

## THOUGHTS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF COLLECTIVE MEMORY

The Exodus is both an event and a story about an event ...

The essential question is not “what really happened,” but rather “how particular ways of construing the past enable later communities to constitute and sustain themselves” and how communities “make sense of their own present through recourse to constructed narratives of their past.” Candida Moss, *Ancient Christian Martyrdom: Diverse Practices, Theologies, and Traditions*, 256., pp. 17, 5, 10.

The essence of this practice as “the production of collective memory” and “the broader project of producing a useable story – the project of mythmaking.” The Exodus is ... “a ritual restaging of a purported historical event ... Through retelling - whether narrative, performative, representational, even liturgical – [that] memory accrues meaning through discursive and embodied repetition.” Castelli, *Martyrdom and Memory: Early Christian Culture Making*, 335., pp. 25, 29.

I am reminded of the musicologist Bruno Nettl’s struggle to identify what constitutes a musical piece for the purpose of analysis: “... let's agree that in European folk music, the piece is something that is created once, plus all the different ways in which it is performed.” Bruno Nettl 1930, *The Study of Ethnomusicology: Thirty-One Issues and Concepts*, New ed. (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2005)., p. 114

*Be sure to read through to Exodus chapters 13 & 14 for next week’s class.*

### **COMING UP:**

#### **DATE | CHAPTERS & THEME**

**October 9** | 13-14 Crossing the Red Sea

**October 16** | Special Guest!

**October 23** | 15-18 Journey to Sinai

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**December 18** | CONCLUSION

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## **Pastor’s Bible Study**

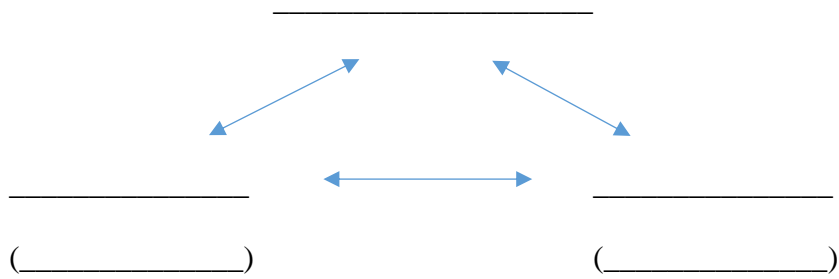
### **The Book of Exodus**

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### **Chapters 11 & 12**

**October 2, 2019**

## Main Characters:



## QUICK CATCH-UP

Identities becoming clarified, a process of SELF-\_\_\_\_\_ for

YAHWEH and SELF-\_\_\_\_\_ for MOSES and ISRAEL

4:30 – 31: Harmony/Alignment

Chapter 5: Moses \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 6: Yahweh REVEALS, REASSURES, \_\_\_\_\_

Chapters 7 – 10: The first \_\_\_\_\_s

Chapter 11: The \_\_\_\_\_ Plague

Chapter 12: The \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

## CHAPTER 11 – Warning of the FINAL Plague

vv. 1 – 3: People acquire \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 4 – 8: Moses fills with \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

v. 7: ... YHWH \_\_\_\_\_ between EGYPT and ISRAEL

vv. 9-10 Moses and Aaron perform \_\_\_\_\_ but

... but YHWH \_\_\_\_\_ Pharaoh's heart

## CHAPTER 12

### **12: 1 – 20: YHWH TO MOSES:**

A New Year .... Lambs slaughtered at \_\_\_\_\_

v. 7: blood on \_\_\_\_\_

v. 11: How to eat: \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 12-13: “I will ... \_\_\_\_\_ ... I will \_\_\_\_\_...”

### **12: 21-27: MOSES TO PEOPLE:**

v. 23: “YHWH will \_\_\_\_\_... YHWH will \_\_\_\_\_”

vv. 24 – 27: ... a perpetual \_\_\_\_\_

v. 28: ... *the Israelites did as YHWH had* \_\_\_\_\_ ...

### **12:29 – 42: THE EXODUS**

vv. 29 – 30: the \_\_\_\_\_ plague

vv. 31-32: Pharaoh surrenders to \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 33 – 36: The Egyptians surrender to \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 37 – 39: The expedition of \_\_\_\_\_ bread.

vv. 40 – 42: a night of \_\_\_\_\_ to be kept for all \_\_\_\_\_

### **12: 43 – 49: THE PASSOVER (THE PESAH)**

vv. 43 – 44: no \_\_\_\_\_ except the \_\_\_\_\_

vv. 45 – 49: no \_\_\_\_\_ except the \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: See Genesis 17: 9- 14)

v. 50: ... \_\_\_\_\_ *the Israelites did as YHWH had commanded* ...