

Through the Bible Course

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Exodus: The Book of Deliverance

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Key Word: Redemption

Key Verse: 20:2

Exodus means “going out” or “the way out.” The book of Exodus is a remarkable record of God’s deliverance from Egypt which is a type of figure of our bondage to sin and the world.

I. The Deliverer 1 – 4:28

1. Chapter 1 – bondage and suffering
 - a. Israel had multiplied mightily – 1:7
 - b. New king arose who knew not Joseph – 1:3
 - c. This king determined to be rid of Israel by affliction and cruelty – verses 10 to 15
 - i. Reached its climax in verse 16 where Pharaoh decreed death to all male children.
2. The deliverer born – 2:1,2
3. The deliverer preserved – 2:3-7
 - a. Moses means “drawn out.”
4. The deliverer prepared – 2:3-10
 - a. Under mother 2:9
 - b. In Pharaoh’s court 2:10
 - c. In Midian with God 2:15-22
5. The deliverer called 2:23-4:18
 - a. Reason:
 - i. Suffering of Israel 2:23
 - ii. God’s covenant with Abraham 2:24,25
 - b. The deliverer’s excuses and God’s answer:
 - i. 3:11-12
 - ii. 3:13-22
 - iii. 4:1-9
 - iv. 4:10-12
 - v. 4:13-17
6. The deliverer obeys call 4:18

II. The Deliverer 4:29-12

1. The deliverer accepted – 4:29-31
 - a. People believed and worshipped God – 4:31
2. The plagues – chapters 5 to 12: The divine purpose was two-fold.
 - a. In order to redeem Israel – 6:1-8

- b. To declare Himself God – 7:5; 14:18
- *Note: These plagues were directed against gods of Egyptians.
- 3. The final plague – the death of firstborn in every household; there were no exceptions unless the blood of the lamb had been sprinkled – 12:13. Then God claimed the first born – 13:1,2. Here we have a beautiful foreshadowing of Christ as Lamb of God – John 1:29; Hebrew 9:22; 1 Peter 1:18-20.
- 4. Pharaoh permits Israel to depart – 12:30-33

III. Their Wanderings – 13 to 18

- 1. They were led over an indirect route – 13:17,18
 - a. God led them 13:21-22
- 2. They were taught dependence upon God.
 - a. Hemmed in at Migdol – 14
 - b. Bitter water sweetened – 15:23-26
 - c. Hunger and manna – 16:1-36
 - d. Thirst and water from the rock – 17:1-7
 - e. Battle with Amalek – 17:8-16

Note: All of this speaks beautifully of Christ as Light of World, Bread of Life, Water of Life, and our Constant Companion and Help in every time of trouble.

IV. The Law Given to Govern a Redeemed People – 19 to 24

- 1. Holiness demanded – 19:1-8
- 2. Holiness demands obedience –
 - a. Ten Commandments – chapter 20
 - b. Other laws of basic human relationships – 21-23:19
 - c. Covenant sealed with blood sacrifice – 24:3-8

V. Worship and The Tabernacle – 25 to 40

- 1. Holiness demands worship – hence God gave full instruction about the erection of the Tabernacle – 25-39.
- 2. The Tabernacle set up – 40:1-33
 - a. God comes to dwell there in cloud of glory – 40:34-38

Conclusion:

- 1. Thus we have Israel redeemed, all provisions made for their care while on their way to The Promised Land – Law given to instruct them how to obey; Tabernacle provided so they could worship in presence of God.
- 2. God does all of these things for us today through Christ.