

The Law For Life

Week 1: Exodus

God delivers His people and gives His Law

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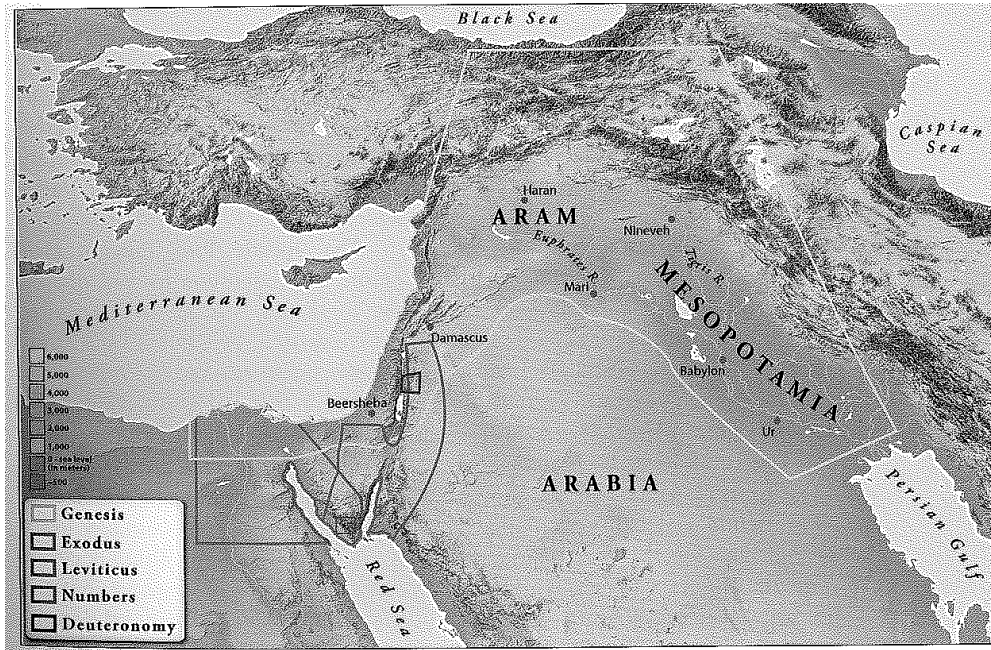
Course Overview

- **Course Outline and Materials** (*see schedule*)
- **Course Goals:**
- **Recommended Reading for Exodus:**
 - How to Read Exodus
 - The Torah Story
 - The Five Books of Moses
 - Several Commentaries on Exodus

Torah Overview

| BOOK | KEY IDEA | THE NATION | THE PEOPLE | GOD'S CHARACTER | GOD'S ROLE | GOD'S COMMAND |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Genesis | Beginnings | Chosen | Prepared | Powerful Sovereign | Creator | “Let there be!” |
| Exodus | Redemption | Delivered | Redeemed | Merciful | Deliverer | “Let My people go!” |
| Leviticus | Worship | Set Apart | Taught | Holy | Sanctifier | “Be holy!” |
| Numbers | Wandering | Directed | Tested | Just | Sustainer | “Go in!” |
| Deuteronomy | Renewed Covenant | Made Ready | Retaught | Loving Lord | Rewarder | “Obey!” |

- **Locations in the Pentateuch**
 - Map from “The Torah Story” by Gary Schnittjer, page 37



Exodus Overview

- **Title:**
- **Author:**
 - **Primary Author:**
- **Date:**
- **Audience / Purpose:**
- **Key Chapter / Verses:** (from “Talk Thru The Bible” by Boa and Wilkinson)
 - **Key Word: Redemption**
 - **Key Verse: Exodus 6:6** “Therefore say to the children of Israel: ‘I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments’ ” (6:6).
 - **Key Verse: Exodus 19:5–6** “ ‘Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation’ ” (19:5–6).
 - **Key Chapters: Exodus 12–14**—The climax of the entire Old Testament is recorded in chapters 12–14: the salvation of Israel through blood (the Passover) and through power (the Red Sea). The Exodus is the central event of the Old Testament as the Cross is of the New Testament.

