

Exodus: Freed to Worship

Lesson 3: PROMISES & PURPOSES

Exodus 5 & 6

May 3, 2026

Exodus 5:1

¹ Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘**Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.**’”

Exodus 3:18

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5:1	3:18
Moses and Aaron went alone	God told Moses to take the elders
“Yahweh the God of Israel”	“Yahweh the God of the Hebrews”
-	“God has met us”
“Let my people go”	“Let us take”
-	“Take a 3 day journey...to offer sacrifices”

Chart by Christopher Wright “Exodus”

2 Pharaoh said, “**Who is the LORD,** that I should obey him and let Israel go? **I do not know the LORD** and I will not let Israel go.”

3 Then they said, “**The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword.**”

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7 “You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. 8 But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don’t reduce the quota. **They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’** 9 Make the work harder for the people so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies.”

17 Pharaoh said, “**Lazy, that’s what you are—lazy! That is why you keep saying, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.’** 18 Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks.”



21 and they said [to Moses and Aaron], “**May the LORD look on you and judge you!** You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

22 Moses returned to the LORD and said, “**Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? 23 Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.”**

“Moses begins a long tradition of truth telling and truth-talking in biblical prayer. He employs no clichés or shibboleths. He has failed and is discouraged, rejected, confused, and bewildered by God’s apparent withdrawal to the sidelines, by his unwillingness to become involved with his people’s desperate needs.”

Hamilton, V. as quoted by C. Wright “Exodus”

APPLICATION:

**Have you experienced times when you serve God and failed?
What did you learn about God in those experiences?**

Exodus 6:1-5

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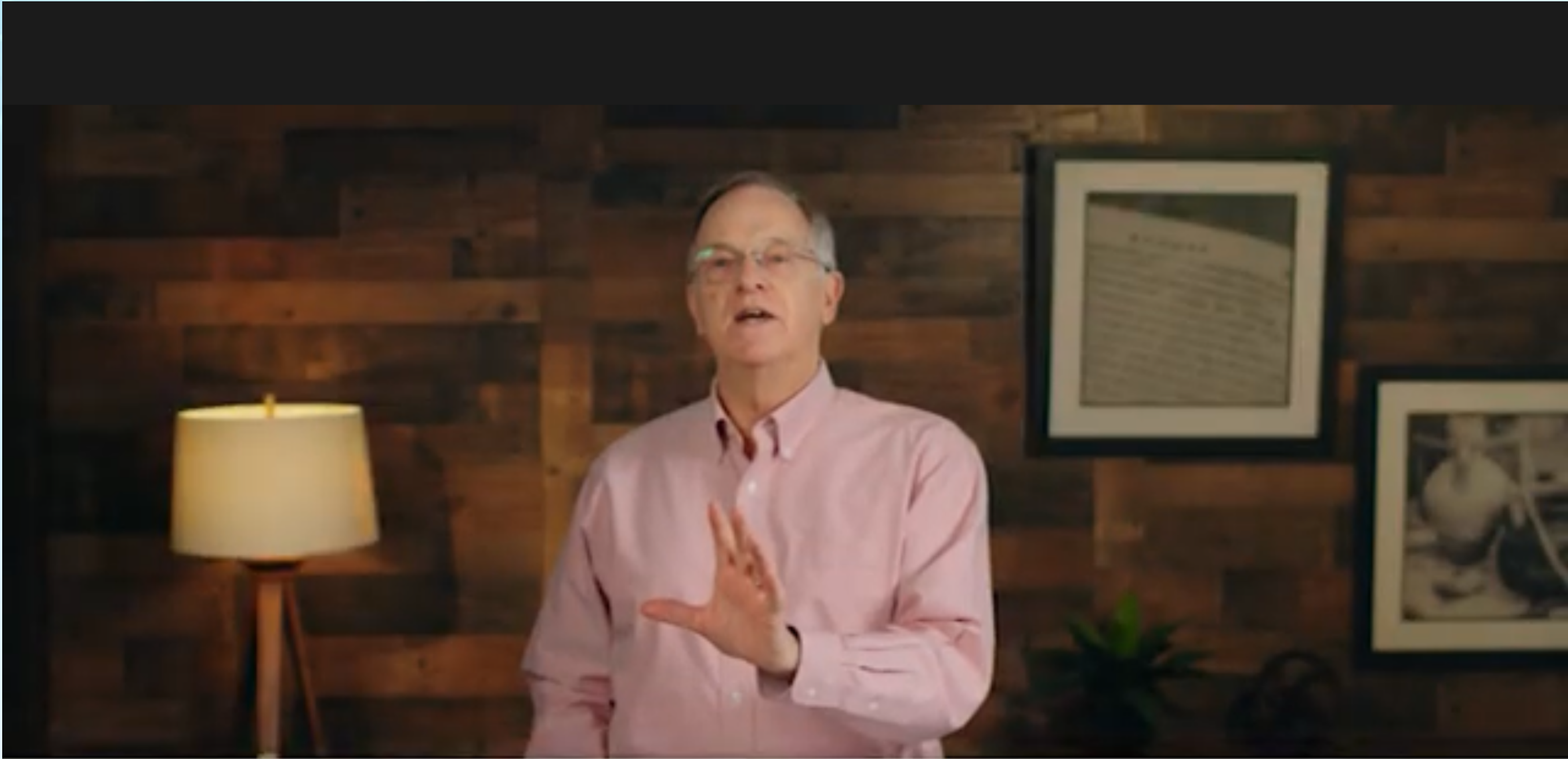
Exodus 3:16-17

16 “Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. **17** And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.’

