



## **Redemption Defined**

Ga'al (Hebrew):

- BDB, Strong to redeem, do the part of a kinsman-redeemer, avenger, ransom, to redeem by payment from slavery, to redeem/buy back land
- LBD/LEB The release of people, animals, or property from bondage through payment of a price; to reclaim as one's own
- Padah (Hebrew):
  - BDB ransom, redeem, rescue, deliver
  - **Strong** ransom; generally to release, preserve
- Process of redemption: 1) Loss of property or person; 2) Redeemer acts to regain what was lost by judgment or payment of ransom; 3) Full release and reclamation of property

## God's Redemption of Israel

Israel owed everything to God's redemption.

- His redemptive work began with Moses and the burning bush Ex.
  3:7-10
- God reaffirmed his redemptive plan after Moses arrived in Egypt Ex.
  6:6-9
- God did bring about Israel's redemption from Egypt.
  - He brought it through plagues, they last of which was death of the firstborn of Egypt, while Israel was spared Ex. 11:4-7
  - Redemption came at the cost of innocent blood Ex. 12:12-14
  - Israel's firstborn became God's property Ex. 12:50 13:2, 11-15



## Redemption and Israelite Life

- God's law was to be followed to keep focus on God their redeemer
  - False prophets were to be rejected because they drew Israel away from God who redeemed them – Deut. 13:4-5
  - Justice for one another was to be assured because God had *redeemed them* from Egypt Deut. 24:17-18
- Redemptive action was an important part of Israelite life
  - Laws of land redemption Lev. 25:23-25
  - Life redemption laws Lev. 25:47-49; Deut. 15:12-15

## Laws of Spiritual Redemption

- We know these as laws of *atonement*—the covering of the sins of the people
- As Israel was redeemed from Egypt by blood, so was Israel redeemed from the condemnation of their sins by blood.
  - Sin offerings were to be brought to the priests and sacrificed to receive forgiveness from God Lev. 4:27-28, 32-35
  - This forgiveness was their redemption from the death of sin Psa. 130:3-4, 7-8
- It is God's redemption of Israel that is the type, or figure, of our redemption in Christ Heb. 9:11-14; Col. 1:13-14