



Out of      Darkness      Into      Light  
Out of      Slavery      Into      Freedom  
Leaving Egypt - Finding Redemption  
From      Death      To      Life  
From      Chaos      To      Order

Seth Tourney  
Austin Winger

HAMILTON

To the People of the State of New York:

TO THE powers proposed to be conferred upon the federal government, in respect to the creation and direction of the national forces, I have met with but one specific objection, which, if I understand it right, is this, that proper provision has not been made against the existence of standing armies in time of peace; an objection which, I shall now endeavor to show, rests on weak and unsubstantial foundations.

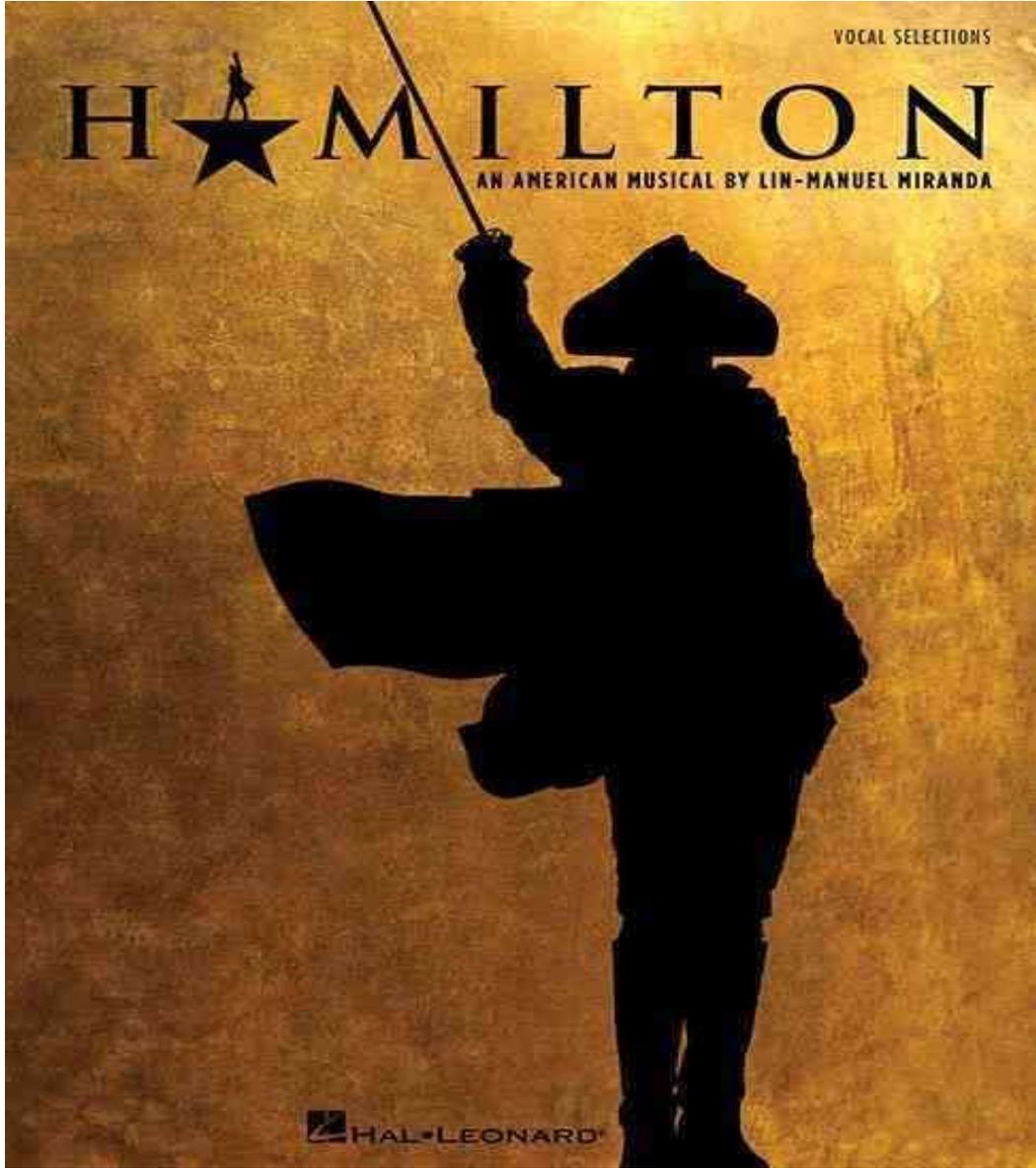
It has indeed been brought forward in the most vague and general form, supported only by bold assertions, without the appearance of argument; without even the sanction of theoretical opinions; in contradiction to the practice of other free nations, and to the general sense of America, as expressed in most of the existing constitutions. The propriety of this remark will appear, the moment it is recollected that the objection under consideration turns upon a supposed necessity of restraining the LEGISLATIVE authority of the nation, in the article of military establishments; a principle unheard of, except in one or two of our State constitutions, and rejected in all the rest. A stranger to our politics, who was to read our newspapers at the present juncture, without having previously inspected the plan reported by the convention, would be naturally led to one of two conclusions: either that it contained a positive injunction, that standing armies should be kept up in time of peace; or that it vested in the EXECUTIVE the whole power of levying troops, without subjecting his discretion, in any shape, to the control of the legislature.

