

EXODUS Lesson 01

Exodus Chapter 1

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Memory verses for this week: Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Introduction: We begin our new study on the book of Exodus this week. We initially were going into Ezekiel, but Brother Taylor wanted a bit more time on studying the chapter about the dry bones living again as to the true meaning of those verses. So we will try and come back to that soon. These lessons are based on the outlines of E.L. Bynum of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Lubbock TX. We are using their outline with their consent.

LESSON 1 - INTRODUCTION AND ISRAEL IN BONDAGE *

I. INTRODUCTION TO EXODUS

A. The Author is the same for all books of the bible. It is the Holy Spirit. Man many times wants to bring the bible down to a book like any other. The bible is unlike any other book, and it is powerful and able to divide soul and spirit and discern the very thoughts and intents of the heart.

*Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and **powerful**, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

2 Peter 1:21 "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

As in the case of all books, God used some man to pen the words. Exodus was penned by Moses the human writer.

i. The testimony of Exodus

Exo 24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Exo 34:27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

ii. The testimony of Joshua

Jos 1:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

iii. The Testimony of Christ

Mark 12:26 "And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?"

Luke 20:37, Luke 24:27, 44 "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me."

B. It's Place In The Pentateuch.

The first five books of the bible were written down by Moses and they are called the Pentateuch. By reading them, it is quite evident that these five books form one narrative. The first Hebrew word of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy is a conjunction. It is a conjunction such as our "and," and is used to connect the narrative to the previous book. The first six verses of Exodus tie it effectively to Genesis.

C. The Purpose Of Exodus.

The word "Exodus" means "going out" or "the way out," and thus it describes Israel's "going out" of Egypt. It is the book of redemption. It first records the redemption of Israel from Egyptian bondage. For 400 years the Hebrews served there in Egypt, and finally God raised up a man to lead them out of this bondage.

Exodus teaches that redemption is necessary, if a person is to have a right relationship with a holy God. It also teaches that a redeemed people must be

constantly cleansed from defilement, in order to have fellowship with God.

According to W. H. Griffith Thomas, it presents redemption in three aspects.

1. The Source and Instrument of Redemption — God through Moses (chapters 1 to 6).
2. The Need and Fact of Redemption — Bondage and Passover (chapters 7 to 12).
3. The Outcome and Object of Redemption — Salvation, Separation, and Service (chapters 13 to 40).

D. The Types of Exodus

- a. There are the person types. Moses and Aaron types of Christ.

Hebrews 3:1-2 "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house."

- b. Then there are the place types – Egypt a type of the world and the Red Sea a type of power.

- c. Then the types of things.

The Lamb—being a type of our redemption by Christ.

Herbs—a type of discipline.

Pillar—being a type of protection.

Manna—being a type of the bread of life, which is the true bread Jesus Christ.

Rock—Christ.

Tabernacle—the presence of God.

- d. The history type –

1 Corinthians 10:6, 11 "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

E. Then we have the overall Outline of Exodus by chapters. (J. Sidlow Baxter)

- a. The Exodus – Chapters 1-18
 - i. Projected – Chapters 1-4
 - ii. Obstructed – Chapters 5-11
 - iii. Effected – Chapters 12-18

- b. The Law – Chapters 19-24
 - i. Commandments. (Moral).
 - ii. Judgments. (Social).
 - iii. Ordinances. (Religious).

- c. The Tabernacle – Chapters 25-40
 - i. Designed – Chapters 25-31
 - ii. Delayed – Chapters 32-34
 - iii. Completed – Chapters 35-40

II. ISRAEL IN THE LAND OF BONDAGE – Verse 1-22

Exo 1:1 Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.

Exo 1:2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

Exo 1:3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

Exo 1:4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

Exo 1:5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already.

Exo 1:6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

The events between the death of Joseph and the call of Moses and their deliverance from Egyptian bondage seem to have been around 198 years.

We find all of the sons of Israel named with the exception of Joseph who was already in the land of Egypt. We remember from our earlier study how Joseph's brothers sold Joseph into slavery, and by the providence of God he was promoted to be the second in charge in Egypt with only Pharaoh with greater power and authority. By God's plan, Joseph was able to give Pharaoh the meaning of his dreams, and he showed him how there would be 7 great years of plenty, followed by one of the worst famines in the history of Egypt for the next 7 years.

Joseph was put in charge of storing up the plenty of the first seven years to provide sustenance through the bad times. When there was no more food for Israel's family, he sent his sons down to Egypt to buy supplies, and in a great meeting, Joseph was reunited with his brothers and Pharaoh provided land and possessions for his entire family so that they could come and live in Egypt with Joseph. Only God could have orchestrated so great a deliverance through the things that befell Joseph. Not all is good in this life, but for the Christian, God works it all for our good.

Gen 50:18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

Gen 50:19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

Gen 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to

*bring to pass, as **it** is this day, to save much people alive.*
Gen 50:21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.
Gen 50:22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

As we just read there in the end of Genesis, we see how these first 6 verses form a connecting link with Genesis. He first names the names of the Israelite households. How did they get there? They came with Jacob the carnal man, not Israel the spiritual man. Then we see the termination of that generation in Verse 6.

Exo 1:7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.
Exo 1:8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.
Exo 1:9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:
Exo 1:10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

Verse 7 notes Israel's multiplication and the resulting bondage. We need to know that no matter how things are, they are likely to change. While it is good to relish in the good times, we need to recognize that they will not last forever. But by the same token, if things are bad, they won't stay that way for long. God has it all in control.

King Solomon spoke eloquently over in Ecclesiastes.

