

Exodus- 40 Chapters

Title:

Exodus- literally “a road out [of Egypt]”

Hebrew Title- “[These are the] Names” (1:1)

Author:

Anonymous, attributed to Moses

Occasion and Purpose:

Written at the Exodus for the new nation to understand their identity, heritage and responsibility.

A polemic against false Gods, showing that the God of Israel is the one true God.

Narrating God’s revelation of Himself through the mighty acts of the Exodus and the creation of the covenant people.

Themes:

1. The NAME
2. Deliverance/Rescue
3. Covenant
4. God’s presence with His people

Summary:

The story of God's rescuing the nation of Israel from Egypt and creating a nation out of this family. Through the miraculous plagues and the leadership of Moses, the nation of Israel left Egypt and camped in the desert. Then God entered into a covenant with them to make them a special nation for Himself. He gave them the law in the form of the Ten Commandments and other laws as a way for them to live in holiness with Him and He gave them the design for the tabernacle as His dwelling place among them.

Organization:

In Egypt	Oppression in Egypt		1:1-22
	Moses	Early Life – 2:1-25	2:1-6:27
		Call – 3:1-4:17	
		Return and Failure – 4:18-5:21	
		God’s Design – 5:22-6:13	
		Genealogy – 6:14-27	
Plagues Cycle		6:28-11:10	
Passover (Climax of plagues) and Exodus		12:1-13:16	
In the Desert	Crossing the Red Sea		13:17-14:31
	The Songs of Moses and Miriam		15:1-21
	Doubt in the Wilderness		15:22-17:7
	First War		17:8-16
	Jethro’s visit		18:1-27
At Sinai	Covenant	Prologue – 19:1-25	19:1-24:18
		Ten Commands – 20:1-26	
		Book of the Law – 21:1-23:19	
		Angel Promised – 23:20-33	
		Covenant Ceremony – 24:1-18	
	Instructions for Worship		25:1-31:18
	Covenant broken and renewed		32:1-34:35
	Building of Tabernacle		35:1-40:38

Key Verses:

3:9-15; 6:6-8; 9:14-16; 14:30-31; 19:4-6; 33:14-20; 34:5-7; “Just as the LORD commanded Moses”; 40:34-35