

## Old Testament Survey

### Exodus

**Author:** Moses (Exodus 24:4 cf. Deut. 31:9)

**Date:** Written ~ 1446 BC (date of Exodus). Period of time covered. ~1526 BC to ~1447 BC  
(birth of Moses to Construction of Tabernacle)

**Theme:** To teach Israel that they are redeemed to serve the Lord.

#### Outline:

- I. Redemption of Israel from Egypt. 1-18
- II. Establishment of the Mosaic Covenant. 19-40

#### Key People

Pharaoh	Miriam	Joshua
Moses	Aaron	

#### Key Chapters & Verses

(Bold is required for Elders)

3. The burning bush - commissioning of Moses

**3:13-15** God, the self-existent One, His active presence. (I am who I am).

4:11 - The Lord controls human abilities

7-11. The ten plagues on Egypt

**12.** The Passover

14. Crossing the Red Sea

15. The song of Moses, Provision of water at Marah

15:26 - The Lord, their healer

18. Jethro's counsel to Moses to delegate authority

19. Moses on Mt. Sinai with the LORD

19:5,6 - The Mosaic covenant. Israel is to be God's own possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation -If they obey.

**20:1-17** The ten commandments

21:22-24 Life begins at conception. Just penalty for injuries (eye for eye, etc) Lex Talionis

23:14-17 Laws concerning Feasts (unleavened bread, harvest and in-gathering)

**32.** The Golden Calf, Moses' entreaty for the people

**40.** Erection of the tabernacle & its filling with the glory of the LORD

Date of the Exodus: 1446 - 480 years prior to the dedication of Solomon's Temple in 966 (I Kings 6:1)

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**Exodus** - Outline

**I. Redemption of Israel from Egypt (1-18)**

**A. The Multiplication of Israel (1)**

1:1-7 Jacob's family in Egypt

1:8 A new king

1:9-14 Egyptians afraid, Israel oppressed

1:16-22 Pharaoh orders infanticide of newborn boys *God*

**B. Moses' Call and Commission (2-6)**

**1. Moses' Early Life (2)**

2:1-10 Birth & Preservation -

2:11-14 Moses' Justice.

2:15-22 Moses Refined in the desert

2:23-25 Children of Israel groan in bondage

**2. Moses' Commission (3-4)**

3:1-9 The Burning Bush -

3:10 Moses' first commission.

3:11 Moses' first excuse -

3:12 God's first answer -

3:13 Moses' second excuse -

3:14 God's second answer -

3:15-20 Instructions to Moses -

3:21-22 Prediction of spoiling Egypt (cf. Gen. 15:14)

4 Moses given power

4:1 Moses' third excuse -

4:2-5 First sign - staff changed into serpent and back again.

4:6-8 Second sign - leprosy -

4:9 Third sign - Power over Nile -

4:10-13 Moses' fourth excuse -

4:14-17 God's answer -

4:18-20 Moses returns to family & prepares to leave

4:21-23 Miracles predicted -

4:24-26 Moses returns to Egypt -

4:27-31 Moses & Aaron meet & go to Elders

### 3. Moses' First Confrontation with Pharaoh & Results (5-6)

5:1-5 Moses first visit to Pharaoh.

5:6-21 People's labors increased.

5:22-23 Moses' intercession -

6:1-9 God's promises to redeem them with an outstretched arm & great judgments

6:10-13 Moses' fifth excuse & God's charge -

6:14-27 Heads of families of Israel

## C. Redemption from Egypt

### 1. Plagues (7-11)

7:1-6 God tells Moses & Aaron His plans and purpose -

7:8-13 **Serpent** - *against the Psylli of Egypt - Magicians & Conjurers.*

7:14-25 **Water into Blood** *Nile was considered related to deities by Egyptians. **Khnum**: guardian of the Nile. **Hapi**: Spirit of the Nile. **Osiris** - Nile was considered this god's bloodstream.*

8:1-15 **Frogs** *against **Heqt**, god of resurrection - in shape of a frog.*

8:16-19 **gnats** - *against **Hathor**, **Nut** ? A small midge of some sort?*

8:20-32 **Insects** - *against **Shu**, **Isis** ?*

9:1-7 **Death of Cattle** *against **Hathor** (mother-goddess - in form of a cow), **Apis** (bull of god Ptah, symbol of fertility), & **Mnevis** (Sacred bull of Heliopolis).*

9:8-17 **Boils** *against **Sekhmet** ?*

9:18-35 **Hail** *against **Geb**?, **Nut** (sky goddess), **Isis** (goddess of life) & **Seth** (protector of crops)*

10:1-20 **Locusts** against **Serapis?**, **Isis** (goddess of life), **Seth** (protector of crops) ?

