

WEEK 3 | EXODUS

The book Exodus relates the period of time from Jacob's entrance into the land of Egypt (circa 1876 B.C.) to the building of the tabernacle (circa 1445 B.C.), a total of 430 years as related in Exodus 12:41. The title, taken from the LXX, means "exit" or "departure," referring to Israel's departure from Egypt—though the majority of the book focuses on Israel's experience at Mount Sinai.

The book picks up where Genesis leaves off—with the offspring of Abraham dwelling in the land of Egypt. The continuity between the two books is evident in 1:1-8. Importantly, we see an echo of the Adamic mandate in 1:7 where Moses writes, "the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong." Abraham's offspring are growing numerous as God promised, but they are in the wrong place: Egypt, instead of the Promised Land. Exodus and the rest of the Pentateuch narrate Israel's movement from slavery in Egypt to the borders of Canaan.

STRUCTURE

Outlines

- I. Israel in Egypt (1:1-15:21)
 - II. Israel at Sinai (15:22-40:38)
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 - II. Israel on the Road to Sinai (15:22-18:27)
 - III. Israel at Sinai (19-40)
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- I. The Knowledge of YHWH (1-15)
 - II. The Presence of YHWH (16-40)

PURPOSE

Yahweh, the God of the patriarchs, will redeem His people out of slavery and bring them into a covenant relationship with Himself so that He might dwell among them.

THEMES

- 1) Redemption & Deliverance
 - a. *ga'al* (redeem, deliver, ransom) – 6:6; 15:13
 - b. *padah* (ransom, redeem, deliver) – 13:13, 15; 21:8; 34:20
 - c. *natsal*, (deliver, rescue, save) – 2:19; 3:8; 5:23; 6:6; 12:27, 18: 4, 8, 9, 10);
 - d. *yashah* (deliver, help) – 2:17; 14:13, 30; 15:2
 - e. *yatsah* (go out) – 3:10-12; 6:6, 7; 12:17, 42, 51; 13:3, 9, 14, 16; 16:6, 32; 18:1; 20:2; 29:46; 32:11

- f. *'alah* (bring up) – 32:1, 4; 33:1
- 2) Yahweh
 - a. His name – 3:13-15; 6:2-8; 9:16; 15:3; 34:5-7
 - b. Knowledge of Yahweh – 5:2; 6:3, 7; 7:5, 17; 8:10, 22; 9:14, 29, 30; 10:2; 14:4, 18; 16:6, 12; 18:11; 29:46; 31:13; 33:12, 13
 - c. Fear of Yahweh – 1:17, 21; 9:20, 30; 14:31; 18:21; 20:20
- 3) The Covenants
 - a. Abrahamic – 2:24; 6:4, 5, 8
 - b. Mosaic – 19:3-6; 20-23; 24:7, 8; 31:16; 34:10-27
- 4) The Sabbath – 16:23, 25, 26, 29; 20:8-11; 23:10-12; 31:13-17; 35:2, 3
 - a. The Sabbath was the “sign of the covenant” between God and Israel (31:17)
- 5) The Passover – 12, 34



