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Der Exodus im Matthäusevangelium

Die Rezeption der Exoduserzählung in Mt 1–4 vor dem Hintergrund biblischer und frühjüdischer Schriftdiskurse

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While on the one hand, Matt 1–4 refers to the exodus narrative, on the other the fulfillment quotations come from prophetic texts. So just what is the connection between them?

Franz Tóth offers a detailed interpretation of these first four chapters of Matthew, placing the Jesus story in the context of Israel's scripture and its post-biblical reception history, in particular the so-called Rewritten Scripture. In this context, the exodus discourses play a central role. Matthew creates a narrative in which Jesus experiences the history of Moses and Israel, and specifies this through the fulfillment quotations. With their help, Matthew interprets the Jesus event as the end of exile and a new exodus in which Jesus, as the Davidic Messiah, liberates his people. The exodus thus leads to the center of Matthew's theology, with his gospel a founding document that forms and consolidates the identity of a Jewish-Christian community in analogy to the foundational story of Israel.

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