



Biblical Literacy

Scripture • Substance • Spiritual Passion

Lesson 15

Old Testament Survey: Exodus & Archaeology

Outline for Class

- Welcome
- Theme Today
In this lesson, we address questions on the numbers involved in the exodus as well as the insight archaeology gives us into the exodus compared to popular Internet theories on the location of the Re[e]d Sea.
- Prayer for Deeper Understanding
- Video (36 minutes)
- Discussion & Points for Home

Points for Home

- ❖ “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” (2 Tim. 2:15). The world watches the church! They watch what we say and what we do. A church pastor with a few dozen members gets national media attention for days on end because he is planning a burning ceremony of the Koran. When believers accept poor scholarship without examination, it does not reflect well to those who watch for truth. Let us renew our efforts to take study of God’s word seriously. To engage the minds he gave us in efforts to best use and handle his Scriptures, with no shame!
- ❖ “And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children.” (Ex. 12:37). 600,000 men? Or 600 groups of men? Study and make your choice. But never get lost in the figure where you miss out on what happened! God saved his people. God was faithful to his promise, and with a mighty outstretched arm, brought his people out of slavery into covenant with him. At that point, the number that really counts is one—YOU! Each of us has a choice to live as masters of our destiny or in faith before Jesus as Lord. God is faithful to his promises. He offers each a choice between a life of slavery to sin and death, or a covenant relationship with him that gives freedom and life. The real question is not 600,000 or 600 groups or even 6. The question is individual.
- ❖ “Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur.” (Ex. 15:22). Israel left the Re[e]d Sea and entered into the Wilderness of Shur. This is an area discussed in several places in Scripture and there is a general consensus among scholars as to where it is located. This is one of many geographical issues that challenge Wyatt’s conclusions. The point for home on this is, before passing on Internet chatter about Biblical matters, take some reasoned time and study to consider its merits. Things that seem too good to be true often are! This is especially important in how we often use these materials. If we are using them to enrich our own faith, then how does our faith suffer when we discover something was wrong? If we are using these types of emails to push others into belief, we might remember that Jesus pointed out those who would not believe if they saw someone raised from the dead! Paul warned of a time ...when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. May this never be said of us!

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