



CHURCH of CHRIST
— PASIR PANJANG —



28 June 2020

2020 Year Theme:
Be Strong and Courageous! Joshua 1:9

Worship Theme:

Theme: What is the point of church?

Today's scripture texts: Mat 2:1-12; Eph 3:1-13; Psa 72:1-7

As we are isolated during this current crisis, you may ask, "What is the point of Church?"

But, the light of God's love shines brightly in this week's passages. The psalmist prays for a king who will light the way of his people with righteousness, prosperity, and an end to oppression and injustice. The Magi follow the light of a star, finding more than they were looking for, to return home transformed. Paul lights the way through mystery, with a message of the good news of Christ Jesus. And he proclaims the boundless richness of Christ. This good news brings hope to those who despair.

Ecclesiastes 3 is a well known chapter in the Old Testament – For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... Read this chapter and meditate.

In our present situation, locked down and apart, you may like to reflect on the season upon us. Maybe a new time is calling out –

IT IS A TIME NOW –

a time to be kind
a time to care
a time for rowing together
a time to share
a time for bearing one another's burdens
to lighten the load we place on ourselves
a time to remove impassable hurdles
a time to give to more than myself
a time to understand
what it's like living alone
to have no one to talk with
or even to phone

IT IS A TIME NOW –

a time to be generous in thought, word and deed
a time to acknowledge there are others in need
a time to let go of our gripes and our moans
we're in this together though for now we stay home
a time to give thanks for the love that we feel
it's been there all along but now it's so real a time to forgive what has hurt for so long a time to agree we all yearn to belong
there's only one family to keep us sheltered and dry
and just one boat between us named *Earth, sea and sky*

EVENTS

**Online Bible Class & Worship
28 June**

9.30 am Bible Class
The Parable of the Pearl
Teacher: Romaine Jackson

11.00 am Worship
What is the Point of Church?
Preacher: Joel Yeo

**Wed Online Bible Class
1 July**

7.30 pm
Daniel Chapter 11
Kings of the South and the North
Teacher: Lim Lian Chye

Zoom Prayer Warriors

8.00 pm
Every 2nd & 4th Tue
Lim Lian Chye

5 Jul Youth for Christ (Youth Day)



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SINGAPORE HAS MOVED INTO PHASE TWO (SAFE TRANSITION) OF REOPENING THE ECONOMY FROM 19 JUNE. RELIGIOUS SERVICES OF ONLY UP TO 50 PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME WITH STRINGENT SAFE MEASURES IN PLACE.

AS SUCH, THE ONLINE WORSHIP AND BIBLE CLASSES WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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Exodus tells a big story – in actual length and in content! The prophets and the psalms reflect its theological significance and spiritual importance through frequent references to its account. And most of us are familiar with its narratives. Exodus in many ways captures the Bible's message of redemption in a single biblical book. There are many great and marvellous truths found within its pages.

Hence, its overarching theme is Redemption (Ex 1-15), Rebellion (Ex 15-19) and Revelation (Ex 20 -40).

Redemption is necessary in this book because, when Exodus opens, the people of God are in Egyptian bondage. They are totally helpless to deliver themselves. Death is their inescapable destiny, separated from the land promised to Abraham. Historically, a sketch of circumstances bringing Israel to Egypt verbally displayed before discussing the intricacies of divine deliverance from Egypt, will give the preacher a marvellous opportunity to remind any congregation about the greatness of God's providential and sovereign will. How unfathomable that he could, or would, weave such events together toward the redemption of a people out of oppressive slavery!

From reviewing and examining Exodus, one discovers that Exodus 16 has been a popular chapter for expounding truths related to Israel's constant rebellion. The fact that the multitudes so soon forgot the stench of Egypt's flesh pots and preferred a return to slavery rather than remain in the wilderness, nourished by food from heaven, is a discouraging commentary on human nature.

From the theme of Rebellion, a natural movement will soon focus on the subsequent act of Revelation as God gave Moses the Ten Commandments at Sinai (Exodus 20-24).

