

**Wilderness Period:
From Egypt to the Wilderness *Exodus 1:1-40:38***

When the Nation of Israel went into Egypt they were only a handful of people. ***Exodus 1:5*** gives the number as 70. 430 years will pass before the Exodus. (See ***Gal 3:17***) The actual date of the Exodus cannot be nailed down for certain. However, it is not necessary to know the exact date for the event to have happened. The event itself is the important thing.

The traditional view is that Moses is the author of the book of Exodus. This is witnessed too many times in the word of God. (See ***1 Kings 2:3; Dan 9:11; Ezra 6:18; Mal 4:4.***)

Exodus means, "going out" and records the going out of the children of Israel from Egypt. This book sets forth the redemption by type and by the deliverance of Israel. Some see three great types in Exodus: 1- Egypt and Pharaoh as types of the World and Satan. 2- The Passover as the type of Christ sacrifice for sin. 3- The tabernacle and the priesthood as types of Christian life and access to God and worship.

There are many familiar events that take place during this time in Israel's history. The Passover, the giving of the Ten Commandments, the Manna in the Wilderness, etc. The book breaks down into three major divisions.

I- Redemption from Egypt *Exodus 1:1-15:21*

II- Journey from the Red Sea to Sinai *Exodus 15:22- 18:27*

III- Camped at Sinai. *Exodus 19:1-40:38*

I- Redemption from Egypt *Exodus 1:1-15:21*

This section is a very important one because we see that God keeps His promise to Abraham to multiply his seed and give his descendants the Promised Land.

a- Cry's of the people. ***1:1-22***

The fertile land next to the Nile River was the location the nation of Israel becoming a great multitude. God was neither unconcerned nor deaf. He was arranging the circumstances for His self-revelation to the nation of Israel, His chosen people.

b- God raises up a deliver (Moses). ***2:1-4:31***

Pharaoh decreed that all the male children be killed. The story of the providential care of the baby Moses is one of best known and loved Bible stories. God allowed his deliver to be raised in Pharaoh's house. Moses is guilty of murder and flees to the desert where he tends his father-in-law's sheep. In the desert Moses has the burning bush experience where God calls him to go deliver Israel. (See ***Exodus 3***) God gives Moses his brother Aaron to help him speak.

c- Pharaoh hardens his heart. ***5:1-7:13.***

Pharaoh will not let the Israelites go. God is arranging the circumstances for deliverance.

d- Contest with Pharaoh and the gods of Egypt. ***7:14- 12:30.***

There are 10 plagues that God brought upon the Egyptians. This was done to show the Israelites that Jehovah alone is God and that the Egyptian gods were not God at all. Each plague was directed against one of the many gods of Egypt.

1- Plague of Blood- **7:14-24** was against Osiris the god of the Nile.

2- Plague of Frogs- **8:1-15** was against Hekt the frog goddess.

3- Plague of Lice- **8:16-19** was against Seb the earth god.

4- Plague of Flies- **8:20-32** was against Hatkok wife of Osiris.

5- Plague on Cattle- **9:1-7** was against Apis the sacred bull god.

6- Plague of Boils- **9:8-12** was against Typhon.

7- Plague of hail- **9:13-33** was against Shu the god of the atmosphere.

8- Plague of Locust- **10:1-20** was against Serapia the god who protected them from locust.

9- Plague of Darkness- **10:21-29** was against Ra the sun god.

10- Plague of death of firstborn- **11:1- 12:30** was against all the gods as well as Pharaoh who was worshipped as a god.

e- Passover **12:31-13:16**

No other single event in the history of Israel so prepared them for the coming of Messiah more than the Passover. This was and is an annual feast of Israel that pictures the redemption of Christ. He is our Passover Lamb that was slain for us and by whose blood we are redeemed.

f- Miracle of the Red Sea **13:17-15::21**

The Israelites departed from Egypt with Pharaoh hot on the trail to bring them back. God told Moses to stretch out his rod over the water and He parted the sea and they passed through on dry land. God protected them by the pillar of fire by night. Pharaoh pursued and was drowned in the sea. The Israelites sang a song of redemption on the other side.

II- Journey from the Red Sea to Sinai **Exodus 15:22- 18:27**

The journey from the Red Sea to Mount Sinai was basically one crisis after another.

a- Crisis of water- **15:22-27**

They were only 3 days into the journey when they had their first crisis. The first crisis was they had no water. **15:22-27.**

b- The crisis of Hunger- **16:1-36**

The next thing they murmured against Moses for was they had no food. God sent them Manna for food beginning here and continuing for the next 40 years. **16:1-36.** The Sabbath was also given to Israel in **Exodus 16.** Notice the Sabbath predated the Law.

c- The second crisis of Thirst. **17:1-7**

In **Exodus 17** we find them needing water again. Moses is instructed to strike the rock and water came forth out of it. This rock is a strong type of Christ the water of life. **17:1-7.**

d- The war with Amalek. **17:8-16**

The next part of **Exodus 17** records the battle with the Amalekites that Israel won as Moses held his hands up.

e- Moses is overworked. **18:1-27**

Exodus 18 records the fifth crisis when Moses tried to do all the judging himself. He, on the advice of Jethro, his father in law, set up 70 men to help with the judging of the problems of the people.

III- Camped at Sinai. **Exodus 19:1-40:38**

There are several major events that take place during the year and a half they were camped at Sinai.

a- The Mosaic Covenant **19:5-8.** This is the covenant we know better as

the Law. This Mosaic Law was given to govern Israel. Its purpose was to reveal sin and to show Israel, and us, their need of a Savior. Remember thus far we have seen the following covenants: Edenic- **Gen 1:28**; Adamic- **Gen 3:15**; Noahic- **Gen 9:1**; Abrahamic- **Gen 15:18**. In the future will be the Palestinian- **Deut. 30:3**; Davidic- **2 Sam 7:16**; New- **Heb 8:8**. The Law was given verbally to Moses as well as two sets of stone tablets.

b- The 10 Commandments- **20:1-17**. The Ten Commandments comprise only part of the Law. Moses is given these written on stone by the hand of God on Mount Sinai.

c- The Tabernacle **25:1-27:21; 30:1-18**. God gives Moses the blueprint of the Tabernacle. The furniture is given in detail. Some see the Christian life in these articles.

d- The Priesthood and Garments- **28:1-29:46; 39:1-31** The priesthood of Aaron and the garments of the priesthood are given to Moses as well.

e- The Golden Calf- **32:1-10** Moses comes off the mountain to find Israel in an idolatrous pagan worship of the calf Aaron had made. Moses breaks the first set of the tables given to him by God. He intercedes for Israel and is given another set of tablets upon Mount Sinai.

Application to Life's Steps:

- 1- God is faithful to keep His promises.
- 2- God is a God of redemption and deliverance both to Israel and to believers.
- 3- God alone is the only true and living God, not some man made idol.
- 4- God places moral demands upon our life.
- 5- The Passover shows us that God's redemption is through the blood of His lamb, Jesus.

Retracing Our Steps:

- 1- Who was the deliver God raised up to deliver Israel? _____

- 2- What was the purpose of the plague upon Egypt? _____

- 3- When was the Sabbath given to Israel? (Prelaw, Law or Post Law) _____

- 4- What is the Law also know as? The _____ covenant.
- 5- Please Read Chapter 20:1-17 again now.