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THE TRUE STORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Responding to God's Revelation and Redemption



Responses to God's Revelation and Redemption

1. Value a study of the Old Testament.

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2. Respond to God as your creator.

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3. Live in light of God's judgment and mercy.

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4. Trust God for He is faithful.

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OPENING

From Slavery to Freedom

“Exodus is about the beginning of Israel as a nation.

It is the record of how God multiplied Israel into a nation in Egypt and brought Israel out of Egypt with a mighty hand to establish Israel as a light to the nations.

Israel’s purpose was to give the world the law, the Scriptures, Christ, and the eternal kingdom which is promised to David and which will be ruled by Christ.”

“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.139

Revelation and Redemption at the Exodus

Background: “...a new king over Egypt which knew not Joseph.”

“From about 1675-1570 BC, Egypt was ruled by a Semitic group of people known as the Hyksos. Racially and linguistically, these rulers were very similar to the Hebrew people...



While this may have worked to the advantage of the Hebrews during the reign of the Hyksos, it also worked to their disadvantage in the anti-Semitic reaction of the Egyptians in the eighteenth dynasty which followed.”

“History Makers of the Old Testament”, Elmer Towns, Victor Books, 1989, pg 204

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Background: “...a new king over Egypt which knew not Joseph.”



“In 1570 BC, Ahmose I ascended the throne of the new kingdom to begin the eighteenth dynasty. He reigned till his death in 1546 BC,...”



There was a succession of Pharaohs who did not have a son to succeed them.

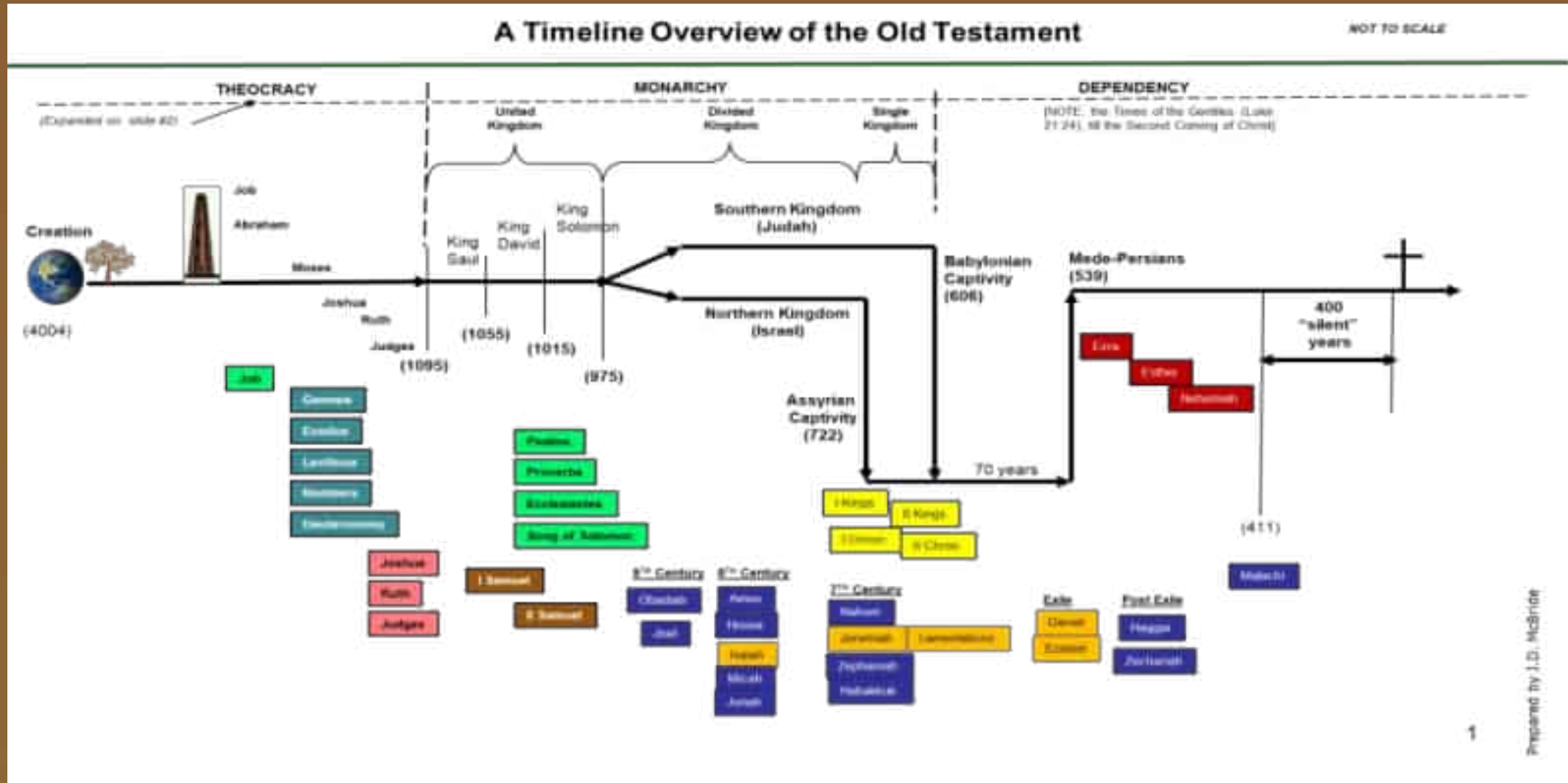
“This seeming lack of stability within the new kingdom would no doubt only serve to magnify the concerns of the people over both real and perceived threats to their national security.”

