

Exodus

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Key message of the book: God brings His people out of bondage, and into glorious covenant relationship with Himself.

Background information:

'Exodus' is Greek for 'a departing or going out from'. The book was written by Moses, probably somewhere between 1446 to 1406 B.C. The Exodus occurs around 1446, approximately 720 years after Abraham was born. The book covers the first year of Israel's desert journeys.

Outline of the book:

God brings the Hebrews out of bondage, and into a covenant relationship with Himself.

1. The bondage in Egypt under Pharaoh (The power of Sin, Satan, Antichrist)
 - a. Satan's efforts to destroy God's chosen people
 - b. Moses, a picture of Christ, born to deliver his people
2. The judgments upon Egypt (The power of God)
 - a. 9 plagues
 - b. 10th plague: Angel of death, during Passover. **Demonstrating that by sacrifice, God's people are delivered from bondage, and brought into covenant with Himself.** (ch. 12)
 - c. The chariots of Pharaoh overthrown in the Red Sea.
3. Israel praises God for deliverance (ch. 15)
4. God provides for Israel
 - a. Fiery and Cloudy pillar
 - b. Jesus is the bread of life (16)
 - c. Jesus is the rock smitten, that we might have the water of life (17)
5. **God states His purpose for the nation. (19:3-6; also, 1 Peter 2:9)**
6. God gives the law, revealing Himself as consuming fire.
 - a. They are afraid, and request that Moses speak to them instead.
 - i. This is what Christ came to do. (Heb 12:24)
 - b. It is the schoolmaster which points us to Christ. (Gal 3:24)
7. The people sin, and are purged in holiness (32).
8. The tabernacle of the congregation is repositioned outside the camp. The people reverence God now, and are willing to contribute to the tabernacle.
9. The tabernacle and accessories are manufactured and set up. The priests are consecrated. The service is begun. **(See Revelation 21:22)**
 - a. It represents Christ, the meeting place between God and man.

Application:

We should rejoice with trembling, knowing that it is only because of the blood of the Lamb of God that we have been brought into covenant relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. If any have not entered into the New Covenant through faith in Jesus Christ, then let them do so quickly! As for those of us that believe, what manner of persons ought we to be in holiness, and in offering praise to God, seeing that He is a consuming fire, and yet has called us to be a peculiar people to Himself, even in this church age! What a privilege that we now know that Christ is the God-man, the true meeting place between God and man, and that He Himself is the One who was mysteriously pictured in all those types. Let us serve Him diligently, and not with slothfulness.

Chapters of Exodus described:

1. A new Pharaoh arises, and seeks to kill off the Hebrew baby boys.
2. Moses is born and rescued. In seeking to be a Saviour, he attracts the wrath of the Pharaoh, and flees to Midian, and marries. God hears the cries of Israel.
3. God speaks to Moses through a burning bush, while Moses shepherd's Jethro's flock. God instructs him to bring His people out of Egypt into the promised land.
4. Moses tries to argue, even though God gives him signs. God appoints Aaron to be Moses' mouth. Moses returns to Egypt.
5. The two brothers command Pharaoh to let the people go. Pharaoh responds by increasing the workload of the people. The people resent the brothers for this. Moses cries out to God.
6. Moses prophesies deliverance to the people, but they don't hearken, for anguish of spirit. God gives the brothers a charge.
7. Aaron's rod becomes a serpent, and swallows the rods of the magicians. The ten plagues begin: #1: The Nile is turned to blood.
8. #2: Frogs; #3: Lice; #4: Flies
9. #5: Death of livestock; #6: Boils and Blains; #7: Hail and fire
10. #8: Locusts; #9: Darkness
11. Moses warns Pharaoh about the tenth plague, the death of the firstborn.
12. Hebrews paint blood upon the doorways, and keep the feast of Passover. Plague #10: Death of the firstborn. Israel takes riches from Egypt, and departs.
13. Instructions for the feast of unleavened bread. Instructions for redeeming the firstborn. Encampment at Etham. Led by pillar of cloud and fire.
14. Moses leads Israel to Pihahiroth. Pharaoh pursues after them. Moses leads Israel through the Red Sea. The Egyptians are destroyed in it.
15. The song of Moses. Waters healed at Marah. Encampment at Elim.
16. Journey continues. Murmuring about food. God provides quails and manna. First instructions in the Bible concerning the Sabbath.
17. People complain about lack of water. Moses smites the rock to give them drink. Amalek comes and fights with Israel.
18. Jethro brings Moses' wife and two sons from Midian. At Jethro's advice, Moses chooses out men to help him judge matters in Israel.

19. Israel camps before Mt Sinai. Moses communes with God in the mount. God meets with the people there.
20. The ten commandments are given. The people are afraid.
21. Commandments given.
22. “
23. “
24. Moses writes the commandments in a book, reads it to the people, and sprinkles the people with the blood of the covenant. All the elders behold the glory of God. Moses is called up into the mount for forty days.
25. Instructions concerning the building and service of the tabernacle, the priesthood, the offerings, and the sacrifices.
26. “
27. “
28. “
29. “
30. “
31. Two gifted men given for the fabrication of all things pertaining to the service of the tabernacle.
32. The people worship a golden calf. Moses and Joshua come down. Moses pleads with God not to destroy Israel. Moses breaks the stone tablets, and destroys the calf. Men of Levi execute judgment. God plagues the people.
33. Moses pitches the tabernacle of the congregation outside of the camp. People reverence the glory of the Lord. Moses requests to see God’s glory.
34. Moses makes two tablets of stone, and God appears to him in the mountain. Moses writes the commandments, and returns to the people after forty days. His face is shining.
35. Moses commands the people to bring materials for the construction of the tabernacle and its accessories. The people offer willingly.
36. Moses restrains the giving. The tabernacle constructions begin.
37. Construction of tabernacle and accessories.
38. “
39. “
40. The tabernacle set up, its furnishings hallowed, the priests consecrated, and the service begun. The glory of God covers the tabernacle.



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