Ecc 7:7 Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart.
*Ecc 7:8 Better is **the end** of a thing than **the** beginning thereof: and **the** patient in spirit is better than **the** proud in spirit.*
Ecc 7:9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.
Ecc 7:10 Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.
Ecc 7:11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun.
Ecc 7:12 For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.
Ecc 7:13 Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?
Ecc 7:14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

Verse 7 speaks of their great increase.

Gen 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and

tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Gen 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Pharaoh had no one that he thought more highly of than Joseph. But Pharaoh died, and a new king came on the scene. This new king's evaluation of Joseph and his family was not like the former Pharaoh. He knew not Joseph and he greatly feared their might. Why did the Israelites stay so long in Egypt?

They suffered because they mistreated Joseph.

Matthew 23:32 "Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers."

1 Thessalonians 2:16 "Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost."

Numbers 32:23 "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out."

The rule of reaping and sowing will not be denied. Keep sowing bad seed and be sure your fields will be full of weeds. Likewise, plant good things and better and better will follow you. Note that not only Joseph's family suffered for the wrong they committed, but this was past on for many generations. People who had nothing to do with the original sin paid continually for it. Much like how we have the penalty of sin passed down on us from the first Adam, but we can have that penalty forgiven by the second Adam which is Jesus Christ.

At this time the iniquity of the Amorites was not yet full.

Gen 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

Gen 15:14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Gen 15:15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

Gen 15:16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

This time was given in order for Israel to multiply and be strong.

Gen 46:2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

Gen 46:3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

Gen 46:4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

This was done that they might gain the good wisdom of Egypt and not the bad.

Act 7:22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

Although Moses learned much, he stayed loyal to his people. Verse 10 says Pharaoh did not trust their loyalty. Their number included 600,000 men.

Exo 1:11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

Exo 1:12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

Exo 1:13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:

Exo 1:14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

Because Pharaoh feared the Jews, he determined to suppress their numbers and strength by bondage. The world seems to always hate the people of God.

John 15:18 "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."

Proverbs 12:10 "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."

The more the Jews were afflicted, the more they increased in says in verse 12. Man may try to stop God's plan, but he will always fail.

Isaiah 46:10 "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."

1 Corinthians 1:19 "For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

Their affliction increased without accomplishing the desired results. The military has proven that if we are pressed and pushed physically, we respond and become stronger. The greater the hardship, the tougher God's people had to become. When you heat the metal and put pressure on it, it becomes hardened and refined. Same when we are pressured if we respond and look to God to gain wisdom and strength.

Exo 1:15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah:

Exo 1:16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and

see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.

When he first fails, Pharaoh comes up with a new plan to destroy all the male babies. The midwives are ordered to kill the male babies, but it says they refused in verse 17.

Exo 1:17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.

Exo 1:18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?

The midwives' showed disobedience. Even when your government says it is legal and ok to kill babies, it never makes it right. Killing is murder, and all those who murder will answer to God. We'd better not look to man for what to do, but rather look to God. He will NEVER fail us.

Proverbs 21:30 "There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD."

The king's command was wrong and they were right to disobey. When our government says that abortion is fine and acceptable, we have a moral responsibility to refuse to partake in it and we should speak out in outrage over it. Believe me, there will come a day of reckoning over what America has been doing these past few decades.

We have several examples in God's word where people disobeyed commands in order to do what was right in God's sight. Jonathan refused to kill David, as his father Saul ordered.

1Sa 19:1 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

1Sa 19:2 But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:

1Sa 19:3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

1Sa 19:4 And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good:

1Sa 19:5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

Over in the book of Daniel, the three Hebrew children disobeyed Nebuchadnezzar when he demanded they worship the golden image. These men faced certain death if they failed to worship the false image.

Dan 3:13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach,

Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

Dan 3:14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

Dan 3:15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

Dan 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

Dan 3:17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

Dan 3:18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Dan 3:19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

Dan 3:20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

Dan 3:21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Dan 3:22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Dan 3:23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Dan 3:24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonied, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

Dan 3:25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

Over in the book of Acts, we find the Apostles disobeyed the Sanhedrin when they commanded them not to preach in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Act 4:18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

Act 4:19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

Act 4:20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Act 4:21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

Exo 1:19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

Exo 1:20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

Exo 1:21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

Exo 1:22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

Although the king rebukes the midwives, they give him an explanation. Because they did what was right, God blessed the midwives.

1 Samuel 2:30 "but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour."

In verse 22, we find the king's cruel command to all the people. Every son was to be cast into the river to drown. But what man says means little. But what God says means everything.

We see several Lessons from Chapter 1.

- a. God's power — great increase of Israel.
- b. God's purpose preservation of Israel.
- c. God's plan severe discipline for Israel.
- d. If Pharaoh's plan had been successful, then he would have destroyed Israel and there could have been no Bible, and no **PROMISED SEED**. There would have been no Christ. Satan tried this many times, beginning with the murder of Abel over in Exodus 14. Other verses related to this are 2 Chronicles 21:4, 17; 22:10; Esther 3:6, 12, 13; Matthew 2:13-18

Study Questions

1. How many chapters does Exodus contain?

40

2. What is the meaning of Exodus?

The word "Exodus" means "going out" or "the way out," and thus it describes Israel's "going out" of Egypt.

3. Who is the Author of Exodus?

The Holy Spirit as He was of every book of the Bible.

4. Who was the writer?

Moses

5. If the writer was not Moses, how does this affect the word of Christ?

It would make him a liar as he said Moses wrote it. Christ never sinned so we know it is true. One of many verses where Christ spoke of the writings of Moses is Mark Chapter 12.

Mark 12:26 "And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?"

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Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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