

Exodus Outline

Introduction: Exodus tells the central story of the Bible- the freeing of the Hebrew people from slavery. In this story God takes the side of the weak and oppressed Hebrew slaves over and against the rich and powerful Egyptian government. Then, God follows the people into the wilderness meeting with Moses on the mountain to give them the law. Far from being dead legalism, the law was a way of seeing faith enacted.

Section One: Moses Cycle

Chapter 1: New Pharaoh, Shiprah and Puah moment with Pharaoh

Chapter 2: Birth of Moses; Moses kills Egyptian and flees to Midian

Chapter 3: God appears in burning bush; the Call of Moses

Chapter 4: Moses protests, God pairs him with Aaron, strange incident with foreskin

Chapter 5: Moses and Aaron confront Pharaoh; people complain against Moses

Chapter 6: God's promise to M and A; tribal roll call

Chapter 7: Moses and Aaron perform wonders with Pharaoh, Water to blood

Chapter 8: Frogs, Gnats, Flies

Chapter 9: Pestilence, Boils, Hail

Chapter 10: Locusts, Darkness

Chapter 11: Prediction of Passover and destruction of first born

Chapter 12: The Passover

Chapter 13: Cont.

Chapter 14: Pharaoh pursues and Moses parts the sea

Chapter 15: Song of Moses; Song of Miriam

Section Two: Israelites in Wilderness

Chapter 16: Manna

Chapter 17: Striking the rock; Battle with Amelek and Moses and his arms

Chapter 18: Jethro visits; system of judges

Section Three: Laying Down the Law

Chapter 19: Moses meets God at Mt. Sinai

Chapter 20: Ten commandments

Chapter 21: Slave and criminal law

Chapter 22: Property law, care of aliens

Chapter 23: Caring for others, Sabbath laws

Chapter 24: Moses enters into cloud on Mt. Sinai

Chapter 25: Construction of the ark

Chapter 26: Tabernacle

Chapter 27: Cont.

Chapter 28: Aaronic Priesthood

Chapter 29: Sacrifices

Chapter 30: Altar, taking the census, further description

Chapter 31: Naming of the craftsmen

Chapter 32: Golden calf episode

Chapter 33: Moses seeing the backside of God

Chapter 34: Second set of tablets; "grace" laws

Chapter 35: Further description of tabernacle

Chapter 36-40: Cont.

Stories to know: Moses' birth (Chapter 2); call of Moses (Chapter 3); Passover (Chapter 12); Moses parts the sea (Chapter 14); manna (Chapter 16); the ten commandments (Chapter 20); the golden calf (Chapter 32); Moses seeing the backside of God (Chapter 33).