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OVERVIEW OF GENESIS AND EXODUS

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.” (Exodus 19:5)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	The themes in Genesis are beginnings, sin, and salvation. In Exodus, they are slavery, redemption, and God’s holy nation.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is an almighty God, full of love and justice. He is holy, and desires for His people to be holy.
<i>Good Works</i>	Remember God’s love in our daily lives by acting out His will, devoting our time and thoughts to Him, and interceding for others.

A. The Book of Genesis: Beginnings

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” With this simple statement, God’s existence, power, and sovereignty are clearly demonstrated. But as much as we’d like to have all the answers about how the world came to be, the purpose of creation is not for us to focus on the things that are created, but to know the Creator (Rom 1:20).

B. The Book of Genesis: Sin and Salvation

The Book of Genesis makes us aware of sin, explains why we need salvation, and foreshadows God’s plan for saving us. It teaches us that God is the only one powerful enough to save us from death.

C. The Book of Exodus: Slavery and Redemption

1. *Slavery:* We have been born into the slavery much the same way as the Israelites, except it is slavery to sin and death.
2. *Redemption:* God’s redemption is now for all of us. He has saved us from what we could never overcome: He has redeemed us from death.

D. The Book of Exodus: God’s Holy Nation

1. *God’s special treasure:* The Israelites were unique not because God saved them but because He chose them to be His special treasure.
2. *A kingdom of priests:* As God’s high priests, we need to live out His truth and spread the gospel, acting as mediators between God and man.
3. *A holy nation:* If we are able to make God ruler of our lives, thoughts, actions, and speech, we will become God’s holy nation, and God will bless us and care for us.

Exodus helps us understand that as long as we are slaves to sin, we will never receive our inheritance. So, to receive salvation, we must no longer be slaves to sin, but learn to be holy as God is holy.

Life Application: How Does God Love Me?

It is easy to forget that God loves us in many ways, especially because we cannot see Him or because we may sometimes feel restricted by the words of the Bible. One way to overcome this feeling is by thinking of the ways that God has expressed His love for us.

1. He laid down His life for us (Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 3:16)
2. He chose us (1 Jn 3:1)
3. He thinks of us (Ps 139:17–18)
4. He intercedes for us (Lk 22:31–32; Heb 7:25)

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Lesson 1 Homework Assignment

Overview of Genesis and Exodus

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Exodus 19:5):

1. What made the Israelites different from the other nations?
2. “And I will put _____ between you and the woman, and between your _____ and her _____; He shall _____ your _____, and you shall _____ His _____.” (Genesis 3:15)
3. What are the general themes for the Books of Genesis and Exodus?
4. What does the Book of Exodus teach us about God, our inheritance, and salvation?
5. Explain three duties that we have as God’s priests.
6. How often do you think of God each day? In a favorite notebook or journal, spend a few minutes each day writing a brief, one-or-two sentence note to God. This can be a note of thanksgiving, prayer, request, or Bible study. Find a distinctive time to do it, such as before breakfast, after dinner, or before bed. At the end of the week, bring your notebook to church and share some of your notes with your classmates during the next lesson.