

“A Stroll Through the Scroll”
A Walk Through God’s Word

Bible Book; **Exodus**

I. Title of the Book:

The word “exodus” is similar to our word “exit.” It means “going out, departure.” Once again, like Genesis, this is the Greek title from the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament). The Hebrew title the Jews give this book has to do with the opening words, “we’elleh shemoth,” meaning, “and these are the names.” The major event of this book is the exodus, or departure, of the Israelites from Egypt. Israel was in Egypt from Joseph to Moses, about 430 years, and about 200 of these years they were distinctly slaves to the Egyptians. The events of this book take place from about 1700-1445 BC, although the last 33 chapters only cover about one year’s worth of time.

II. Writer of the Book:

Exodus is the second of the five books of the Pentateuch which were all written by Moses. In this book, unlike Genesis, Moses is a key figure and witnessed these events firsthand.

III. Theme or Purpose of the Book:

“Exodus is essentially the history of the origin and early years of Israel as God’s chosen people of the covenant. The fortunes of this people are traced from Egypt to the wilderness under the leadership of Moses. The rise of the nation Israel as a theocracy, a form of government in which God is kind, is unfolded in its pages” (Harper). It is a book of principles and God’s power.

IV. Outline of the Book:

Harpers Study Bible has a simple division of the book’s contents as follows;

- A. The deliverance from Egypt (1:1-15:21).
- B. The journey to Sinai (15:22-18:27).
- C. The covenant and the Law (19:1-24:18).
- D. The tabernacle in the wilderness (25:1-40:38).

V. Suggested Personal or Group Study Sections in the Book:

Possible study ideas and sections;

- Follow the issues dealing with bondage and deliverance.
- Select any of the key characters in the book and study God’s intervention in their life.
- Study the beginnings of the Passover (ch. 12).
- Spend time reviewing the ten commandments (Ex. 20:1-17).
- Others or anything else that applies for your study.

VI. How is Jesus Christ seen in this book:

- He is the Passover Lamb and the bread/manna from Heaven (Exodus 12:1-28; John 1:29, 36 and Ex. 16; John 6).

For Personal or Group Studies

Always remember that the Bible is God's infallible, inerrantly inspired authoritative Word.

Book;

Human Author;

Approximate date of events;

Theme, Purpose, Principal characters;

Study Section; _____

Summary of section;

Interpretation; What was the author trying to say to his audience? Within the historical and grammatical context what did it mean to them?

Application; What does it mean to you (be specific)? Practical areas; family, church, job, nation, sins, examples, promises, etc.

Favorite portion or verse;