If he came afterwards to peruse the plan itself, he would be surprised to discover, that neither the one nor the other was the case; that the whole power of raising armies was lodged in the LEGISLATURE, not in the EXECUTIVE; that this legislature was to be a popular body, consisting of the representatives of the people periodically elected; and that instead of the provision he had supposed in favor of standing armies, there was to be found, in respect to this object, an important qualification even of the legislative discretion, in that clause which forbids the appropriation of money for the support of an army for any longer period than two years a precaution which, upon a nearer view of it, will appear to be a great and real security against the keeping up of troops without evident necessity.

Disappointed in his first surmise, the person I have supposed would be apt to pursue his conjectures a little further. He would naturally say to himself, it is impossible that all this vehement and pathetic declamation can be without some colorable pretext. It must needs be that this people, so jealous of their liberties, have, in all the preceding models of the constitutions which they have established, inserted the most precise and rigid precautions on this point, the omission of which, in the new plan, has given birth to all this apprehension and clamor.

If, under this impression, he proceeded to pass in review the several State constitutions, how great would be his disappointment to find that TWO ONLY of them(1) contained an interdiction of standing armies in time of peace; that the other eleven had either observed a profound silence on the subject, or had in express terms admitted the right of the Legislature to authorize their existence.

Still, however he would be persuaded that there must be some plausible foundation for the cry raised on this head. He would never be able to imagine, while any source of information remained unexplored, that it was nothing more than an experiment upon the public credulity, dictated either by a deliberate intention to deceive, or by the overflowings of a zeal too intemperate to be ingenuous. It would probably occur to him, that he would be likely to find the precautions he was in search of in the primitive compact between the States. Here, at length, he would expect to meet with a solution of the enigma. No doubt, he would observe to himself, the existing Confederation must contain the most explicit provisions against military establishments in time of peace; and a departure from this model, in a favorite point, has occasioned the discontent which appears to influence these political champions. If he should now apply himself to a careful and critical survey of the articles of Confederation, his astonishment would not only be increased, but would acquire a mixture of indignation, at the unexpected discovery, that these articles, instead of containing the prohibition he looked for, and though they had, with jealous circumspection,