- **Biblical Centrality of Exodus**
- **Connecting Exodus with Genesis**
- **Torah is the beginning of the Gospel**

- **Christ in Exodus:** (from "Talk Thru The Bible" by Boa and Wilkinson)

Exodus contains no direct messianic prophecies, but it is full of types and portraits of Christ. Here are seven: (1) **Moses:** In dozens of ways Moses is a type of Christ (Deut. 18:15). Both Moses and Christ are prophets, priests, and kings (although Moses was never made king, he functioned as the ruler of Israel); both are kinsman-redeemers; both are endangered in infancy; both voluntarily renounce power and wealth; both are deliverers, lawgivers, and mediators. (2) **The Passover:** John 1:29, 36 and First Corinthians 5:7 make it clear that Christ is our slain God and the Passover Lamb. (3) **The seven feasts:** Each of these feasts portrays some aspect of the ministry of Christ. (4) **The Exodus:** Paul relates baptism to the Exodus event because baptism symbolizes death to the old and identification with the new (see Rom. 6:2–3; 1 Cor. 10:1–2). (5) **The manna and water:** The New Testament applies both to Christ (see John 6:31–35, 48–63; 1 Cor. 10:3–4). (6) **The tabernacle:** In its materials, colors, furniture, and arrangement, the tabernacle clearly speaks of the person of Christ and the way of redemption. The development is progressive from suffering, blood, and death, to beauty, holiness, and the glory of God. The tabernacle is theology in a physical form. (7) **The high priest:** In several ways the high priest foreshadows the ministry of Christ, our Great High Priest (see Heb. 4:14–16; 9:11–12, 24–28).

STRUCTURE OF EXODUS

“The Formation of the Nations”

| CONFRONTATION IN EGYPT | CONSECRATION AT SINAI | CONSTRUCTION OF TABERNACLE |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Persecution chs. 1–6 | Commandments | Designed chs. 25–31 |
| Plagues chs. 7–12 | Judgments | Delayed chs. 32–34 |
| Pilgrimage chs. 13–19 | Ordinances | Dedicated chs. 35–40 |
| EXODUS 1–19 | EXODUS 20–24 | EXODUS 25–40 |
| GOD’S POWER | GOD’S PRECEPTS | GOD’S PRESENCE |

(chart from “The Pentateuch (2nd ed.)” by J.E. Smith)

- **Basic Outline:** (from “An Introduction to the Old testament” by Longman & Dillard)
 - **Based on Location:**
 - Part 1: Israel in Egypt (1:1-13:16)
 - Part 2: Israel in the Wilderness (13:7-18:27)
 - Part 3: Israel at Sinai (19:1-40:38)
 - **Based on God’s Actions:**
 - I. God Saves Israel from Egyptian Bondage (1:1-8:27)
 - II. God Gives Israel His Law (8:28-24:18)
 - III. God Commands Israel to Build the Tabernacle (25:1-40:38)
- **Alternate Outline:** (from “The Five books of Moses” translation by Everett Fox)
 - **Based on key themes:**
 - The Deliverance Narrative (1:1-15:21)
 - In the Wilderness (15:22-18:27)
 - Covenant and Law (19-24)
 - The Blueprints for the Tabernacle and It’s Service (25-31)
 - Infidelity and Reconciliation (32-34)
 - The Building of the Tabernacle (35-40)

