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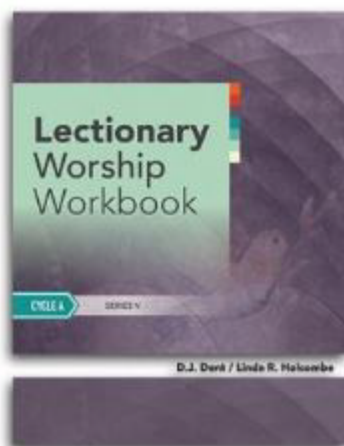
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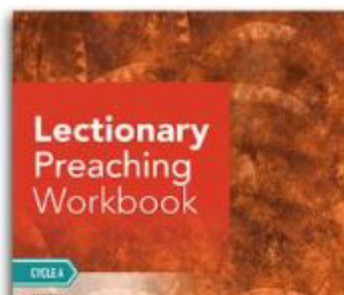
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These background notes cover every assigned text in the Revised Common Lectionary for each Sunday and major observance throughout the year.

Proper 17 | OT 22 | Pentecost 13, Cycle A

(Ellingsen)

THEME OF THE DAY

Things look better up ahead. The texts invite reflection on the possibilities of the future that God has in store for us (Eschatology, Providence, Justification by Grace).

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

We have previously noted how, paired with Psalm 106, this song was composed for use at one of the major festivals and consists of a recital of the basic events that created the nation of Israel. It begins with a hymn-like introduction summoning the congregation to worship and rejoice [*sameach*] in Yahweh, to seek his presence [*panim*, literally "face"] and remember his wonderful works [*mopheth*] and miracles (vv. 1-6). The people of Israel are said to be Yahweh's chosen ones [*bachir*] (v. 6). What follows is a song about Israel coming to Egypt to become a great nation whom Egyptians come to hate, and concerning Moses who along with Aaron are raised up as leaders by Yahweh. Ham was thought to be the ancestor of the Egyptians (Genesis 10:6) (vv. 23-26). The part of the Psalm to be read concludes with the exhortation to praise the Lord (v. 45b)....[click here for the full](#)



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