

LESSON 3

Called Out

I will be their God, and they will be my people



Acts 7:2-5

2 ... "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran.

3 - 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.'

4 "So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living.

5 He gave him no inheritance here, not even enough ground to set his foot on. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child.



Acts 7:6-8

6 God spoke to him in this way: 'For four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated.

7 But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward, they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.'

8 Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later, Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.



Acts 7:9-13

9 "Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him

10 and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. So Pharaoh made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.

11 "Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our ancestors could not find food.

12 When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our forefathers on their first visit.

13 On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph's family.



Acts 7:14-17

14 After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all.

15 Then Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our ancestors died.

16 Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money.

17 "As the time drew near for God to fulfill his promise to Abraham, the number of our people in Egypt had greatly increased.



Acts 7:18-22

18 Then 'a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt.'

19 He was very evil and dishonest with our people. He beat them down. He forced them to throw out their newborn babies to die.

20 "At that time, **Moses** was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months, he was cared for by his family.

21 When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son.

22 - Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.



Acts 7:23-27

23 "When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites.

24 He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian.

25 Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.

26 The next day, Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?'

27 "But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us?'



Acts 7:28-32

28 Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?'

29 When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.

30 "After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai.

31 When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to get a closer look, he heard the Lord say:

32 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.' Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look.



Acts 7:33-35

33 "Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.'

34 I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.'

35 "This is the same Moses they had rejected with the words, 'Who made you ruler and judge?' He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush.



Acts 7:36-37

36 He led them out of Egypt and performed wonders and signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea, and for forty years in the wilderness.

37 "This is the Moses who told the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your own people.'



Acts 7:45-49

45 After receiving the tabernacle, our ancestors under Joshua brought it with them when they took the land from the nations God drove out before them. It remained in the land until the time of **David**,

46 who enjoyed God's favor and asked that he might provide a **dwelling place for the God** of Jacob.

47 But it was **Solomon** who built a house for him.

48 "However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. As the prophet says:

49 "'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord. Or where will my resting place be?"



Acts 3:17:20

17 "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.

18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.

19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

20 and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.



Acts 3:21-23

21 Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

22 For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you.'

23 Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.'

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2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.





Acts 7:37-38

37 "This is the Moses who told the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your own people.'

38 This is he who was in the church in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give to us.

Acts 7:38

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wilderness



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ek-klay-see'-ah

From a compound of G1537 and a derivative
of G2564; **a calling out.**



The church = The people that is called out





1 PETER 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.



2 Corinthians 6:16-17

16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols?
For we are the temple of the living God.

As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

17 Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord.
Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."



1 Peter 1:13-17

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;

16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

First... Was there a church in the wilderness?

Yes... WHY?

The church is **NOT** a building... BUT PEOPLE.
PEOPLE THAT ARE CALLED OUT.



We are the temple of the living God.
God will live with us and walk among us, and He will be our God,
and we will be His people.

But for Him to do that, we need to:

Come out from them and be separate. Touch no unclean
thing, and then I will receive you.



They (the Israelites) had a promise from God, but first they needed to come out from those they were enslaved by in order to enter into that promise. They were enslaved in Egypt, and then Moses came and called them out...

In the same way, we are enslaved by our own Egypt or Babylon and need to come out and be separated in order to receive what God has promised.





Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age,

13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Time for a break!



FALL OF BABYLON





Revelation 18:2-3

1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority. His glory filled the earth with light.

2 With a mighty voice he shouted, "Fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen! She has become a place where demons live. She has become a den for every evil spirit. She has become a nest for every 'unclean' and hated bird.

3 All the nations have drunk the strong wine of her terrible sins. The kings of the earth took part in her evil ways. The traders of the world grew rich from her great wealth."



2 Peter 2:6-9

6 Later, God condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and turned them into heaps of ashes. He made them an example of what will happen to ungodly people.

7 But God also rescued Lot out of Sodom because he was a righteous man who was sick of the shameful immorality of the wicked people around him.

8 Yes, Lot was a righteous man who was tormented in his soul by the wickedness he saw and heard day after day.

9 So you see, the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials, even while keeping the wicked under punishment until the day of final judgment.



Luke 17:26-30

26 "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

27 People were eating, drinking, marrying, and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting, and building.

29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

30 "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.



1 Peter 2:11-12

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

God's chosen people... holy nation... live among the pagans...

Foreigners and exiles... abstain from sinful desires...
live among them... but do not live like them...





1 Corinthians 10:1-5

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

3 They all ate the same spiritual food

4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.



1 Corinthians 10:6-9

6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.

7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry."

8 We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.

9 We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.



1 Corinthians 10:10-12

10 And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!



1 Corinthians 9:24-27

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

27 No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

The CHURCH is people that are CALLED out—God's Holy Nation.

God gave a promise:

I will walk with you...

For that to happen, we need to:

Come out from them, and God will be our God.



We are in the world but not part of the world.

We shall come out from Babylon... before its fall and judgment...

God will raise up a prophet like Moses.

- They had Moses. (The LAW of Moses)

We have Christ (The law of Christ)... more about that later...





1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men

10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.



Colossians 3:1-5

- 1** Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.
- 2** Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.
- 3** For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 4** And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.
- 5** So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.



Colossians 3:6-11

6 Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.

7 You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world.

8 But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.

9 Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.

10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

11 In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.



Colossians 3:12-14

12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.



Colossians 3:15-16

15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

God Wants a People That Is His

God longs to have a people who will be His, where He can be their God, walking with them in the cool of the day as He did with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.



Found Abraham

After the Fall and the Flood, God found Abraham and gave a promise to him, and from him came Isaac and Jacob (Israel). But they were still in Egypt, enslaved to this world, so He found Moses to call them out from Egypt to worship Him in the wilderness.



The Church

The church in the wilderness did not understand that they were God's called-out people, a Holy Nation. They continued in sin and looked back to the old life, and in the end, they were rejected and did not enter into the Promised Land, serving as a warning for you and me.



Put Off and Put On

We become God's called-out through repentance, baptism in water, and receiving the Holy Spirit. But it doesn't stop there. Now we are to continue to put off the old way of thinking and the old way of living, and instead put on the new man, being renewed to become like God our Father.



One Day Glorified

When we are justified in Christ, the grace of God (Holy Spirit) teaches us and transforms us, which is also called sanctification. If we let Him do that and continue in Christ, we will one day be glorified as we enter into the promised land.