10:21-29 **Darkness** against **Ra/Aten/ Atum/ Horus** - various sun gods.

11:1-10 Revelation of the last plague - **Death of first born** *against Osiris*.

## **2. Passover & Exodus (12)**

12: 1-13 Instructions for the first Passover -

12:14-20 Instructions for future Passover memorials -

12:21-28 Instructions for Passover given to the people

12:29-30 The final plague -

12:31-41 Departure from Egypt -

12:42-51 The Passover Ordinance -

## **3. Consecration (13)**

13:1-16 Instructions on consecration of the first born -

13:17-22 Journey to Etham -

## **4. Destruction of Egyptian Army (14-15)**

14:1-10 Pharaoh pursues Israel

14:10-12 First complaint

14:13-22 Israel crosses the Red Sea -

14:23-31 Egyptian army destroyed -

15:1-21 Song of redemption.

15:22-27 Journey Marah and Elim -

## **5. Provision (16-17)**

16 Manna & Quail -

17:1-7 Water at Massah & Meribah -

17:8-16 Defeat of Amalek -

## **6. Organization (18)**

18:1-12 Jethro & Moses -

18:13-27 Moses organizes Israel -

## **II. Establishment of the Mosaic Covenant. (19-40)**

### **A. The Law is Given (19-23).**

19:1-25 Arrival at Sinai -

20:1-17 The Ten commandments -

*Related to God*

*Related to People*

20:18-21 The people's fear of God. -

20:22-26 First instructions for worship -

### **Domestic Laws (21-23)**

21:1-11 Slavery -

21:12-36 Personal injury -

22:1-5 Property rights -

22:16-23:9 Miscellaneous laws -

23:10-13 Sabbath laws - years & days

23:14-19 National feasts - Unleavened Bread, Harvest & Ingathering

23:20-33 Conquering the promised land -

### **B. The Covenant (24)**

24:1-8 The covenant is read and affirmed -

24:-18 On Mount Sinai -

### **C. Instructions for the Tabernacle & Worship (25-31)**

25:1-9 Contributions

25:10-22 The Ark of the Covenant

25:23-30 Table of Showbread

25:31-40 The Golden Lampstand.

26:1-14 Curtains -

- 26:15-30 boards and sockets,
- 26:31-37 Veil and screen.
- 27:1-8 Bronze altar
- 27:9-21 Court of Tabernacle.
- 28:1-43 Clothing for the priests -
- ) 29:1-46 Consecration of the priests -
- 30:1-10 Altar of incense
- 30:11-16 Half shekel Ransom
- 30:17-21 The Laver
- 30:22-33 The anointing oil
- 30:34-38 The incense.
- 31:1-11 The skilled craftsman -
- 31:12-18 The sign of the Sabbath.

#### **D. Rebellion & the Golden Calf (32)**

- 32:1 The Desire of the People -.
- 32:2-3 Aaron's Instructions -
- 32:4 Golden calf created & declared to be their God -
- 32:5 A feast of false worship -
- 32:6-10 God's anger and threat to destroy them -
- 32:11-14 Moses' entreaty -
- 32:15-21 Moses' anger -
- 32:22-24 Aaron's lie -
- 32:25-29 Consequences -
- 32:30-31 Moses' intercession -
- 32:32-35 God justice -

#### **E. Moses' Intercession (33)**

- 33:1-6 Journey resumes, mourning
- 33:7-11 The Tent of Meeting -
- 33:12-23 Moses Intercession & desire for God –

#### **F. The Covenant Renewed (34)**

34:1-9        Tablets replaced and God shows Moses his “afterglow”

34:10-28     Stipulations of the renewed covenant.

34:29-35f    Moses’ shining face

## **G. Preparation & Construction of the Tabernacle (35-40)**

### **35:1-36:7    Preparations:**

Sabbath (1-3),

Contributions (4-9),

Workmen (10-19),

Gifts received. (20-29),

Craftsmen (35:30-36:4)

Sufficient Gifts (36:5-7)

### **36:8-39:31   Construction:**

Curtains & veil (36:8-38),

The Ark (37:1-9),

Table (37:10-16),

Lampstand & utensils (37:17-24),

Altar of incense, oil & incense (37:25-29),

Altar of burn offerings (38:1-7),

Bronze laver (38:8),

Court (38:9-20)

Costs ( 38:21-31)

Priestly garments fashioned (39:1-31)

### **39:32-40:33   Tabernacle Completed**

Parts completed and gathered (39:32-43)

Instructions for Erection & Consecration (40:1-16)

Erection of the Tabernacle (40:17-33)

### **40:34-38   Shekinah Glory -**