

## Exodus

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### ➤ Intro:

- overview **Bible Class curriculum: Year 1, Quarter 2**
- **have to move fast**, about a year's history (40 chapters) in 2 lessons, can't read many of the Scriptures
  - **less than 2 minutes** per chapter / **lesson than 6 minutes** on each of the 13 lesson / can't repeat all lessons
- **illus.:** kids hate "education" vacations — this is an "educational" sermon
- **follow along**, use outline and answer questions

### ➤ Historical overview: Israelites in Egypt before the Exodus, Baby Moses (Ex. 1:1 - 2:10)

- **map:** locate Goshen, where Israel lived 400 years after moving there to be with Joseph
- - **pict:** **Rameses II** ruled over Egypt
- - **pict:** **enslaved** Israelites for fear that they would join an enemy nation and defeat Egypt
- - **pict:** **the city of Rameses** (now called Qantir) (**Ex. 1:11, 14**)
  - Israelite slaves built the store cities of **Pithom and Rameses**
- - **pict:** **temple of Rameses**, on the western edge of the village of Beni Mansur, dedicated mainly to the Osirian cult
- - **baby Moses**
  - date of the Exodus ranges between the **15<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries BC** among scholars
  - born in **captivity, saved by his parents** from Pharaoh's order to murder all Israelite baby boys
  - **pict:** **Moses kept for 3 months**, then put in a **basket that floated on the Nile**
  - **adopted by Pharaoh's daughter**, raised in Pharaoh's house — educated, luxury, fame, wealth

### ➤ Application: Israelites in Egypt before the Exodus, Baby Moses

- **Heb. 11:23** Moses parents were not afraid of the king's edict
- **don't be afraid to do the right thing**
  - Moses' parents weren't afraid to save Moses from death (king's edict) — disobey man to obey God
- - **Matt. 10:28** not fear those who kill body but not soul, fear Him who is able to destroy both
- **fear / peer pressure: two reactions, fight or flight** - must flee from sin and fight for truth
  - **flee from sin**
- - **2 Tim. 2:22** flee from youthful lusts
- **fight for the truth**
- - **Jude 1:3b** contend earnestly for the faith, handed down to the saints, once

➤ **Historical overview: Moses in Midian (Ex. 2:11-25)**

- **map:** locate **Goshen and Midian** (East of the Gulf of Aqaba)
- **Moses left Egypt** at age 40, because he had tried to help an Israelite and killed an Egyptian, Pharaoh sought to kill him
- Moses lived in Midian 40 years (age 80), worked for Jethro and married his daughter, Zipporah, fathered two sons

➤ **Application: Moses in Midian**

- **Heb. 11:24-27** Moses' commitment and attitude - be with God's people and reject sin
- **Chose to be with God's people, rather than enjoy sin — love**
  - This choice is love (agape)

➤ - **1 Jn. 5:1-4** (faith works through love)

- **vs. 1** believe Jesus, born of God (Jn. 1:12; Heb. 5:9)
- **vs. 2** love God and observe commandments
- **vs. 3** love God, keep His commandments, not burdensome
- **vs. 4** those born of God overcome the world, sin — **illus.: Moses — love God, commitment**

➤ **Historical overview: Moses - Deliverer of Israel (Ex. 3:1 - 7:13)**

- **pict: Sinai desert** - type of area Moses worked in
- **burning bush:** while Moses was pasturing Jethro's flock, God talked to him through the burning bush
- **commissioned Moses** to deliver the Israelites from bondage in Egypt
  - **gave him Aaron** (his brother) as a mouthpiece
  - **equipped with miraculous power** (signs) to prove that God had sent him - he was God's spokesman
- **Moses spoke to Pharaoh**, spokesman for God, Let My people go
  - Pharaoh **hardened his heart, made their enslavement more difficult**, did not give them straw to make bricks and didn't reduce their quota