Exodus at a Glance

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| FOCUS | REDEMPTION FROM EGYPT | | | | REVELATION FROM GOD | |
| REFERENCE | 1:1 ————— 2:1 ————— 5:1 ————— 15:22 ————— 19:1 ————— 32:1 ————— 40:38 | | | | | |
| DIVISION | THE NEED FOR REDEMPTION | THE PREPARATION FOR REDEMPTION | THE REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL | THE PRESERVATION OF ISRAEL | THE REVELATION OF THE COVENANT | THE RESPONSE OF ISRAEL TO THE COVENANT |
| TOPIC | NARRATION | | | LEGISLATION | | |
| | SUBJECTION | | REDEMPTION | | INSTRUCTION | |
| LOCATION | EGYPT | | | WILDERNESS | MOUNT SINAI | |
| TIME | 430 YEARS | | | 2 MONTHS | 10 MONTHS | |

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The Story of Exodus

1. The Deliverance Narrative (1:1-15:21)

- *God Hears People's Cry and sends a deliverer*

- Why Ten Plagues? / Purpose of Plagues

- *The Passover*

- *The Exodus*

- *The Song of Moses*

2. In the Wilderness (15:22-18:27)

3. Covenant and Law (19-24)

- **COMING WEEKS:** we will look in detail at the laws, including the 10 commandments, the tabernacle, the priests, and other laws. So we will not look at those today.
- **TODAY:** We do want to see how God comes to the people, and how they respond.

- *Israel at Mount Sinai*

4. **The Blueprints for the Tabernacle and It's Service (25-31)**

5. **Infidelity and Reconciliation (32-34)**

- *The Golden Calf*

- **The Need for a Mediator** (1 Tim. 2:5-6)

- *The Tent of Meeting / Moses' Intercession / Moses Makes New Tablets / The Covenant Renewed*

- **God Shows Himself & Declares His Name** (key verses: Exodus 34:5-10)

- **Presence of God through Exodus**

- **God's Presence in Mountain / Tabernacle**

6. The Building of the Tabernacle (35-40)

- *End of Exodus: The Tabernacle Erected / The Glory of the LORD*

The Central Themes of Exodus

- God's Power
- God's Mercy
- God's Deliverance
- God's Law
- God's Presence
- Man's Sinfulness (parallels between Egyptians and Israelites!)
- God's Grace
 - All above attributes of God exercised in spite of knowing Israel would rebel
 - God's presence comes closer and Israel moves further away!
- Salvation by Grace Alone
 - Rescue from God's hand alone
 - Redemption not based on obedience to law – first deliverance comes before law, and later redemption comes when Israel breaks first command as it is given!
 - Something greater needed – all miracles and laws of Exodus not enough to change hearts!

Exodus for Life

He ate the bread of heaven
Drank water from the rock
And the grumbling children followed
Like a misbegotten flock
He climbed up on a mountain
They couldn't even touch
Who'd have known that one encounter
Could have ever meant so much

And up upon that high place
In a cleft of solid stone
His face was set on fire
As the God of Glory shone
He alone had seen it
And had lived to tell the tale
But because they feared the fire
He had to hide behind a veil

A face that shone with the radiance of the Father
Though it had known and endured dark desert days
A face that shone with the glory of Another
So the prophet would discover
As the glory was fading away

He was the Bread from Heaven
He would be the smitten Rock
He had twelve confused disciples
They were his bewildered flock
When he climbed upon the mountain
He took Peter, James and John
In the face of pending glory
They soon began to yawn

As he prayed while they were sleeping
He was transfigured into Light
His face a flash of lightning
His clothes so burning bright
So Moses finally saw the face
Before he'd hidden from
Then came a voice from heaven
This is my beloved Son

The face that shone is the Glory of the Father
And he had known from the start that it was so
The face that shone had let the light shine out of
darkness
And we're changed into His likeness
As we gaze upon the Son

But you and me we tend to flee from shining faces
We see the glow and then we know that we're undone
They shine His light into our emptiest of spaces
With their bright and shining faces
Reflect the radiance of the Son

The face that shone is the Glory of the Father
And he had known from the start that it was so
The face that shone had let the light shine out of
darkness
And we're changed into His likeness
As we gaze upon the Son

(song "The Face That Shone" by Michael Card)