

The Book of Exodus 1-18

A 5 MINUTE RECAP ON GENESSES:

1. God chose Abraham and gave him promises - Nations Land blessing - Gen 12:1-3
2. Those promises carried through Abraham - Issac - Jacob who had 12 sons
3. The story of Joseph - who saved the nation
4. When Genesis ends Israel is safely abiding in Egypt, with favored status
5. About 400 years pass...When Exodus begins they are under sever bondage and this is where the story picks up

Introduction to Exodus:

WHATS THE BIG THEME IN EXODUS? - In GENESSES The Emphasis was on Creation - Beginnings. EXODUS The Emphasis is on Redemption

WHY IS IT CALLED EXODUS? - The book was first called Exodus when the Hebrew Scriptures were translated into the Greek language (That translation of the Old Testament Scriptures is given the name “Septuagint” — because it was translated into Greek by 70 scholars). The title of the book, EXODUS, literally means *Outgoing*.

1. Exodus is the story of God redeeming His people from bondage and death in Egypt under Pharaoh, to the Promised Land (it’s called the “promised land” because it was the land promised to Abraham)

EXODUS IS PART OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE PENTATEUCH - The Pentateuch is the first five books of the Bible that conservative Bible scholars believe were mostly written by Moses. Even though the books of the Pentateuch themselves do not clearly identify the author, there are many passages that attribute them to Moses or as being his words **Exodus 17:14, 24:4–7 - Numbers 33:1–2; Deuteronomy 31:9–22**

The breakdown of Exodus:

- I. THE EXODUS (Chapters 1-18)**
- II. THE LAW (Chapters 19-24)**
- III. THE TABERNACLE (Chapters 25-40)**

TONIGHT WE'RE GONNA COVER THE FIRST SECTION TONIGHT

I. THE EXODUS (Chapters 1-18)

What we're gonna do is look at the 3 main players and then the exodus itself...

A. The Nation of Israel

So about 400 years have passed since the book of Geneses Chapter 50...

Exodus 1:1 (ESV)¹ These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household...

At the very front of the book we see that Exodus is not a new story — it's the continuation of an old story. It's the continuation of the work of God through the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel).

Exodus 1:7 (ESV) ⁷ But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

So think about this...They came into Egypt as 70 people, the family of Jacob. 400 years later those 70 souls become two million.

1. Although the Israelites had lots of trouble obeying God's commands..."be fruitful and multiply was not one of them"
2. So we see one of the purposes of God in bringing Jacob's family into Egypt: Egypt It served as an **INCUBATOR**

B. Pharaoh

Exodus 1:8–11 (ESV) ⁸ **Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.** ⁹ And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens...

Scripture tells us that a pharaoh came to power who did not know Joseph. Furthermore, he was not an Egyptian. In Acts 7:18, when Stephen is giving his presentation before the Sanhedrin, he speaks of "another king who knew not Joseph." The word "another" in Greek is heteros (not allos), meaning "of a different kind." **Isaiah 52:4 tells us that the pharaoh of the oppression was an Assyrian.** He became insecure and threatened as this race of Hebrews multiplied and became powerful, so he enslaved them

And then we see the greatest sign of Racial hatred thus far in scripture

Exodus 1:22 (ESV) ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.

This the first recorded attempt at genocide...You wipe out the males...You wipe out the race

1. This is the maniacal and diabolical influence of Satan prophesied of in **Genesis 3:15 (ESV) ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.**”
2. SATAN was at work through pagan Egyptian culture in an attempt to perpetrate genocide to eliminate the blood line of the Messiah.
3. After centuries of slavery, they cry out to God for deliverance. In Exodus 2 God said that He heard, He saw, and He knew about their sufferings. THAT is the God we worship! The God who sees our affliction, hears our cries, and knows our plight!

God raises up a guy named Moses — the Great Deliverer. We're going to learn about him in the next several weeks because he is the guy who wrote Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

C. Moses

Moses' life divides into three 40 year sections. He spent his first 40 years becoming a somebody. He spent his second 40 years becoming a nobody. He spent his last 40 years serving everybody

I. Moses' first 40 years - He becomes a somebody (Chapter 2)

Exodus 2:1–3 (ESV) ¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and

when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank

1. So here we have the the parents of the Moses...they try to hid him for a while, but He's a baby, you can't hide a baby...so they place in the river Nile, but in a basket.