➤ **Application: Moses - Deliverer of Israel**

- **God didn't give Moses advance warning - we must obey immediately**
  - **God spoke** to Moses — he **packed his things, family, departed for Egypt, after living there 40 years**
  - **Acts 22:16** "now why do you delay" - immediate action expected and required
- - **God doesn't accept excuses as to why we might think we can't do the work**
  - **Ex. 4:10-14a** climax after Moses offered a number of excuses - **Lord's anger burned**
  - **Matt. 25:24-30** God not accept excuse of lazy slave, punished
- - **Israelites suffered greatly before Pharaoh let the Israelites go — serving God involves enduring trials**
  - **1 Pet. 2:21-23** Christ's example, enduring trials
- 2 - **2 Tim. 3:12** all godly people will be persecuted
  - **Jn. 15:20** . . . 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. . .

➤ **Historical overview: The Ten Plagues (Ex. 7:14 - 11:10)**

- **map:** Rameses, capital of Egypt, where Moses probably spoke to Pharaoh
- **God sent 10 plagues** to compel Pharaoh to let his people go: water to blood, frogs, lice, flies, death of cattle, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, death of the first born
- - **Reason that God sent the plagues, making Pharaoh let Israel go by compulsion:**
- - **Ex. 6:7** so that **Israel would know that He was the Lord**
  - also, the manna and meat God provided for them in the desert showed them that the Lord brought them out of Egypt (Ex. 16:6, 12)
- 2 - **Ex. 7:5** so that the **Egyptians would know that He was the Lord**
  - also in Ex. 7:17; 8:10, 22; 9:14, 29; 10:2; 14:4, 18

➤ **Application: Message of the Plagues**

- **Jehovah is God over all** — over all creation (human, animal, weather, *acts of God*, etc.)
  - different plagues attacked different Egyptian gods, proving that Jehovah's is the true God
- **illus.: Representation of the Plagues**
- - **idols are created by men and powerless**
  - idols are powerless, not divine; therefore they are created by men
  - **Col. 3:5** consider your earthly body as dead to. . . — which amounts to idolatry
    - **What is idolatry today? — putting anything before God in our lives — \$, possessions, recreation, work, relationships (spouse, parents, children, friends)**
- - **any religion, except that prescribed by God, is vain** (worthless, powerless, avails nothing, ends in damnation)
- - **Mk. 7:6-9** vain worship, human traditions
- **all our blessings come from God** — not from pagan deities
- 2 - **Ja. 1:17** every good thing, perfect gift, is from above, Father of lights

➤ **Historical overview: The Passover (Ex. 12:1 - 13:16)**

- **pict: Last Supper / Passover** (artist rendering)
- **calendar reset**, this became the 1<sup>st</sup> month (Nissan)
- **on tenth day took a lamb**, without blemish, kept it until slaughtered at twilight on the 14<sup>th</sup>
  - lamb could be shared with another family
- **what they did with the lamb**
  - **killed, put some blood** on doorposts and lintel (**pict**)
  - **roast lamb and eat** with unleavened bread
  - **burn the leftovers**, not keep till the next day
- **dressed when they ate:** loins girded, sandals on feet, staff in hand, eat in haste because it is the Lord's Passover
- **blood, God will pass over** (therefore, **Passover**)
- **7 day feast** - 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

➤ **Application: The Passover**

- **Jesus: observe Passover and instituted Lord's Supper**

- **pict: traditional upper room, Last Supper**

- **Thursday evening**, apostles prep, Jesus wash apostles' feet, apostles' wonder which would betray Jesus and Judas identified, Passover observed, L.S. instituted, Jesus teach, walk to garden

