

Exodus

The Way Out

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Title of the Book

- English takes its title from the Greek title, literally the “road/way out,” meaning, “going out,” “departure,” or “exit”
- The Hebrew title comes from the first words of the text: “And these are the names”

Time of the Events

- Moses lived ~1526/27-1406 BC
 - <http://exege-sisinternational.org/pdf/ExodusPharaohArticle.pdf> (p. 26)
- The date of the Exodus was 1446 BC
 - <http://www.rcyoung.org/articles/solomon.pdf> (p. 602)
 - <http://exege-sisinternational.org/pdf/ExodusPharaohArticle.pdf> (p. 2)

Pharaohs of the Events

- The pharaoh of the oppression appears to have been Thutmoses I
 - If so, Hatshepsut, Thutmoses' daughter then drew Moses from the Nile River (Exod 2:5)
 - <http://exege-sisinternational.org/pdf/ExodusPharaohArticle.pdf> (p. 26)
- Amenhotep II (son of Thutmoses III) was the pharaoh of the Exodus
 - <http://exege-sisinternational.org/pdf/ExodusPharaohArticle.pdf> (p. 26)
 - <http://www.biblearchaeology.org/post/2008/02/22/Amenhotep-II-as-Pharaoh-of-the-Exodus.aspx#Article>

Getting Out of Egypt & Getting Egypt Out of Them

- In one night Israel got out of Egypt
- But it took 40 years to get Egypt out of them!
- What could have been a short journey ended up lasting 40 years (Deut. 1:2)—sad state of being lost

Key Words

- “deliver”/“deliverance” (2:15-19; 3:7-10; 5:22-6:1, 5-6; 12:25-27; 18:4, 8-10; 23:30-31)
- “redeem”/“redemption” (6:6; 15:13)
- “I am” (3:14-16)

Key Phrases

- “I am the Lord” (6:2, 6-8, 29; 7:5, 17; 10:2; 12:12; 14:4, 18; 16:12; 20:2; 29:46; 31:13)
- “Let my people go” (5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 8, 20-21; 9:1, 13; 10:3-4)

Verses to Remember

- 3:5—holy ground
- 12:12-13, 23—Passover
- 14:13-14, 31—deliverance; purpose of miracles
- 15:1-3, 26—Song of Moses; healing
- 19:4-6—good summary of Exodus

Verses to Remember

- 19:7-9—hearing & believing; miraculous confirmation
- 20:9-11—Six literal days of Creation
- 23:2—the crowd is usually wrong
- 32:31-33—God's Book (Mal. 3:16; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5)
- 34:6-7—“The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious”

Outline

- **1:1-12:36**—the Israelites in Egypt: the slavery, the deliverer, & the ten plagues
- **12:37-18:27**—Israelites' journey to Sinai: the passover, the departure, the journey to the Red Sea and the journey from the Red Sea to Sinai

Outline

- **Chs. 19-40**—Israel at Sinai:
 - the people prepared
 - the ten commandments
 - civil laws
 - covenant between God and Israel
 - directions for building the tabernacle
 - the tabernacle constructed and dedicated

Moses

- Exodus records the first 80 years of Moses' life
 - first 40 years in Egypt
 - next 40 years in Midian where he married Jethro's daughter and lived in obscurity until God called him at the burning bush
- At age 80 Moses began his greatest work for God (7:7)

Excuses, Excuses

- Beginning your greatest work at 80 could be very intimidating
- It would be easier just to excuse yourself from doing what God wants you to do (Lk. 14:18)
- Moses gave five excuses—his age was not one of them!

Five Excuses

- #1—Who am I? (3:11)
- #2—Who are you? (3:13)
- #3—Fear of people's unbelief (4:1)
- #4—I am not eloquent (4:10)
- #5—Please send someone else
[I don't want to go!] (4:13)

Pharaoh's Heart

- The Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart (7:3; 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:10; 14:4)
- Pharaoh's heart was hardened (7:13, 14 {"heavy"}, 22; 8:19)
- Pharaoh hardened his heart (8:15, 32; 9:34)

Five Special Things

At Mount Sinai (ch. 20), God gave:

- A Special People—Abraham's descendants
- A Special Law—the Ten Commandments
- Leading them to a Special Place—the Promised Land of Canaan

Five Special Things

- For a Special Purpose—the preservation of Abraham's descendants
- For the Coming of a Special Person—Jesus Christ

Archaeological Notes

- Naville's discovery in 1883 of Pithom (Ex. 1:11) and Kyle's exploration of Pithom in 1908 revealed lower courses of brick filled with good straw; the middle courses with stubble plucked up by the root; and the upper courses of brick made of clay without straw (Ex. 5:7-19)

Trivia

What does “Marah” mean?

(15:23-25)