(1) **App:** They were essentially entrusting their child into the hands of the Lord - We as Parents need to do this

2. **Then we see the sovereignty of God at work...** God gets Moses into the hands of Pharaoh's daughter, ultimately securing his safety, He places him back in the care of his mother, in which she got to take care of Him and possibly invest into Him in the pivotal years of His life a knowledge of God He be given the finest life, the greatest education, and a large amount of authority...I would say He's a somebody
3. **Think about this...** The man who was going to be used by God to lead the nation of Israel out of Egypt was going to get the greatest education and training while growing up in the house of Pharaoh.

II. Moses' second 40 years - He becomes a nobody (2:11-3:1)

Everything changes for Moses when He sees one of the Hebrew slaves being beaten by an Egyptian guard

Exodus 2:11–22 (ESV) ¹¹ One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. ¹² He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

1. Now, the writer of Hebrews tells us what was going through the mind of Moses - **Hebrews 11:24–25 (ESV) ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's**

daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

2. So somehow, somehow, this is Moses' point of conversion...He's Come to God! things will obviously get better now!!!...no
3. Initially Moses assumed that He would be embraced by God's people because they would know that God sent him (**Acts 7:21**) but It didn't happen like that...

¹³ When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, "Why do you strike your companion?" ¹⁴ He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known." ¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well...

So think about this, Moses, WAS in the nicest house, WAS in the best university, He HAD a promising future ahead of him...He places His faith in God...and now he's in Midian sitting next to a well, trying to figure out what to do next

1. He will live out in the wilderness for 40 years going from a "somebody" to a "nobody" from the end of chapter 2 to the beginning of chapter 3
2. **App:** This is something that every follower of Jesus has to experience and possibly frequent over the course of their lives
 - (1) Think about this, Moses was greatly educated, yet His real training would come in the wilderness - This is what "God's school" looks like

This is where God calls Him...

III. Moses' last 40 years - He's a servant

Exodus 3:2 (ESV) ² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.

So theres a flaming bush, yet, no smoke, and this is where God explains to Moses His Plan

Exodus 3:7–8 (ESV) ⁷ Then the Lord said, “I have surely **seen the affliction of my people** who are in Egypt and **have heard their cry** because of their taskmasters. **I know their sufferings,** ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey

1. **God hears the cry of His people** - Thats important to hear because their are many times when we think that we're on our own in the battles of this life...but exodus tells us, that God hears the our cries...and I have a plan

I'm sure Moses was very excited about this! until verse 10

¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

2. **God choses regular people like you and me to fulfill His plans** - this has always been God's method for God reaching people...people
3. **Insight:** Now, when we're called by God, you usually have one of 2 overreactions...I can do anything! or I can't do anything!

(1) Moses has experienced both so far...But now He feels like He can't do anything...

Exodus 3:11 (ESV) ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” ¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “**I am who I am.**” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ”

Moses say’s who am I? God says “It doesn’t matter who you are...It matters who I am and I will be with you”

1. God calls himself “I am” - “**The all becoming One**” this is the reason we can step out in confidence when God calls us, not because we’re something special, but because everything we need to accomplish the task, he will provide

(1) Chapter 4 tells us of all these signs that God had given to Moses to fulfill His plan

The Exodus from Egypt (Chapters 4-12)

So Now Moses is on board to be used by God to free His people from Slavery...AND 8 TIMES He goes before Pharaoh and says “thus says the Lord, Let my people go”...We see Pharaoh’s refusal

Exodus 5:1–2 (ESV) ¹ Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’ ” ² **But Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.”**

In Pharaoh's response to God we have an incredible illustration and explanation of **Romans 8:7 (ESV)** *For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.*

1. **Here's the point:** Unbelieving man is at war with God. **In the Book of Exodus** there are 14 references to Pharaoh's heart being hardened. Seven times we're told that God hardened his heart. Seven times were' told that Pharaoh hardened his heart. Pharaoh hardened his own heart in response to the Revelation of God's power that proved the gods of Egypt to be false. He hardened his heart to the Word of God
2. You can put clay and wax in the sun. The same influence of the sun will harden the one and melt the other. We see this on display in the Gospels. The words and miracles of Christ won the hearts of many. But these SAME words and miracles HARDENED the hearts of the Pharisees. They responded by wanting to kill Jesus rather than follow Jesus.
3. **Here's the point:** In Pharaoh we learn that if a man wants to harden his heart against God, God will consent to His choice

The True and Living God will show Pharaoh who He really is. He will do it by way of 10 plagues.

From Exodus 7 through Exodus 10 there were 9 Plagues.

