

Overview of Exodus

Study Outline for Exodus

- I. Setting: Israel in Egypt (1:1-1:22)
 - A. The sons of Jacob become the people of Israel (1:1-7)
 - B. New pharaoh oppresses Israel in slavery (1:8-2:25)
- II. Call of Moses (2:1-4:31)
 - A. Burning bush: call of Moses (3:1-4:17)
 - B. Moses returns from Midian to Egypt (4:18-31)
- III. Moses and Aaron: initial request (5:1-7:7)
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 - B. God promises to deliver Israel from Egypt (5:22-6:9)
 - C. Moses and Aaron: synopses and genealogy (6:10-30)
 - D. Moses encouraged (7:1-7)
- IV. Plagues and Exodus (7:8-15:21)
 - A. Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh: initial sign (7:8-13)
 - B. Trio of plagues: blood, frogs, gnats (7:14-8:19)
 - C. Trio of plagues: flies, livestock killed, boils (8:20-9:12)
 - D. Trio of plagues: hail, locusts, darkness (9:13-10:29)
 - E. Tenth Plague/final sign: the Passover (11:1-12:39)
 - F. The Exodus and instructions for remembrance (12:40-13:16)
 - G. Israel delivered and Egypt judged at the Red Sea (13:17-15:21)
- V. Journey to Sinai (15:22-19:25)
 - A. Water problem: Marah (15:22-27)
 - B. Food problem: manna (16:1-36)
 - C. Water problem: Massah and Meribah (17:1-7)
 - D. Passage problem: Israel defeats Amalek (17:8-16)
 - E. Judgment problem: Jethro advises Moses (18:1-27)
 - F. Holiness problem: the LORD descends upon Sinai (19:1-25)
- VI. Covenant Obligations (19-23)
 - A. Decalogue as a standard for all of life (19-20)
 - B. Social Life (21:1-22:15)
 - C. Moral Life (22:16-23:9)
 - D. Religious Calendar (23:10-23:33)
- VII. Covenant Ceremony (24)
 - A. The promise to be with them
- VIII. Covenant Meeting Place Described (25-31)
 - A. How to build the Tabernacle
- IX. Covenant Disobedience and Covenant Grace (32-34)
 - A. People break covenant and Moses intercedes (32)
 - B. Moses “sees” the glory of the Lord (33)
 - C. Covenant is renewed (34)
- X. Covenant Meeting Place Built (35-40)
 - A. The Tabernacle is built
- XI. Covenant Presence of the Lord (40:34-38)
 - A. The climax of the book

Main Themes and Concepts

1. God's Unique Identity
2. God's Might Pattern of Redemption
3. God's Gracious Provision of a Substitutionary Sacrifice
4. God's Special people
5. God's Glorious Motive
6. Mosaic Covenant