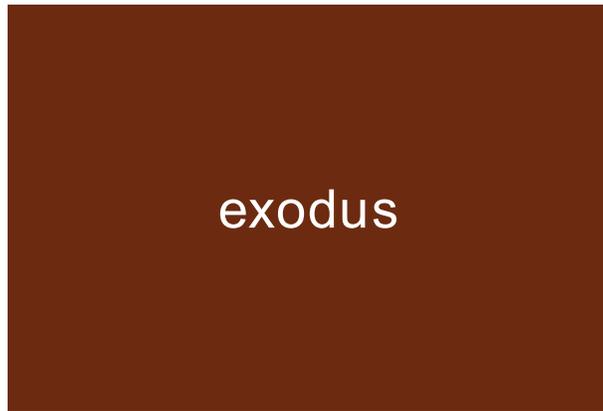


# What we think Exodus looks like:

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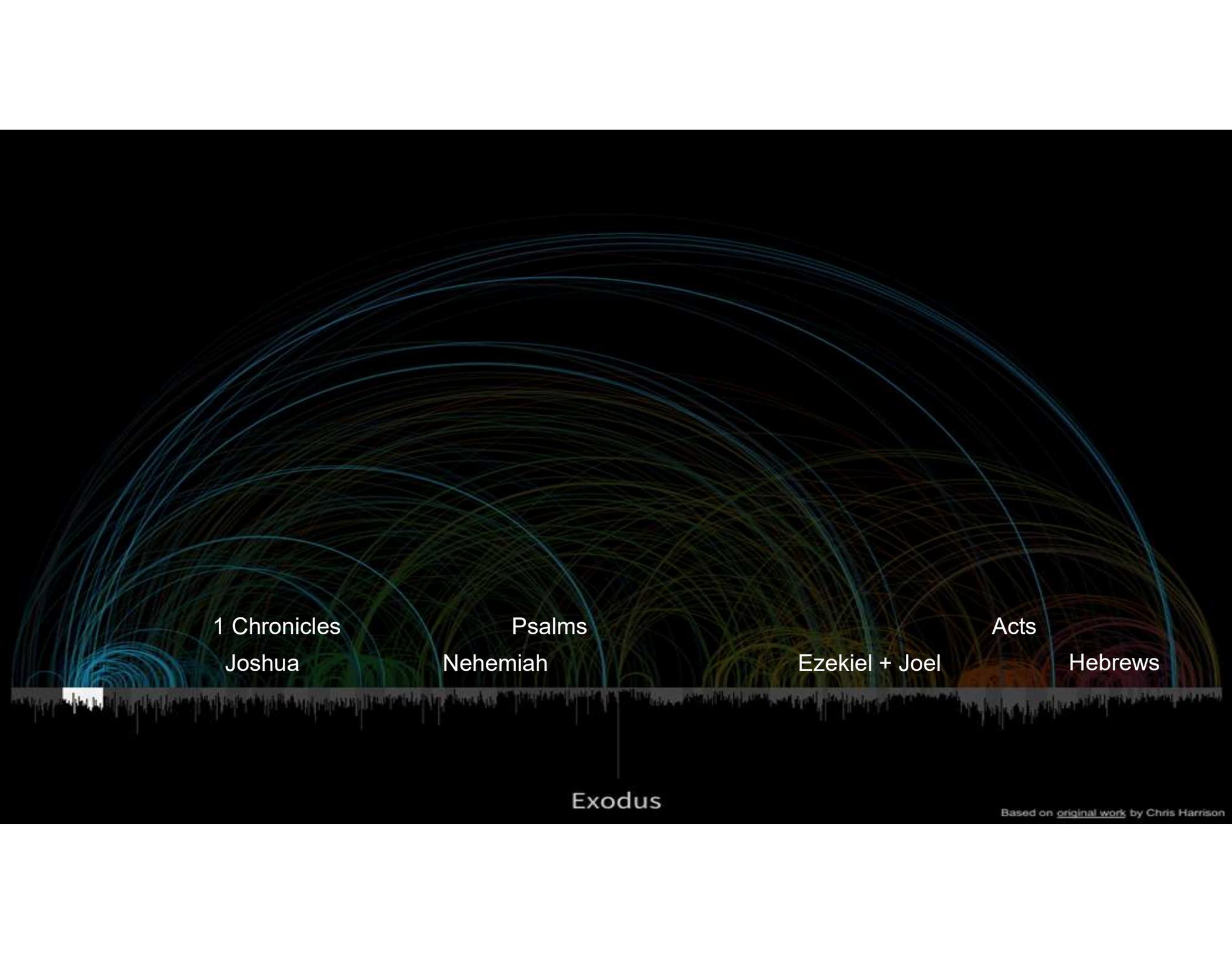
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# What Exodus actually looks like:



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1 Chronicles

Joshua

Psalms

Nehemiah

Ezekiel + Joel

Acts

Hebrews

Exodus

Joshua 3-4  
Psalms 105-106  
Acts 7  
Hebrews 11

# Why Study Exodus?

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It's our  
past

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For I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all went through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea...For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 10:1-2,  
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# Why Study Exodus?

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It's our  
present

Consequently, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what was impossible for the law, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did.

- Romans

8:1-3

Interestingly, their oppression in Egypt and the religion that liberates them from it are both given the same Hebrew word here: *aboda* (עֲבֹדָה) or “service.” Human service signifies oppression, divine service denotes freedom.

- Jan

Assmann

# Why Study Exodus?

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It's our  
future

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven had passed away...”Behold, the dwelling of God is with humanity, and he will take up residence with them, and they will be his people and God himself will be with them.

- Revelation

21:1,3

The Book of Exodus is devoted to the two most important questions on which human minds have dwelled since time immemorial: the question of the role played by the divine in our lives and the question of who “we” are.

- Jan

Assmann

# A Radical New Perspective

## Egypt

Sacred king

Historia divina

Polytheistic

State power

Past in front

## Israel

Chosen people

Historia sacra

Monotheistic

Higher power

Past behind

And these are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob...And the sons of Israel were fruitful and swarmed and multiplied and grew very vast, and the land was filled with them.

- Exodus 1:

1,7

“We have here a story that is destined never to be forgotten, one that will captivate and transform the lives of all who read and hear its “good news” – indeed, the entire New Testament stands wholly under the spell of the Book of Exodus...”

- Jan

Assmann

# Theme and Structure:

God Reveals His Name



And God said to Moses, “I am that I am.”  
And he said, “So you must say to the  
Israelites, ‘I am sent me to you.’”

- Exodus

3:14

# **Echoes: Transfiguration**

**Luke 9:28-34**

# Theme and Structure:

God Reveals His Power

For now I could have stretched out my hand, and I could have struck you and your people with the plague, and you would have perished from the earth. But for the sake of this I have caused you to stand – for the sake of showing you my strength and in order to proclaim my name in all the earth.

- Exodus 9:15-16

# Theme and Structure:

God reveals the Covenant

And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and he said, “Look, the blood of the covenant that Yahweh has made with you in accordance with all these words.” ...and they beheld God and the ate, and they drank.

- Exodus

24:8,11

# **Echoes: The Last Supper**

**Luke 22:7-23**

# Theme and Structure:

God Reveals His Tabernacle/Divine Being

And make a sanctuary for me, and I will  
dwell in the midst of them,

- Exodus 25:8

“These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.”

- Exodus

32:4

And Moses implored Yahweh his God,  
and he said, “Why Yahweh, should your  
anger blaze against your people whom  
you brought up from the land of Egypt  
with great power and with a strong hand?

- Exodus

32:4

# **Echoes: Pentecost**

## **Acts 2**

# Theme and Structure:

God's Permanent Presence

And the cloud covered the tent of assembly, and the glory of Yahweh filled the tabernacle.

- Exodus

40:34