In delivering this worship series we would like to divide the book into two parts:

Exodus 1:1-19:1—From Egypt to Sinai

Exodus 19:2-40:38—Encamped at Sinai

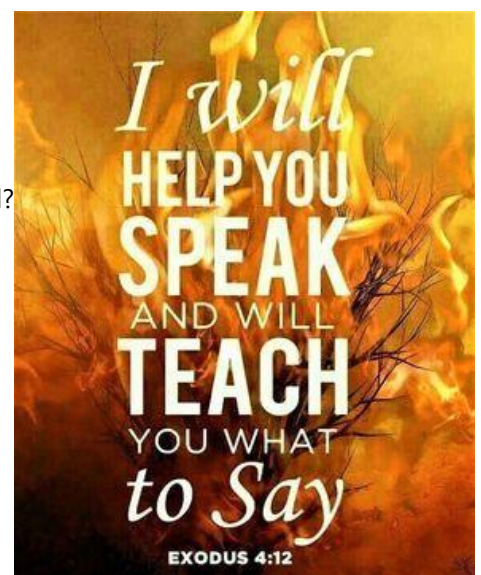
Narrative action dominates the first section of the book with memorable scenes such as Moses and the burning bush, the plagues and the crossing of the Sea moving the action forward at break-neck speed. Israel begins in Egypt but will wind up at the foot of the mountain of God at the beginning of chapter 19. In between Egypt and the Mountain lies the wilderness. Israel will encounter the desert and the challenges they bring. Can Israel learn to trust God even in the dire conditions of the desert?

The second section of the book takes on a completely different tenor and pace as the people of Israel settle in for a long stay (roughly a year) in the wilderness of Sinai and at the foot of the mountain. Here both preacher and the congregation will encounter meticulous instructions and laws pertaining to life with a Holy God and with each other. Highlighting this section are such important pieces of scripture as the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20), instructions for (25-31) and the completion of the Tabernacle and Priestly garments (35-40) and the story of the Golden Calf (32).

Therefore, our preachers will want to help our congregations enter this story to encounter this God who continues to call us into the divine presence so that we might experience life in relationship with the Lord.

Sermon Topics:

1. God Proposes to Israel- On Eagle's Wing—Exodus 19:1-7
2. Israel's plight and God's response - Chain Reaction—Exodus 1-2
3. The Call and Commissioning of Moses - Excuses, Excuses—Exodus 3-4
4. The Lord and the gods of Egypt (including the Pharaoh) - Who is the Lord?
— Exodus 5-11
5. The 10th Plague and the Passover - Signs & Symbols—Exodus 12-13
6. Passage through the Sea—Exodus 14-15
7. The Wilderness Period - Trust & Obey —Exodus 15-18
8. The Ten Commandments—Exodus 20
9. The Blood of the Covenant—Exodus 24
10. Holy God, Holy People, Holy Space—Exodus 25-31
11. Divine Disclosure and the Prophetic Vocation—Exodus 32-34
12. Building and Erecting the Tabernacle (Putting It All Together)
13. When God Dwell Among Us—Exodus 40:34-38; John 1



Exodus Timeline

The Exodus took place in 1446 BC

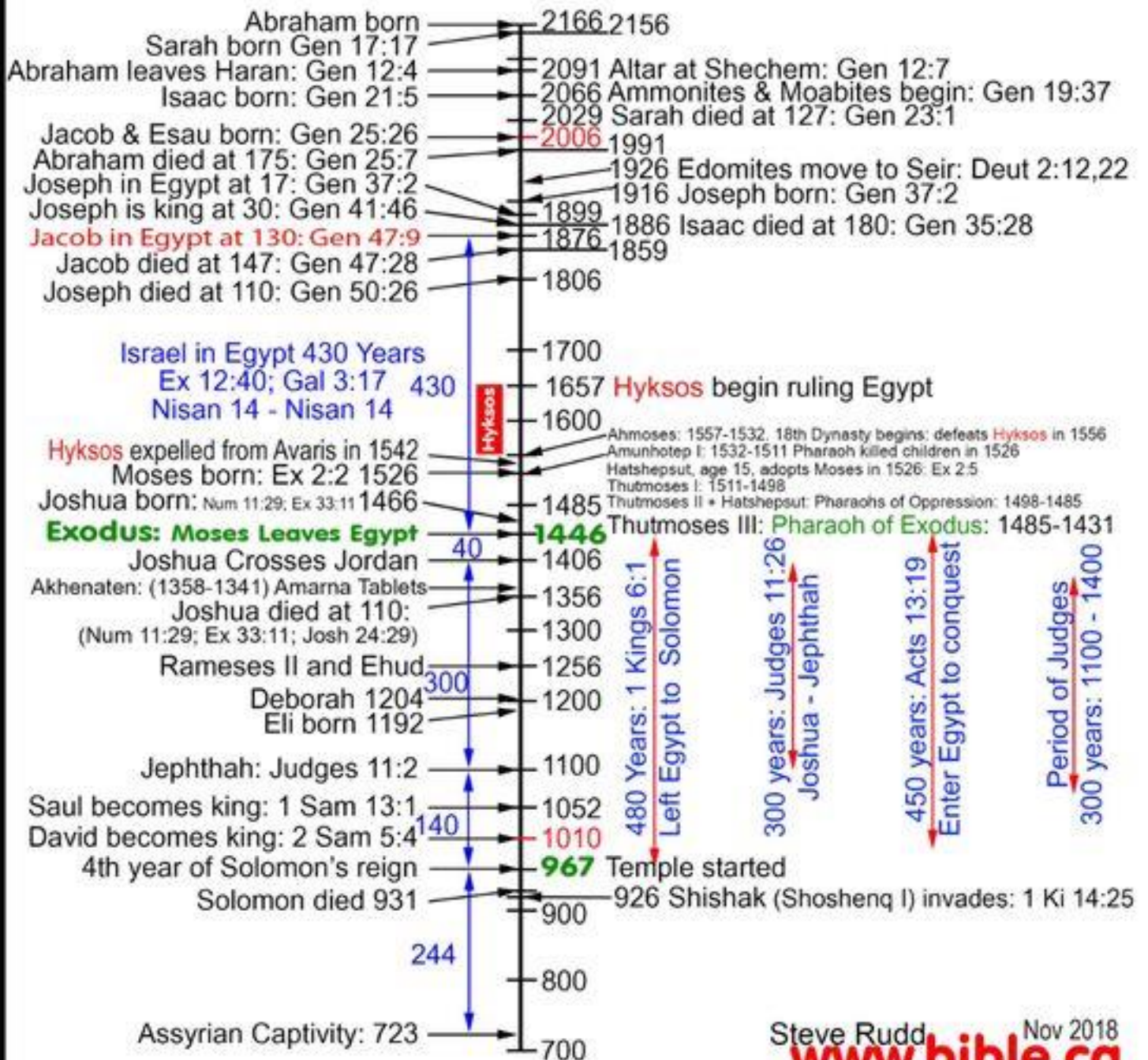
Pharaoh who killed Hebrew children: **Amunhotep I: 1532-1511 BC**

