



## Class 3 - Exodus

*Old Testament Seminar - Immanuel Church*

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### Part 1: Exodus 1-19

#### Overview of Ex. 1-19

- Redemptive-historical context and setting – 1:1, 1:7
- God’s response – 2:24, 3:8
- Conflict with Pharaoh / Plagues – 5:1-2, 8:22
- Passover and Exodus – 12:13, 14:4
- Journey to Mt. Sinai – 19:4-5

#### Major Themes in Exodus

##### I. God’s Unique Identity

- 3:14 | “I AM WHO I AM”
- 5:1-2 | “Who is The LORD?”
  - Covenant-keeping (6:5)
  - Utterly supreme (8:10)
  - The great warrior (15:2-3)
  - The caring provider (16:11-12)
- **John 8:58** | “Before Abraham was, I am!”

##### II. God’s Pattern of Redemption

- 1) 3:7 | The problem: slavery
  - 2) 6:6 | The solution: judgment and sacrifice
  - 3) 3:8 | The result: worship in the promised land
- Psalm 130:7

- Exile and return
- Titus 2:14 – Redemption in Christ

### III. God's Gracious Provision of a Substitutionary Sacrifice

- **12:12-13** | God's grace in the Passover
- **Jesus Christ: Our Passover Lamb**  
*(Jn. 1:29, 1 Cor. 5:7, Jn. 19:36, Mt. 26:29)*
- Emphasis on Spiritual Liberation

### IV. God's Special People

- **9:5-6** | A holy nation
- **4:22-23** | "Israel is my firstborn son"
  - Through the waters | Chap. 14
  - In the desert | 16:2
  - Grumbling about food | 16:8
  - Putting the LORD to the test | 17:2
  - Worshiping other gods | Chap. 32
- **Matthew 3-4** | The true Son of God

### V. God's Glorious Motive

- **6:7** | "Then you will know..."
- **14:4, 7:3-4** | "I will harden Pharaoh's heart"
- **Revelation 1:5-6** | "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever! Amen."

## Study Outline for Exodus 1-19<sup>1</sup>

- i. Setting: Israel in Egypt (1:1-1:22)
  - a. The sons of Jacob become the people of Israel (1:1-7)
  - b. New pharaoh oppresses Israel in slavery (1:8-2:25)
- ii. Call of Moses (2:1-4:31)
  - a. Burning bush: call of Moses (3:1-4:17)
  - b. Moses returns from Midian to Egypt (4:18-31)
- iii. Moses and Aaron: initial request (5:1-7:7)
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  - b. God promises to deliver Israel from Egypt (5:22-6:9)
  - c. Moses and Aaron: synopses and genealogy (6:10-30)
  - d. Moses encouraged (7:1-7)
- iv. Plagues and Exodus (7:8-15:21)
  - a. Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh: initial sign (7:8-13)
  - b. Trio of plagues: blood, frogs, gnats (7:14-8:19)
  - c. Trio of plagues: flies, livestock killed, boils (8:20-9:12)
  - d. Trio of plagues: hail, locusts, darkness (9:13-10:29)
  - e. Tenth Plague/final sign: the Passover (11:1-12:39)
  - f. The Exodus and instructions for remembrance (12:40-13:16)
  - g. Israel delivered and Egypt judged at the Red Sea (13:17-15:21)
- v. Journey to Sinai (15:22-19:25)
  - a. Water problem: Marah (15:22-27)
  - b. Food problem: manna (16:1-36)
  - c. Water problem: Massah and Meribah (17:1-7)
  - d. Passage problem: Israel defeats Amalek (17:8-16)
  - e. Judgment problem: Jethro advises Moses (18:1-27)
  - f. Holiness problem: the LORD descends upon Sinai (19:1-25)

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<sup>1</sup>Adapted from the *ESV Study Bible*.

## Part 2: Exodus 20-40

### Context

- Historical Context  
mid 15th century BC, at the foot of Mount Sinai
- Redemptive-Historical Context  
Promises are being fulfilled!  
Israel now directed how to be Yahweh's people

### Theme

God is establishing the covenant terms to direct His people in how to live in fellowship with Him since He will now dwell with them.

### Structure

(look at "chiasm" on the back of your handout)

### Covenant Obligations (Chapters 20-23)

#### The Ten Commandments (Chapter 20)

#### Where do commandments fit into a covenant of grace?

- The law teaches God's people *how* to image him
- Galatians 3:17-19: the law leads us to Christ
- Israel is *already* saved

## **Covenant Disobedience and Covenant Grace – Exodus 32-34**

The Glory of God – Exodus 33:12-23

### **The Tabernacle – Exodus 25-31, 35-40:1-33**

1. Where atonement for sins is made

Hebrews 9:26

2. Only through an atonement for sins does anyone have fellowship with God

John 14:6

3. Where God reveals Himself

Hebrews 1:2

4. Where God is reconciled with His people

Romans 5:11

5. Where God's glory dwells

John 1:14

6. A physical place for the invisible God to manifest Himself

Colossians 2:9

7. Where God can be known

John 14:7

### **Covenant Presence**

Promised: Chapter 24

Realized: Exodus 40\_34-38

The Climax of Redemptive-History So Far

## Chiasm

- i. Ex. 20-23: Covenant Obligations
- \ii. Ex. 24: Covenant Ceremony (the promise to be with them)
- \iii. Ex. 25-31: Covenant Mtg. Place (tabernacle described)
- | iv. Ex. 32-34: Covenant Disobedience and Grace
- / v. Ex. 35-40: Covenant Meeting Place Built
- /vi. Ex. 40:34-38<sup>[2]</sup>: Covenant Presence of the Lord

## A Study Outline for Exodus 20-40

- i. Ex. 20-23: Covenant Obligations
  - a. Ch. 20 Decalogue as standard for all of life
  - b. 21:1-22:15 Social life
  - c. 22:16-23:9 Moral life
  - d. 23:10-23:33 Religious calendar
- ii. Ex. 24: Covenant Ceremony (the promise to be with them)
- iii. Ex. 25-31: Covenant Mtg. Place (tabernacle described)
- iv. Ex. 32-34: Covenant Disobedience and Grace
  - a. Ch. 32- People break covenant; Moses intercedes
  - b. Ch. 33- Moses “sees” the glory of the LORD
  - c. Ch. 34- Covenant is renewed
- v. Ex. 35-40: Covenant Meeting Place Built
- vi. Ex. 40:34-38<sup>2</sup>: Covenant Presence of the Lord

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<sup>2</sup>Notice the mirroring effect (a “chiasm”). Sections II and VI are related in terms of promise and fulfillment, and sections III and V are related in terms of directions and obedience. That puts section IV in the middle of this chiasm, making it a central and crucial part of the book. And inside Section IV there is another chiasm. Chapters 32 and 34 are related in terms of covenant broken and covenant restored, with chapter 33 being highlighted in the middle.

This material is adapted from a course with the same name developed by Capitol Hill Baptist Church. It has been modified for our purposes and has been condensed to fit our time schedule. The original version is available on their website at <https://www.capitolhillbaptist.org/resources/core-seminars/series/old-testament-overview/>

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What is interesting about chapter 33 is that that is where we most clearly see the gospel in this second half of Exodus: Moses intercedes for the sinners, and Moses himself is hidden in the cleft of the rock so that he won't be destroyed by the glory of the LORD.