➤ - **Jesus: our Passover, lamb**

- **1 Cor. 5:7** Christ our Passover

- **1 Pet. 1:18-19** Christ, lamb - price, redeemed

➤ - **salvation: washed in Jesus' blood**

- **Ex. 12:12-13** Passover, blood, God pass over

- **Rev. 1:5; 7:14-15** Jesus, blood, saved, heaven, God pass over

- **illus.: Song, "When I See The Blood" (#289)** - review lyrics

➤ **Conclusion / Summary Part I:**

- message of the Exodus: God's plan for His people is always accomplished, according to His will
    - as humans, we can't always understand God's mind, and know why things occur in our lives and the world
    - but we always know that He is accomplishing His will - His way
    - our job: worship and do the work He ordained before He created the world
  - **Inv.: God's will for you — salvation, washed in Jesus' blood, heaven for eternity**
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➤ **Intro. Part II**

➤ **2 - review maps / picts:**

- Goshen (slavery, exodus) & Midian (Moses, Jethro)
- Passover (Last Supper)

➤ **Historical overview: The Exodus (Ex. 13:17 - 14:31)**

- **map: proposed routes** of the Exodus — Southern Route most logical

➤ **- map: the Exodus**

- from **Rameses to Succoth - red**
- to **Etham** on the edge of the wilderness - **green**
- camp **before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon**, opposite it by the sea
  - so **Pharaoh will think they are wandering aimlessly - blue**
- God **not allow them to do the way of the Philistines**, so they not become discouraged and turn back

➤ **- map: Sea of Reeds (Red Sea):**

- **Yam Suph** - the Sea of Reeds (Ex. 13:18; 15:4)
- **do not know where the Sea of Reeds is**, but it was a body of water large enough for the Egyptians to drown and be defeated by God (Ex. 15:4)

➤ **Application: The Exodus**

- **God doesn't always lead us on the easiest path of life**

- God didn't let them go the easiest and fastest way, so they wouldn't be discouraged, turn back and sin — trials keep us from sin, build character and hope (Ex. 13:17-18)

- **Rom. 5:3-5** rejoice in tribulation - perseverance, character, hope

- **Ja. 1:2-3** testing, endurance, perfect, lack nothing

➤ **- God sometimes makes us do things that appear stupid to the world**

- God had Israel do things that made them appear stupid, although they were truly being smart - look like they were lost in the wilderness (Ex. 14:1-4)

- **1 Cor. 1:18-21** message cross, power, wisdom. save those who believe

- **illus.: Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21** baptized to be saved

➤ **- God always has a solution to our problems**

- Israel trapped between Egypt and the Red Sea - parted the Red Sea, crossed dry land, destroyed Egyptians

- **1 Cor. 10:13** temptation, way of escape

- **Phil. 4:4-7** rejoice, not anxious, peace that surpasses comprehension

➤ **Historical overview: God Provided Food for Israel (Ex. 15:1 - 17:7)**

- **Moses and Israel sang a song** of praise for God's defeat of the Egyptians and Israel's deliverance
  - God had purchased His people by delivering them from Egypt (Ex. 15:16)
- **map: Wilderness of Shur:** Israel went 3 days into the wilderness of Shur after crossing the Red Sea
  - **3 days journey** with millions of people, not very far
- - **pict: Shur — desert, little water** — God turned the bitter water to sweet, saved Israel
- - **map: Wilderness of Sin,** God gave them manna and quail to eat
- - **map: Rephidim,** no water, Israel grumbled, Moses struck the rock and water came forth

➤ **Application: God Provided Food for Israel**

- **We will sing a new song in heaven**, song of praise of the saved in heaven
  - **after deliverance from Egypt, Israel sang a song**, praise for God's defeat of the Egyptians and their deliverance
    - **Rev. 15:2-4** we will sing the song of Moses, song of victory, praising God, in heaven
- - **God's commands test us - our reaction tells God whether we believe and love Him**
  - **Ex. 15:25-26** God's test: command, obey, saved
    - **illus.: God tested Abraham** by giving him the command to offer Isaac
- 2 - **Gen. 22:1** God tested Abraham, command to offer Isaac
  - **today: God's commands test us** — believe, repent, confess, baptized, remain faithful, church, worship
- - **God gives us the food we need — spiritual, physical**
  - **Israel:** manna, quail
  - **God provides us with food — spiritual and physical**
    - **1 Pet. 2:2** milk, babes; cf. Jn. 4 (living water); cf. Jn. 6:33 (bread of life)
    - **Matt. 6:31-34** not worry, eat, seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness
- - **Jesus is our spiritual rock**
  - **Moses struck the rock** and it produced water (Ex. 17:1-7) — Christ
- - **1 Cor. 10:1-4** the rock from which they drank was Christ — He is our rock - source of our blessings
- 2 - **Eph. 1:3** all spiritual blessings in Christ
  - **Matt. 7:24-27** build life upon rock - words of Jesus

