

Exodus

Breakdown

- Exodus means “exit” or “outgoing”. The title comes from the main event in the book - the deliverance from slavery and departure of the Israelites out of Egypt.
- Exodus is divided into two parts. Chapters 1-18 tell the story of God’s powerful deliverance of the Israelites from the Egyptian bondage they had endured 430 years. Chapters 19-40 reveal God’s detailed commands for life as well as blueprints for building the Tabernacle.
- Exodus was written by Moses around 1446 B.C. and covers approximately 80 years from about 1526 B.C. to 1446 B.C.

Main Points

- The overall theme of Exodus is redemption. From the beginning of the book, we see how God delivered the Israelites and made them His special people through fantastic demonstrations of His power. This all points to Jesus who would later come to redeem all of mankind through His birth, life, and sacrifice.
- After God rescued the Israelites from slavery, He gave the Israelites instructions for how they were to live with one another, with other nations around them, and with God Himself. Exodus is not just a boring set of commandments & building specifications. God Almighty planned to live among His chosen people, and this entire book points to Jesus who would make a way for us to be reconnected with God and to live with Him both now and forever.

Did you know?

- At the end of Genesis, Jacob’s family consisted of 70 people. At the beginning of Exodus, about 400 years later, the family had grown to 600,000 men, plus women and children.
- The Egyptians were the descendants of Noah’s son, Ham. After the flood, Ham disgraced his father, and he and his sons were cursed. When reading the genealogies in Genesis, did you notice that Ham had a son named Egypt?
- On the way to meet with Pharaoh, Moses was confronted and almost killed by God until his wife did something very drastic and bloody. What did she do and why? **[Rated-R]**
- God did not give the Law to the Israelites to keep them under control. Why did God give them the Law?
- God gave Moses the recipe for His own special spice blend that no one was to use outside the Tabernacle. What was the penalty for anyone using God’s blend for personal use?
- After the Tabernacle was completed, Moses could no longer enter it. Why?

Further Thought

- At the burning bush, God told Moses His name is I AM WHO I AM. What does that name mean for us today?
- The night before the Israelites left Egypt, God instituted a new sacred meal called Passover. What does the Passover represent and what does that mean for us?
- Why was God so detailed in His requirements for building the tabernacle? What do those details mean for us?