

Basic Training in the Bible

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Outline of Exodus:

1. Ch. 1-20 – Narrative of the Exit
2. Ch. 21-40 – The Covenant and Laws concerning the Tabernacle

Key Verse: Exodus 6:6-8

“Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord.’”

What’s going to happen? How should Israel relate to Yahweh?

Two Major Themes:

1. Covenant

Exodus 19:4-6:

“You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation...”

Typical Parts of an ANE Treaty:

- 1) Preamble
- 2) Historical Prologue
- 3) Stipulations
- 4) A Document Clause
- 5) A list of witnesses
- 6) Curses and blessings

How important is the covenant?

- Law
- Historical
- Prophets
- Praise
- Wisdom

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2. The Importance of God’s Presence

Exodus 33:1-3; 14-16

The Climax of Exodus: 40:34-38

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled upon it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on each stage of their journey; but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, before the eyes of all the house of Israel at each stage of their journey.

This Week’s Readings:

Option 1: Exodus 1-40 → 8 chapters x 5 days

Option 2: Exodus 1-20 + 32-34 → <5 chapters x 5 days

Option 3:

- 1-4 – Moses
- 5-6:12, 6:28-7 – Moses returns to Egypt
- 11-15 – The Final Plague and the Exodus
- 19-20 – Mt Sinai & the Ten Commandments
- 32-34 – The Golden Calf