Pharaoh's Daughter who adopted Moses: **Hatshepsut: 1526 BC**

Pharaoh of Moses' flight to Midian: **Thutmose II/Hatshepsut: 1498-1485 BC**

Pharaoh of the Exodus: **Thutmose III: 1485/1464 - 1431 BC**

This "low chronology" follows K. A. Kitchen. The Ebers Papyrus dates from 1550 BC and records the heliacal rising of Sothis on the 9th, 3rd month, 3rd season (ie. the 11th month of the Egyptian calendar) as happening on the 9th year of the reign of Amenhotep I. This low Egyptian chronology is derived, in part in part with the Ebers Papyrus, by assuming that the heliacal rising of Sothis was observed from the city of Thebes (Theban) which produces a date of 1523 BC (+/- 6 yrs) & therefore sets the reign of Amenhotep I to 1532-1511 BC. Using this standard chronology, the last of Thutmose III's 17 annual military campaigns end in 1446 BC, when his army drown in the Red Sea, which also corresponds with the beginning of the erasure of Hatshepsut. We have adjusted these two stunning historical markers point to 1446 BC as the date of the Exodus.



Time now to pray for others:

For those caught in the grip of loss
 For those frozen with fear
 For those anchored in self
 For those struggling to cope
 For those just holding on
 For those who feel they have nothing to live for
 For those with nothing to die for

Be merciful to me, O God.... In the shadow of your wings I find protection until the raging storms are over. [Psalm 57:1]

Prayer for a new beginning:

God, ever faithful.
 You know the aching in our hearts as we live through this worrying time. It's like the stuffing has been knocked out of the whole world.
 Isolated from one another we crave for a new day and another chance to honour your gift of community. In your faithfulness heal our brokenness.
 Bring us back together, for we now know, as you have always known:
It is not good that the man should be alone.
 [Genesis 2:18]

Gladiolus Place

Last Monday evening, Sis Lai Fun shared via Zoom an important lesson on RESPECT, a much needed virtue in our world today. Please pray that God's word and our presence will in some way touch the broken lives of the girls.
 May they seek to know God and His will for their lives.



PPCOC Edible Garden

We had our inaugural meeting via Zoom last Sat where Sis Joanne Wong briefed us on the ground layout of the new Church Building and the kinds of fruit trees, shrubs and herbs that can be grown in our Edible Garden. Our construction program would take about 1.5 - 2 years and fruit trees take time to germinate, so it is appropriate to start planning now. Our program for the first 6 months would be going on site visits and starting a modest home nursery. Members selected some herbs they would like to try growing in pots at home e.g. pandan leaves, aloe vera, spring onion, chilli padi etc. If you are interested to join, pls contact Joanne Wong or Kelly Leong.



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