

The Battle on the Cross & the Exodus Account

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Study Summary & Doctrinal Overview

About This Clip

This video clip is an excerpt from Lesson 3 of Keith Blades' study "Battle on the Cross." Keith establishes that Israel's bondage in Egypt was not merely a historical or political event — it was Satan's policy of evil in direct operation against Israel, with the adversary importing a king to oppress God's people and produce the "iron furnace" of affliction. The Exodus — including the crossing of the Red Sea — is a "mini picture" of the cross event: what God did to deal with the adversary at that time is a foreshadowing of the settlement of accounts at Calvary. Isaiah 52 is the anchor passage, tying these two events together and revealing that the oppressor of Israel in Egypt was operating under satanic direction. The clip points forward to a fuller treatment in the next lesson.



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Abraham's Covenant: The Horror of Great Darkness (Genesis 15)

- God told Abraham what was coming — the "horror of great darkness" — his seed going down into Egypt; God's promise was to bring them out
- This sets the stage for understanding the Exodus not merely as a national deliverance but as the fulfillment of a covenant promise with deep spiritual dimensions

The Exodus as a Mini Picture of the Cross

- The Red Sea crossing — Israel coming out of Egypt, through the waters, and out the other side — is identified as a "mini picture" of the cross event
- What God did at the time of the Exodus in dealing with the adversary is a foreshadowing of what He does at Calvary; the two events are connected in God's plan
- The event infuriated the adversary — what God accomplished in the Exodus struck at Satan's operation against Israel in a way that pointed unmistakably to what was coming at the cross

Isaiah 52:4 — The Assyrian in Egypt: Satan's Policy of Evil

- Isaiah 52:4 — "My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause"
- The oppressor is identified as "the Assyrian" — not simply Pharaoh the Egyptian; Keith identifies this as a king who "knew not Joseph," imported by Satan's policy of evil against Israel

- The king who arose and did not know Joseph (Exodus 1:8) was not a native Egyptian ruler in the ordinary sense — he was put in place by the adversary as a weapon against Israel
- "Without cause" — the oppression was not Israel's fault; it was the adversary's unprovoked aggression against God's people and God's covenant plan
- God dealt with this king and his promoter — the adversary — at the time of the Exodus; that dealing is what the cross ultimately and completely settles

Egypt as the Power of Darkness

- Israel's bondage in Egypt represents entering "the power of darkness' grip" — Egypt is not simply a foreign nation; it is the sphere of the adversary's dominion over God's people
- Isaiah 49–53 focuses on the Redeemer and His work: chapter 50 describes the battle at the cross; chapter 52 reaches back to Egypt to show the Exodus as the anticipatory picture of what the cross accomplishes
- The fuller treatment — including what God did to the adversary at the Exodus and how it connects to the cross — is previewed here and developed in the next lesson

Key Doctrinal Distinctions

The Exodus Is a Foreshadowing of the Battle on the Cross

Keith establishes that the Exodus account — specifically Israel coming out of Egypt and crossing the Red Sea — is a "mini picture" of the cross event. What God accomplished at that time in dealing with the adversary is a preview of what is definitively and completely settled at Calvary. Isaiah 49–53 is the key passage: chapter 50 describes the cross battle directly; chapter 52 reaches back to Egypt to show the Exodus as its anticipatory type. The two events are not merely historically parallel — they are doctrinally connected in God's redemptive plan for Israel.

The Oppressor in Egypt Was an Instrument of Satan's Policy of Evil

Isaiah 52:4 identifies Israel's oppressor in Egypt as "the Assyrian" — not simply an Egyptian pharaoh. Keith identifies this king as the one who "knew not Joseph" (Exodus 1:8), explaining that he was imported by Satan's policy of evil against Israel. The oppression was "without cause" — it was not Israel's doing but the adversary's unprovoked aggression against God's covenant people and God's plan. This reframes the Exodus from a political deliverance into a direct confrontation between God and Satan over the fate of His people.

Egypt Represents the Power of Darkness — Not Merely a Foreign Nation

Israel going down into Egypt is Israel entering the adversary's domain — the "power of darkness." Abraham's covenant foresaw this: the "horror of great darkness" (Genesis 15) is not merely a dramatic description of a vision; it anticipates Israel's bondage under the adversary's grip. When God delivers them through the Red Sea, He is acting as their Jehovah — delivering them out of the power of darkness

in a way that foreshadows the definitive deliverance accomplished at the cross, where the Prince of this world is judged (John 12:31).

What God Did at the Exodus Infuriated the Adversary

Keith notes that what God accomplished at the time of the Exodus infuriated the adversary to such a degree that it was as if Satan "couldn't wait" for what was coming — meaning the cross. The implication is significant: at the Exodus God dealt with the adversary in a way that was a direct blow to his plan of evil and a powerful foreshadowing of the complete settlement to come. Understanding this deepens the appreciation for why the Exodus is such a central and theologically loaded event in God's program with Israel, and why Isaiah reaches back to it when describing the Redeemer's work.

Key Scripture References

Genesis 15	Abraham's covenant: the "horror of great darkness" — his seed going into Egypt; God's promise to bring them out
Exodus 1:8	"A king arose who knew not Joseph" — the imported oppressor operating as an instrument of Satan's policy of evil against Israel
Isaiah 49–53	The Redeemer section: chapter 50 — the cross battle; chapter 52 — reaches back to Egypt and the Exodus as the anticipatory picture
Isaiah 52:4	"My people went down into Egypt... and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause" — Satan's satanic agent identified; oppression without cause
Isaiah 52:4 (cont.)	Connects the Exodus deliverance to the Redeemer's work — the score being settled at the cross for what was done in Egypt

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