# **Exodus**

### **High-Level Outline**

Exo 1-18	The Exodus	Divine Power	New Life Redemption	Freedom, Liberty
Exo 19-24	The Law	Divine Holiness	New Government Reconstruction	Responsibility
Exo 25-40	The Tabernacle	Divine Wisdom	New Fellowship Reconciliation	Privilege

In Exodus 7-12, God unleashes 10 plagues (likely over several months) designed to judge the gods of the Egyptians, show His superiority to them, and ultimately deliver Israel from bondage.

Note how the Passover lamb (Exo 12) foreshadows Jesus' sacrifice on the cross (1Cor 5:7) - the pure and innocent lamb is sacrificed to offer its blood to protect others.

The Tabernacle was Israel's portable worship center. As you read God's detailed design (Exo 25-30) and Israel's meticulous construction (Exo 36-40), consider the many ways it foreshadowed Jesus Christ.

The Tabernacle	Jesus Christ	
Outer Court:  One Entrance  Altar  Laver	<ul> <li>One Way to God (John 14:6)</li> <li>Cross (Eph 5:2)</li> <li>Spiritual Wash (Eph 5:26)</li> </ul>	
Holy Place:  Candlestick  Showbread  Incense	<ul> <li>Holy Spirit (Rev 4:5)</li> <li>Word (Mat 4:4)</li> <li>Prayer (Rev 8:3)</li> </ul>	
The Holiest: • Ark/Mercy Seat	• Christ ( <b>Heb 4:16</b> )	
The Priests: • The High Priest • Other Priests • Their Clothes	<ul> <li>Christ (Heb 4:14)</li> <li>Us (1Pet 2:5)</li> <li>Christ (Rom 13:14)</li> </ul>	

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### **Personal Reflection and Application**

Notice that Moses is an evangelist in the first twelve chapters of Exodus. The hurdles he faces are impatience, complacency, and disobedience.

### **Impatience**

Moses didn't wait for God's timing [Exo 2:11-15, Acts 7:22-25]. Do you wait for God's timing? An aggressive approach seldom works. Establish a relationship with the person, then wait for God to give you an opening to share your faith.

#### Complacency

When God was ready, Moses had doubts and excuses [Exo 3:7-4:17]. When you begin to make excuses for not doing what you know God wants, consider what He has done in your life.

#### Disobedience

Moses had failed to obey God in the matter of circumcising his own son [Exo 4:18-26]. He failed as a leader in his own family. How seriously do you take your responsibility to teach your children the Word of God?

## **Small Group Conversation Guide**

The reality is that you will serve someone. You may choose to serve God or Satan. Both desire your service and sacrifice. Who do you choose as your Lord?

Discuss how religion, family ties, and possessions can tempt you to make compromises in your life that please Satan and displease God.

- religion (Exo 8:25-28)
- family ties (Exo 10:7-9)
- possessions (Exo 10:24-27)

## **Leadership Principles from Exodus**

### Complaining

We sing to the Lord when He does things we like. That's good. He deserves our praise and thanks (Exo 15:12). Unfortunately, it doesn't take much for people to stop praising and start complaining (Exo 15.23-24).

When people begin to complain, how do you respond as a leader?

- Do you avoid being one of the complainers?
- Do you cry out to God as Moses did (Exo 15:25)?

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# Something to Find in Each Chapter

As you read through the book, it may help to have something to find in each group of chapters.

### Try these:

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O1. Why the Egyptians began afflicting Israel	03–04. The five concerns Moses had about going to Pharaoh
04-05. The difference between God's and Moses' messages	06-07. The role God gave Aaron to play for Moses
11. Which plague was the final one to affect Egypt	12. What sign caused the Lord to pass over a home
13. Why God did not lead Israel directly to Canaan	14. What God did to protect Israel from Egyptian attack
16. How manna pictured the Bible as spiritual food	18. What Moses' father-in-law counseled him to do
19. What God hoped for the nation of Israel as a whole	20. How the 10 Commandments focused on relationships
25. How Israel heard about the laws God gave Moses	25-30. How the Tabernacle pictured Christ
27. The effort God makes to provide a way to meet Him	28. Where the high priest was to keep Israel's names
29. Who prepared the priests for service	31. Why the Sabbath was important
32. Why Aaron made the calf and what Aaron told Moses	33. How God allowed Moses to see Him
34. How Moses appeared after meeting privately with God	36. How Moses responded to Israel's Tabernacle offering
39. How Israel did "all the LORD had commanded Moses"	40. What happened after the Tabernacle was built

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