1. Water turned to blood, 7:14–25
2. Plague of Frogs, 8:1–15
3. Plague of Lice, 8:16–19
4. Plague of Flies, 8:20–24
5. Plague on cattle, 9:1–7
6. Plague of Boils on the people, 9:8–12

7. Plague of Hail, fire, 9:13–35
8. Plague of Locusts, 10:1–20
9. Plague of darkness, 10:21–23

Most people think about these plagues pretty much in terms of how many and how radical they are; especially the generation who grew up thinking that Moses was really Charlton Heston. They think of the plagues merely in terms of God's judgment on Egypt for enslaving the descendants of Abraham; or merely as God strong arming Pharaoh to let the Israelites go.

Above all — these plagues were tailor made judgments designed to attack the false belief system and false gods of Egypt.

Exodus 12:12on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord.

1. **The water turned to blood** - The Nile River was worshiped as a god since it was their source of life (Deut. 11:10–12), and when Moses turned it into blood, God showed His power over the river.
2. **The plague of Frogs** - The goddess Heq was pictured as a frog, the Egyptian symbol of resurrection.
3. **The plagues of lice and flies** - The lice and flies brought defilement to the people—a terrible blow, for Egyptians could not worship their gods unless they were spotlessly clean.
4. **The plague on cattle** - The murrain attacked the cattle which were sacred to the Egyptians
5. **Boils, Hail, Locust** - The gods and goddesses that controlled health and safety were attacked in these plagues
6. **The plague of darkness** - **This** was the most serious, since Egypt worshiped the sun god, Ra, the chief of the gods. When the sun was blotted out for three days, it meant that Jehovah had conquered Ra.

In the midst of these plagues Pharaoh wanted relief from the plagues but he didn't want to release the Jews, so he presented Moses with a number of compromises

4. **His first proposition (8:25): Worship God but don't leave Egypt.**
The picture — Okay, be a Christian but don't turn your back on the world system that is organizing itself without God and against God.
5. **Second proposition (8:28): If you must go, don't go far.** The picture — If you must worship Jesus, don't be a fanatic about Him.
6. **Third proposition (10:7-11): Only let the men go worship.** The picture — If you must worship Jesus don't involve your family. Don't force your Jesus on your kids. Don't worry about the salvation of your kids. Don't teach them about worship. Don't teach them how to THINK about God and relate to God. A lot of parents have left their kids in Egypt!
7. **The fourth proposition (10:24-26): Go worship but leave your possessions in Egypt.** The picture — Don't worship the Lord with your possessions. Give everything to God but your money. This is one of our adversary's most clever compromises.
8. **Here's the point: You get you to serve two masters...**

Passover and outgoing (Chapters 11-12)

Exodus 11:4–6 (ESV) ⁴ So Moses said, “Thus says the Lord: ‘About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, ⁵ **and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle.** ⁶ There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again.

So here is God's final plague of Pharaoh and Egypt...and some might say this is quite harsh, but remember this is exactly what Pharaoh tried to do with the children of Israel

But God was setting His people up for something incredible

Exodus 12:1 ¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you

Something so POWERFUL, so WONDERFUL, was going to happen that they would **measure time by it - set their calendars by it!** It spoke of a completely new beginning to life

1. **HERE'S THE PICTURE** — Something so POWERFUL, and so WONDERFUL happens when the blood of Jesus is applied to your life - (deliverance from the power and penalty of sin) - that it brings about a NEW BEGINNING.

God begins to give instructions on how they would be spared from this 10th plague...

Exodus 12:3-5 ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take **a lamb** according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵**Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old.** ⁶**and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.**

Theres this saying "The New is in the Old Contained." This is ALL about Jesus.

- A. **1 Corinthians 5:7** For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

B. **Rev. 13.8** speaks of Jesus as **THE Lamb slain** from the foundation of the world.

C. **John the Baptist** would say **“Behold! The Lamb** of God who takes away the sin of the world! **John 1.29**

7“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it..... ¹¹....It is the Lord’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord.

Verse 22 tells us that they were to slay the lamb in the basin, the little ditch at the threshold of the door. They were to put the blood on the two door posts, the uprights. And then on the lintel, over the door. And in so doing you have a beautiful picture of 2 crosses with THE LAMB SLAIN in the center.

