

**Rediscovering the story of the Old Testament**  
**Session 1: The Grand Narrative**  
**Lesson 4**

**Faith and the law: Heaven and Earth joined at the  
Tabernacle**

**The Call: One man chosen from many (3-9)**

**Genesis 12:1-3** *Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

**Gen 15:6** *Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.*

From one \_\_\_\_\_ in Mesopotamia, God called one \_\_\_\_\_, Abram, to go to a “land I will show you.”

God would use Abraham to create a “great nation.”

Through Abram God would \_\_\_\_\_ those who blessed Abram, \_\_\_\_\_ those who cursed Abram and through Abram blessing all the \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.

By faith, Abram \_\_\_\_\_ to God and did as he was told.

God credited Abram's \_\_\_\_\_ as righteousness.

God gave Abram a new name, \_\_\_\_\_, meaning "father of many nations."

The slow forming nation:

- Abraham's son, Isaac was not born until Abraham was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
- Isaac's only children were twins which he did not have until he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- One of the twins Jacob, had \_\_\_\_\_ sons and a daughter.

Neither Abraham, Isaac nor Jacob \_\_\_\_\_ followed God.

Despite Jacob's resistance, God continued to work with Jacob and eventually gave Jacob the name, \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning \_\_\_\_\_ with God).

Israel would become the name that Jacob's descendants would eventually be known by.

God's apparently \_\_\_\_\_ plan had one more twist. The family, not yet a nation, would end up in Egypt for many \_\_\_\_\_,

- first as \_\_\_\_\_ during a time of famine,
- eventually becoming \_\_\_\_\_
- all the while strongly growing into a nation.

### The Call: One nation chosen out of many (10-13)

**Exodus 11:4,5,7** So Moses said, “*This is what the Lord says:*

*‘About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die ... But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any person or animal.’ Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.*

**Exodus 12:3,7-8** *Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family ...Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.*

- God raised a man, \_\_\_\_\_, to lead Israel out of \_\_\_\_\_ and back to the Promised Land.

When the Pharaoh God refused Moses' request to "let my people go," God caused many \_\_\_\_\_ on the Egyptians. The last \_\_\_\_\_, the one that caused the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the first-born Egyptians eventually caused the king to relent.

In the last plague, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ would pass over all the families in Egypt except for the homes of the Israelites where the blood of a lamb was sprinkled on the doorframe.

The Israelites were also to bake some bread without \_\_\_\_\_, because it wouldn't have time to rise. These actions would be re-enacted in the future as part of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ celebrations.

## The Law (14-15)

**Exodus 19:5-6** *Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."*

After Moses led the people out of Egypt, God gave this \_\_\_\_\_ people a set of laws including the Ten Commandments that would also \_\_\_\_\_ them as his own.

These laws would prove \_\_\_\_\_ to keep. It was not God's intentions to simply be harsh with his chosen people, but to make their \_\_\_\_\_ condition clear to them and to \_\_\_\_\_ them to lean on him by faith.

### The Tabernacle (16-17)

**Exodus 25:8-9** **8** *"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.*

The Tabernacle was where \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were be carried out and would be the place where God would manifest His presence.

The details of the Tabernacle were meant to provide \_\_\_\_\_ of how God's people could relate to him in a similar way that God met with his people in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Eden.

## The Sabbath (18-19)

**Exodus 16:29** *Bear in mind that the Lord has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out."*

The Sabbath would point back to the \_\_\_\_\_ day of creation when God had was \_\_\_\_\_ (settling into His creation.)

On the Sabbath, the people of Israel were to \_\_\_\_\_ from their labors so they would take time to \_\_\_\_\_ that they do not live for their labors and there is a time to rest – to \_\_\_\_\_ into the world in which they labored.

## Shadows (20-23)

**Hebrews 8:5; 10:1** *They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: “See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.” ... The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves.*

The Laws, the Tabernacle, the Sabbath not only pointed to what God had done in the \_\_\_\_\_ but were also signs of \_\_\_\_\_ for those whose hearts were open. shadows pointing to the \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ point to the method by which God could resolve the problem of sin and were a sign of God's special \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Israel.

The \_\_\_\_\_ points to the way in which God would meet with His people.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tabernacle were a reminder of God's \_\_\_\_\_ for sin.

The \_\_\_\_\_ points to the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ that God would provide for His people.

The weekly Sabbath was a continual \_\_\_\_\_ of rest, a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Israel's special status as God's chosen people, and a reminder of God's \_\_\_\_\_ for their daily needs.