➤ **Historical overview: Israel versus the Amalekites (Ex. 17:8-16)**

- **map: Shur, Sinai, Rephidim** (water from rock, attacked by Amalekites)

➤ - **pict: Rephidim**

- **Amalekites?**

- tribe, some believe to be the descendants of Esau - either in part or the whole

- Israel's first contact with them was at Rephidim

- Israel had a few encounters with the Amalekites

- later, Saul was commanded to annihilate the nation, because of what they had done to Israel

- **Amalekites dirty tricks - sin!**

- they attacked Israel from the rear, preying on the weak and feeble, without being provoked by Israel - they did not fear God (Deut. 25:17-18)

➤ **Application: Israel versus the Amalekites**

- **people and nations who make war with God's people are always punished (destroyed)**

- **Amalekites attacked Israel**, defeated, eventually the whole nation was destroyed (Ex. 17:8)

➤2 - **1 Sam. 15:2-3** God's command - Amalekites annihilated

- **Rev. 19:1-2, 11-16** defeat of Rome, who had persecuted the saints

➤ - **obey God and you'll win the battle — be saved, live in heaven for eternity**

- **Moses obeyed, Joshua obeyed, Israel obeyed, Israel victorious** (Ex. 17:10)

- although Joshua would have been untrained in warfare, as an Egyptian slave

➤2 - **2 Tim. 4:7-8** fight, finish, crown of righteousness

- **Rom. 8:28, 31, 38-39** guaranteed victory — fight, finish, crown

- **illus.: hymn, *Trust And Obey* (#326)**

➤ - **sometimes God's commands don't make sense, from a worldly perspective**

- **Moses' hand up Israel prevailed / Moses' hand down Amalekites prevailed** (Ex. 17:11)

- God teach Israel that He was the One who was fighting, more than them

- faith, obey, even when not sensible from worldly perspective

- **illus.: *David, Goliath, the battle belongs to the Lord***

- **Heb. 11:32-34** faith, obedience, in weakness become strong



➤ **Historical overview: Moses and Jethro? (Ex. 18:1-27)**

- **map: Midian to Rephidim** - Jethro to see Moses
- **Jethro:** Moses' father-in-law, a priest in Midian
- **Jethro heard God** delivered them out of Egypt, brought his wife and 2 boys to him
- **Moses told him about what God had done**, whereby they were delivered from Egypt
- **Jethro rejoiced** over all the goodness of the Lord, blessed and praised God, sacrificed which he shared with Aaron and the elders
- **Jethro saw that Moses judged the people alone, gave him advice** how to use other men to help him
  - **Moses heeded Jethro's advice**, changed

➤ **Application: Moses and Jethro**

- **We must listen to wise counsel** — humble, not arrogant, change (Ex. 18:17-24)
  - **Moses listened to wise counsel** — he was humble, not arrogant to be unchanging (Ex. 18:vs. 17-24)
- 2 - **Pr. 1:5; 12:15; 19:20** hear, understand, listen to wise counsel, accept discipline
  - **Ja. 1:19-22** quick to hear, heed godly counsel rather than become angry, receive implanted word, be doers
- - **no one can do it alone, we all need help**
  - **Moses couldn't do it alone** — he needed help, let others help (Ex. 18:17-18ff)
  - **God's plan for the church** — help each other
    - **Rom. 12:10-13, 15** devoted, brotherly love, fervent, hospitality, rejoice and weep with others
  - **caution:** beware of evil companions (1 Cor. 15:33), influence, use them to help - choosing a spouse

