Sermon Notes

Exodus - The Revealing of God's Glory and His Design for the Chosen

"The Outline for the Holy War is Initiated" - Exodus 3:16-4:9

- I. Introduction.
 - A. Text
 - 1. Exodus 3:16-4:9
 - B. Diagramming this portion of Scripture
 - 1. 3:16-17 _____
 - 2. 3:18-22 _____
 - 3. 4:1-9 –
- II. Exposition
 - A. 3:16-17. God's word to Israel
 - 1. Similar to 3:6-7
 - 2. Moses to repeat what he heard and saw.
 - a. Biblical prophecy
 - b. Philip Ryken
 - 3. Listing of nations
 - a. Once again note connection to Genesis.
 - b. See Map.

Conquest of the land meant annihilation of people groups who lived in Palestine.

- 1. Deuteronomy 3:5-6; Joshua 6:21
- B. 3:18-22. God's Word to the Egyptians.
 - 1. Note presence of "Elders" prior to Moses' return to Egypt.
 - a. Plurality.
 - b. Later become spiritual leaders (Numbers 16).
 - c. They were to appear <u>with</u> Moses before Pharaoh. However, this did not happen.
 - d. Note connection to CEPC's government.
 - 2. Three Day Journey possible meaning.
 - 3. Scripture's emphasis is not upon the <u>length</u>, but rather on the <u>purpose</u> for the trip.

- a. John MacKay
- 4. Pharaoh will not grant the request. He would not compromise his own glory. How about us?
- 5. Verse 19. Depicts the coming attractions found in the next eleven chapters.
- 6. No place for proponents of "The Openness of God" position.
 - a. Isaiah 46:8-10.
- 7. "Under Compulsion," verse 19, or mighty hand.
 - a. A slap on Pharaoh.
- 8. "Miracles" or "wonders," verse 20.
 - 1. Note John 14:11
- 9. "Plunder of Egypt," verse 22.
 - a. Foretold to Abraham Genesis 15:14.
 - b. Note further God's command to Israel on care of slaves.
 - 1. Deuteronomy 15:12-15a.
- C. 4:1-9. God's three confirmations to Moses.
 - 1. The stick that comes a serpent.
 - a. Same staff would involve the plagues.
 - b. Note connection to Pharaoh who was ornamented with a cobra on his crown.
 - 2. The leprous hand.
 - a. God had power over Moses' well-being. If God can deliver him from leprosy, He can also protect him from Pharaoh.
 - 3. Water to blood.
 - a. Egyptian worship of the Nile.
 - b. Miracle validates the messenger.
 - 1. John 2:1-11
- III. Points for Reflection.
 - A. Memorize and confront the unbeliever with the Word of God.
 - B. Even though we are Christians, do we live for God's glory or our own.
 - C. God sovereignly has ordered all that comes to pass.
 - D. Everyone today wants a sign in order to validate religion.