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1. **I am the LORD (Yahweh) - His authority and presence**
2. **I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - God made a clear covenant promise with Israel and have not forgotten**
3. **I have seen and heard the groaning of Israel - God remembers His people and has a plan of action**



God's Personal Name:
Yahweh, "LORD"

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Exodus 6:6-8

6 “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. **7** I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. **8** And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

7 “I Will” Promises by God

1. I Will Bring You Out

2. I Will Free You

3. I Will Redeem You

4. I Will Take You As My Own People

5. I Will Be Your God

6. I Will Bring You To The Land

7. I Will Give It To You As Possession

} REDEMPTION

} COVENANT
RELATIONSHIP

} PROMISE OF
LAND

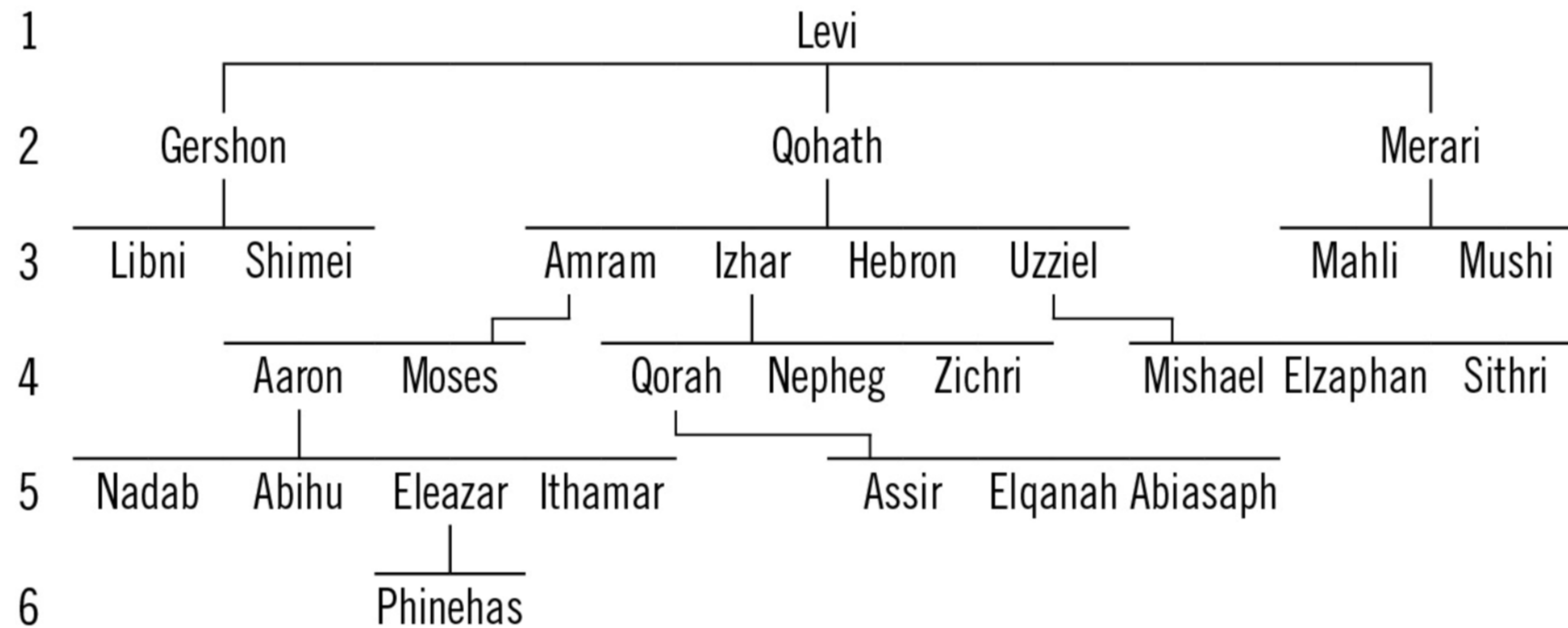
God's 4-fold Plan of Action for Israel

Redemption	Seen in the plagues, crossing of the Red Sea, the wilderness of Sinai	Exodus 7-18
Covenant Relationship	Sealed in blood sacrifices, Ten Commandments, and the Book of the Law	Exodus 19-24
People will know Yahweh as God	Tabernacle teachings, worship & sacrifices, God's provisions and mercy even in the wilderness	Exodus 25-40, Leviticus, Numbers
Promise of Land	Moses urging Israel to obey and follow God wholly as they camped across from Canaan	Deuteronomy

	NT (through Christ's death and resurrection)	REVELATION
Redemption	The cross as God's judgment on sin & God's redemption for people of all nations	Great multitudes redeemed from every tribe and nations and language
Covenant Relationship	Christians belong to the community of the new covenant in Jesus' blood	God says the covenant words "They will be His people, I will be their God"
People will know Yahweh as God	As Christians, we have come to know God personally	There will be no need of temples or priests for we shall know God and see Him face to face
Promise of Land	In Christ, we have an inheritance that is imperishable	We will dwell in the city of God

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Exodus 6:14-27



We may not have our name in an Israelite genealogy, but if our name is in the Lamb's Book of Life, then we belong to the family of God who will one day sing the songs of Moses and of the Lamb.

- C. Wright "Exodus"

APPLICATION:

How have you experienced God as the Promise Keeper in your life?