Lecture 13: From Egypt to Canaan
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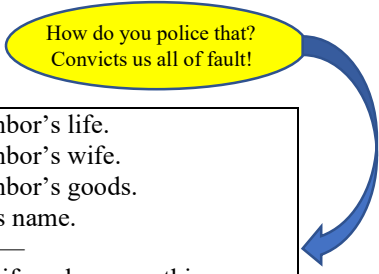**The Book of Exodus**
> *Why ten plagues?*
>> Possibly a "shock and awe" that targets the Egyptian gods.
>> Exodus 10:1-2 – hardening, cultural memory, international fame (mockery of the Egpytians)
>>> Illus. Half-and-half? Work hardening of metal.
>> Exodus 9:16 – to proclaim His **name** through all the earth
> *What about the Name?*
>> Exodus 3:14 – "I AM" – self-sufficient aseity
>>> "I AM THAT I AM" – autonomously free (absolutely sovereign) – as with Job, this seems scary!
>> Exodus 32-34 – The Golden Calf
>>> Illus. Adultery on the Honeymoon
>>> God relents based on His unchanging promise by covenant and His name (reputation).
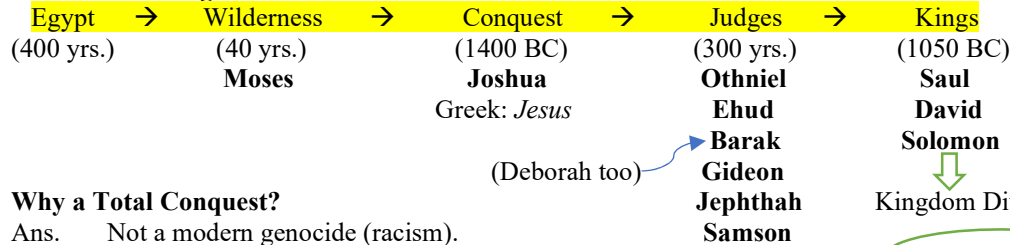>>> God returns: "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious" (Ex. 33:19; cf. 34:6-7). *Hope!* (Ps. 9:10)

Ten Commandments

How do you police that?
Convicts us all of fault!

God is one! These tablets, two! Hear Ten Commandments we must do.

I. Have no other gods but Me;	II. Do not take your neighbor's life.
To no image bend your knee.	Do not take your neighbor's wife.
Do not take God's name in vain;	Do not take your neighbor's goods.
The Sabbath day, do not profane.	Do not take neighbor's name.
Honor father, mother too,	Do not covet anything—
That it may go well with you.	Your neighbor's wife or house or things.

God-Oriented	**Neighbor-Oriented**
"Love God with all your heart" (Dt. 6:5).	"Love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18).
The Greatest Commandment	*The Second Commandment*

The Book of Judges

Egypt	→	Wilderness	→	Conquest	→	Judges	→	Kings
(400 yrs.)		(40 yrs.)		(1400 BC)		(300 yrs.)		(1050 BC)
		Moses		**Joshua**		**Othniel**		**Saul**
				Greek: *Jesus*		**Ehud**		**David**
						Barak		**Solomon**
				(Deborah too)		**Gideon**		
						Jephthah		Kingdom Divides
						Samson		

Why a Total Conquest?
Ans.   Not a modern genocide (racism).
        Long-delayed judgment of a Sodom-like people.

Plundering the Egyptians?

Exodus 23 and Deuteronomy 7 – no covenant, no marriage – lest they become a "snare"

Why a Slow Conquest?
Ans.   Preserve the land, test their loyalty, and train for war – God is training a people throughout history.

The Canaanization of Israel

Judges Saves
LORD – pity   Israel did evil
Israel groans   LORD – angry
Enemy Oppresses
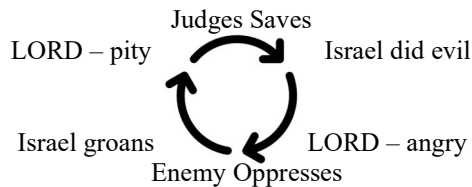
Kicker: "more corruptly" (Judges 2:19)
   Cycle & Spiral Downward!
Even the judges get worse…
   People & Judges!

Dan: *Spiritual Apostasy* – Moses' grandson?!
Benjamin: *Moral Apostasy* – Sodomites?!   } *(two final stories)*

Need? "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).