➤ **Historical overview: The Ten Commandments (Ex. 19:1 - 31:18)**

- **map: Sinai** — Israel traveled from Rephidim to Sinai, stayed 1 year

➤2 - **2 pict: Sinai mountains, Mount Sinai**

- **God commanded Israel purify themselves**, He was coming to visit them on Mount Sinai

- **people afraid**, wanted Moses to talk with God, come back and report what He commands

- **Moses went up to Sinai to get the Ten Commandments** - 40 days and nights

- **came down and saw Israel's sin with the golden calf**, broke the tablets, eventually went back to get another copy

➤ **Application: The Ten Commandments**

- **God's people are the ones who obey Him**

➤2 - **Ex. 19:5** God's people (possession) if we obey Him

- **Christians:**

- **Tit. 2:14** purify for Himself His own special people (NKJ)

- **1 Pet. 2:9** chosen generation, royal priesthood, holy nation, chosen people (NKJ) (cf. Ex. 19:6)

➤2 - **Heb. 5:9** obey Jesus — brought near by the blood of Christ (Eph. 2:1-13)

➤ - **we must prepare to worship God**

➤ - **Ex. 19:10-11** Israel prepared for worship, to serve God

- **Christians:**

➤2 - **Heb. 10:24-25** assembling for worship not like going to the movies, recreation

- **Rom. 12:1-2** living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, renewing of our minds - knowledge (Col. 3:10)

➤ - **The Ten Commandments (Mosaic Law) are not authoritative today - we live under Christ's law**

- **Heb. 7:12** law changed — live under law of Christ (1 Cor. 9:27; Gal. 6:2)

- all but one of the 10 commandments reiterated in the law of Christ, except Sabbath

- **Review - 2 Cor. 3:4-11** old law, minister of death

- **vs. 6** letter kills

- **vs. 7** ministry of death, written on stones

- **vs. 9** ministry of condemnation

- **vs. 11** passing away

➤2 - **Gal. 6:2** live under law of Christ (1 Cor. 9:27; cf. Heb. 5:9)

➤ **Historical overview: The Golden Calf (Ex. 32:1 - 34:35)**

- **pict: golden calf** (artist's rendering), Moses in background
- **while Moses is on Mount Sinai** receiving the Ten Commandments (40 days & nights), Israel makes a golden calf (idol), tries to use it to worship God
- **God wanted to destroy** Israelites and start again with a new nation from Moses
  - Moses prayed and God relented
- **Moses came down and saw** what Israel was doing with golden calf
  - threw tablets (10 commandments) down, shattered them
  - golden calf: burned it, ground it up, scattered it over the surface of the water, made the people drink it
- **Israel, first worship of a calf was at Sinai**, later in Bethel and Dan
  - **1 Ki. 12:25-33** Jeroboam set up two places of worship, golden calves, Bethel and Dan