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II. A Bird's Eye-View of the Old Testament

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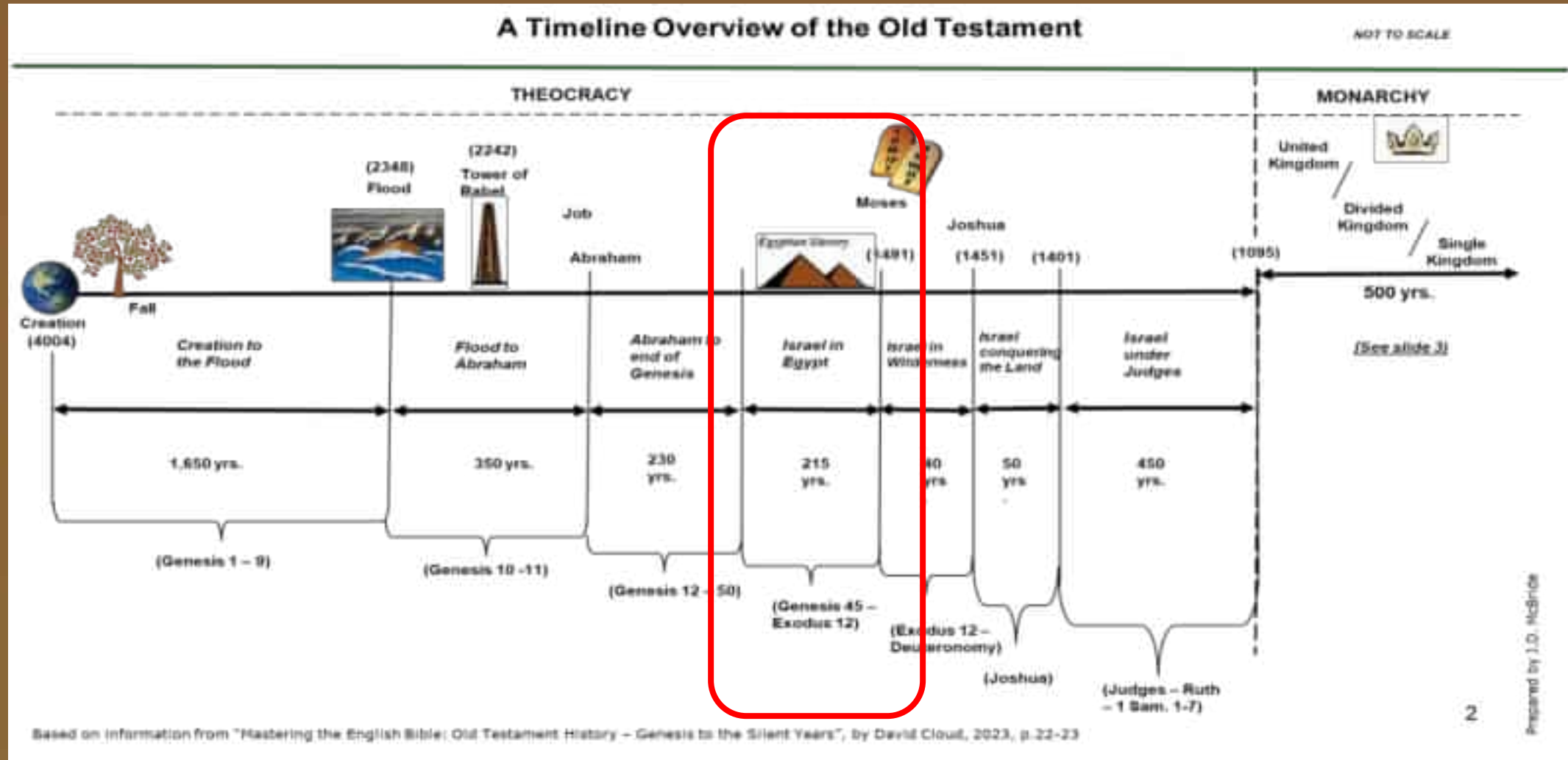
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Lesson 5a

