

Sermon Outline

“Goats and Sheep”

Exodus 6:14-27

- I.** A new genealogy begins a new section
 - A** God promises to rescue Israel Ex 6:14-7:7
 - B** God and life – creation Ex 7:8-13
 - C** The first three plagues Ex 7:14-8:19
 - D** The middle plagues Ex 8:20-9:12
 - C¹** The last three plagues Ex 9:13-10:29
 - B¹** God and life – destruction Ex 11:1-10
 - A¹** God rescues Israel Ex 12:1-13:16

- II.** A selective list – only 3 of the 6 sons of Leah are mentioned
 - Reuben – compromised (Bilhah) Gen 35
 - Simeon & Levi – compromised (Dinah & Shechem) Gen 34
 - Judah – also compromised (Tamar), but is not mentioned here

- III.** Why this particular genealogy?
 - A.** To introduce and secure the credentials of Moses & Aaron
 1. Descended from Levi, through Kohath & Amram (*cf.* 3:6)
 2. Listed by seniority v. 26
 3. Listed by their new rank v. 27 (*See* 7:1; *cf.* 4:16)
 - B.** To introduce key players in the upcoming events, linking them to their ancestors
 - C.** To demonstrate God’s providence in redeeming some, regardless of family history, while others continue the rebellion

- IV.** Generations
 - A.** Reuben – 4 of 10 sons mentioned
 - Pallu v. 14 – ancestor of Dathan & Abiram
 - Led the rebellion vs. Moses, Numb 16
 - Others are relatively inconsequential in subsequent history
 - B.** Simeon – 6 of 10 sons mentioned
 - None are remarkable in subsequent history (*cf.* I Chr 4:27)
 - C.** Levi
 - Korah v. 21 descended from Levi via Kohath (same as Aaron)
 - Led the rebellion vs. Aaron’s priesthood, Numb 16
 - Prominent are Moses & Aaron
 - Aaron’s wife descended from Judah v. 23 (*cf.* Mt 1:4; Lk 3:32)
 - Nadab & Abihu offered strange fire, were destroyed, Lev 10:1-7
 - Phineas is Aaron’s grandson, *but also from Judah & Tamar*
 - Highly honored, given perpetual priesthood Numb 25:13