➤ **Application: The Golden Calf**

- **we must be patient, wait on the Lord**
  - **Ex. 32:1** Moses was delayed, the people weren't patient
  - **we must be patient**, or we will sin and be lost
    - **illus. Saul's unlawful sacrifice (1 Sam. 13) - sinned, kingdom taken away**
  - **we must be patient**, or we will sin and be lost
- - **1 Cor. 13:4** love is patient, agape - God (1 Jn. 5:3)
- - **P- Ja. 5:7-8** be patient till coming of the Lord, as a farmer
- - **patient:** to be of a long spirit, not to lose heart - to be patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others (longsuffering)
- - **God rejects man-made religious worship**
  - **Ex. 32:5-10** Israel worshiped God using the golden calf and its alter - **God rejected their worship**
    - **God does not accept** any worship except that which He authorizes
      - Israel had corrupted themselves **(32:7)**
      - they turned away quickly **(32:8)**
      - Israel worshiped and sacrificed to the calf - although they were worshiping God in their minds **(32:9)**
  - **God demands the worship He commands**
    - - **Mk. 7:6-9** worship God not command is vain, no matter what we say with our lips
    - - **Col. 2:16-18** not let people judge us for not adhering to manmade religious ordinances
    - - **Col. 2:20-22** not submit to manmade religious decrees
    - 2 - **Col. 2:23** this is self-made religion, no value
  - **The Lord rejects lukewarmness**
    - **Rev. 3:14-16** Laodicea, lukewarm Christians, spit out of mouth
- - **godly leadership is necessary among God's people — everyone can be a leader - right & wrong**
  - **Ex. 32:21-25** Aaron brought sin upon the people, people out of control — **poor leadership**
    - **How?** by giving into their sinful desires, rather than leading — then excusing it
  - **be like Joshua:** decide, stand for truth, even if you are alone
    - **Josh. 24:15b** “. . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”
      - **e.g.:** family, homes, neighborhood, school, dorm, apartment complex, congregation
    - **illus.:** song, *Dare To Stand Like Joshua* (#480)

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- message of the Exodus: God's plan for His people is always accomplished, according to His will
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- **Inv.:** God's will for you — salvation, washed in Jesus' blood, heaven for eternity
  - **Dare To Stand Like Joshua**

## Representation of the Plagues

Plague	<u>Representation</u>
<b>Water to Blood</b>	<b>Power over Nilus:</b> Jehovah was more powerful than Nilus, their pagan god of the Nile.
<b>Frogs</b>	<b>Power over Isis:</b> The frogs represented the fertility goddess, Isis, that was supposed to help women in childbirth. The frog that symbolized life was left to be raked in heaps of rotting piles of death.
<b>Gnats / Lice</b>	<b>Power over Seth:</b> The lice which came up to live out of the dust of the earth represented the Egyptians god of the earth, Seth. God tormented them with a small pest rather than a ferocious, wild animal, showing his abundant power.
<b>Flies</b>	<b>Power over Ekron:</b> Beelzebub, the prince of the power of the air, has been glorified as the god of Ekron — god of flies. The stinging, disease-carrying flies ruined the land, coming only upon the Egyptians and not Israel.
<b>Death of Cattle</b>	<b>Power over Apis:</b> The bull was sacred in Egypt, identified with Apis. The Egyptians' livestock died, but not the Israelites.
<b>Boils</b>	<b>Power over Egyptian shamans:</b> The Egyptians, along with the magicians were afflicted by the boils, demonstrating the Shamans' inability to overpower God. None of the Israelites were afflicted with boils, proving the superiority of Israel's God over Egyptian shamans and idols.
<b>Hail</b>	<b>Power over agricultural shamans:</b> The sorcerers (shamans) allegedly controlled the weather in Egypt. By giving the Egyptians a one-day warning before the hail storm, God proved his power over the weather and Egyptian sorcerers. It did not rain or hail on the Israelites, showing that the God of Israel was superiority to the sorcerers and idols in Egypt.
<b>Locust</b>	<b>Power over the gods and the agricultural shamans:</b> East wind brought locusts that went over all of Egypt — more locusts than had ever been, or ever would be in Egypt. The plague devastated the land; therefore, showing God's power over Egypt's gods and the agricultural shamans.
<b>Darkness</b>	<b>Power over Re, and thus Pharaoh:</b> Re was the Sun god of Egypt, and Pharaoh was allegedly his son. The darkness from God proved His superiority over the Sun-god of Egypt and thus Pharaoh, his son.
<b>Death of Firstborn</b>	<b>Power over Egyptian deities - control over life and death:</b> The symbolism of slaying the firstborn on the night of the full moon, and the removal of Israel from Egypt on that day and night, was a display of authority over those deities, and thus authority over life and death.