II. A Bird's Eye-View of the Old Testament (continued)

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Revelation and Redemption at the Exodus

Lesson 5a

I. Moses (Exodus 2 – 4)

A. Birth of Moses & Early Life (Ex. 2)

B. Call of Moses (Ex. 3 & 4)

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II. The Exodus (Exodus 5 – 18)

A. Plagues

B. Red Sea crossing

← Lesson 5b

III. Israel at Sinai (Exodus 19 – 40)

A. Sinaitic (Mosaic) Covenant

← Lesson 5c

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I. Moses

A. Birth of Moses & Early Life (Exodus 2)

1. Birth of Moses

- a) Of the tribe of Levi (Ex. 2:1; Num. 1:49-82)
- b) His birth was miraculous (the midwives' actions; his parent's hiding him; found by Pharaoh's daughter)
- c) His older sister looked after him (Ex. 2:7-8)
- d) His parent's faith (Heb. 11:23)



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I. Moses

A. Birth of Moses & Early Life (Exodus 2)

2. Early Life

- a) “By virtue of having a royal foster mother, Moses was assured the finest possible education of the day. Scripture reports ‘*Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians*’ (Acts 7:22).”



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“The Pentateuch”, L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, p. 56

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(See Exodus 2:11-14)

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I. Moses

A. Birth of Moses & Early Life (Exodus 2)

2. Early Life

- b) “The book of Hebrews gives the background of this event (*Moses kills an Egyptian and flees to Midian*) and tells us that Moses made a choice by faith to join the despised people of Israel rather than live in comfort and wealth as an adopted son of Pharaoh (Heb. 11:24-27).”



“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.141

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(See Exodus 2:15-22)

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I. Moses

A. Birth of Moses & Early Life (Exodus 2)

2. Early Life

- c) “In Midian, Moses befriended the priest Reuel (later called Jethro), and received Zipporah, Reuel’s daughter, in marriage.”



“The Pentateuch”, L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, p. 56

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(See Exodus 3:1)

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B. Call of Moses (Ex. 3 & 4)



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“God had an important work for Moses to do and for this he must be prepared. That work was to lead His people out of Egypt, and conduct them unto the promised inheritance. And for this work Moses was not yet equipped....

In a place of retirement Moses spent the second forty years of his life; a place where every opportunity for communion with God was afforded.”

“Gleanings in Exodus”, Arthur W. Pink (1886-1952), Moody Press, 1975, pg.22,23

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(See Exodus 3:2-22)

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B. Call of Moses (Ex. 3 & 4)

“God revealed Himself:

- As holy and Almighty, a God to be honored, feared, and obeyed (Ex.3:5)
- “As the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the covenant keeping God (Ex. 3:6)
- As the God who is near, who sees and cares (Ex. 3:7-9)
- As “I AM THAT I AM” (Ex. 3:13-14); (John 8:58)



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B. Call of Moses (Ex. 3 & 4)

“At this time, God revealed Himself by the name “I AM”.

Such a name implies:

- 1) the all-sufficiency of God,
- 2) the eternal existence of God,
- 3) the self-sufficiency of God.

Says (Charles H.) Mackintosh,

‘Jehovah, in taking this title, was furnishing His people with a blank check, to be filled up in any amount.’

“The Pentateuch”, L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, p. 56

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B. Call of Moses (Ex. 3 & 4)

“Moses’ excuses indicated that he was more fearful of his reception by his own people than his reception by Pharaoh... God met the objections by providing His servant with the power to work supernatural signs, assuring him that He would be with his mouth, providing Aaron as his speaker.”



“The Pentateuch”, L. Thomas Holdcroft, Western Book Company, 1966, p. 57

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CONCLUSION



“From Adam to Christ, there is none greater than Moses.

He is one of the few characters of Scriptures whose course is sketched from his infancy to his death. The fierce light of criticism has been turned upon him for generations, but he is still the most commanding figure of the ancient world.

In character, in faith, in the unique position assigned, and in achievements, he stands first among the heroes of the Old Testament. All of God’s early dealings with Israel were transacted through Moses.”

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