an out.
 - Started making specific appeals to God. God does four things in response.
- **2:24-25 (S)**
 - **God heard** - conveys an action associated with it. Obeyed in some cases.
 - **God remembered** - again conveys action associated with it
 - **God looked** - God saw
 - **God acknowledged** - took notice, understood
- In contrast to the king who had enslaved them.
 - What did God do? It was already being done. The answer was already in play. God's plan, from almost 400 years ago by this time, was still in motion.
 - The answer was being prepared for action in Midian. They had even unwittingly rejected him!
- When your life is in the toilet what do you cry out to God? "Don't you hear me? Did you forget about me? Can't you see me? Are you ignoring me?"
 1. **Be careful not to accuse God of being ignorant. Read Job on that one.**
 2. **Are you just looking for an out, or are you really seeking the Lord?**
 3. **The answer to your situation may already be in play and being prepared. You may have rejected it already!**

Full circle

- Christian, have you sincerely and completely bought in to God's plan? Unbeliever, how's your plan working out for you? Moses is a type of Jesus. Gospel.
- God has a plan and nothing ever goes wrong with it. He hears, remembers, sees, understands, and acts on all of those in the process of time.
- The answer is coming in a way you may not expect. Be open, be ready.