1. What an awesome PICTURE of Calvary — where Jesus, the Lamb of God, was crucified between two criminals.

¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

So here’s the picture:

1. The blood was the only thing that could save them
2. They had to consume the Lamb (Receive Jesus by Faith)
3. This would signify a new Beginning

What a wonderful picture of Salvation

1. The passover is a picture of our salvation...

2. **Their Story** - “Through the lamb, God rescues the Israelites from slavery of Pharaoh”
3. **Our Story** - “Through the Jesus (The lamb of God) God has rescues the world from the slavery of sin and death”

What happens next is also picture of what happens when Jesus redeems us...He doesn't abandon us, He guides us

THE REMAINDER OF THE EXODUS (Chapters 12 and 13)

Here we see the account of the outgoing

So God is leading them, Protecting them, And the promise land was only about 11 days away...but they still wouldn't arrive until in the promise land until 40 years later? Did God not know where He was going?...why did it take so long?

In Exodus 19:4 We get a glimpse into the real destination God was leading them too...**Exodus 19:4 (ESV) 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself**

1. **This 11 day journey turned into a 40 year journey because this wasn't about transportation...It was about transformation**
2. **App:** You see the destination was never cannen...It was himself

Now, from Egypt to Mt Sinai there are 6 places where the children of Israel would rest...And each on of these place provides for us a picture of what our journey after redemption looks like...

I. ETHAM - Chapters 13:20-21 - Relationship

Exodus 13:20–21 (ESV) ²⁰ And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. ²¹ **And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.**

Not only did God redeem them from slavery, but But goes with them and guides them through the wilderness

1. **Here's the picture:** Thats the same for the believer today. Not only have you been saved out of slavery, but you have been saved into relationship with God
2. He is our guide, our protector, our supplier
3. The safest place to be is right where God wants you to be

II. PI-HAHAROTH - Chapter 14:2 - Faith

Exodus 14:2–3 (ESV) ³ Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, ‘They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.

Heres the situation, God's leading them, and the first place He takes them is between a rock and a hard place

1. The Israelites see Egyptians coming...do they start to pray?...no they do what we might do...they start to whine
2. Exodus 14:11–12 (ESV) ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

3. That can be a common trait for us...
4. But God was about to Do something spectacular...He parted the red sea
5. ¹³And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”
6. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY HUGE — Moses had NO CLUE as to HOW this deliverance would be accomplished. But he understood how valuable the Israelites were to God on the basis of how great a redemption God accomplished for them
7. **Here’s the point:** God will lead you into these places...where your out of options...will you be the Israelites, complaining and whining, or will you be Moses...sometimes we’re both:)

III. MARAH - Chapter 15:22-23 - Forgiveness

Exodus 15:22–25 (ESV) ²² Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. ²⁴ And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” ²⁵ And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them...

Here is this bitter water, unable to provide refreshment to anyone or anything...And the Lord shows Moses a tree and He says “throw it in the water” and those bitter waters become sweet

1. This is such a beautiful picture of of what the cross can do to a bitter Heart

- (1) When you realize how much you've been forgiven, It frees you up to forgive others...

IV. ELIM - Chapter 15:27 - Refreshment

Exodus 15:27 (ESV) ²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

This place was the picture of refreshment in a dry area...

1. And this is what will happen to you over time as you journey with God, as you consistently place the cross in the bitter waters of life... You will become an oasis of refreshment... But you have to be willing to leave Marah to get to Elim...
2. Some are not willing...are you?

V. THE WILDERNESS OF SIN - Chapter 16 - Daily dependence

So this is God provided Manna from Heaven

1. The word manna means "what is it?"
2. It is describe as a pastry with all the nutrients they would need everyday - Healthy Donuts:)
3. But they could only take enough for the day, if they took more then that it would go bad
4. **Here's the picture:** God wanted them to depend on him daily...

VI. REPHIDIM Chapter 17 - Always have eyes on Jesus

They arrive at Rephidim. Once again they were desperate for water. Their response was pretty much the same as their response at Mara. God had

proved that He was able to provide water and food for them, so why were they quarreling with Moses? **Because their hearts were still in Egypt! Again, one day to get them out of Egypt, but 40 years to get Egypt out of them.**

But this next time God provides for them in a unusual way...through a rock that He tells Moses to strike once...

Exodus 17:6 you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.”

1. Why did He do that? He was providing for them a prophetic picture of one who would come later, be struck for mankind sin and from His broken body will come life giving refreshment for all who drink of him
2. **This rock was a be a powerful Picture of Jesus: (1 Cor. 10:4)**
3. Struck once for the sins of mankind, and when we cry out to it...He will give us water that satisfies our souls
4. **Isaiah 53:5 (ESV) But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.**

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