

## I. Introduction to Exodus

Tonight, we are going to get into the Book of Exodus. You remember we closed out Genesis on chapter 50, and I want to show you how the Holy Spirit of God puts these books together. The book ended in Genesis chapter 50 with Joseph in a coffin in Egypt. In Exodus, we see the book of Redemption where Israel comes out of Egypt, a type of the world, through the blood of a lamb. The picture of the books, in Genesis, it ends in death, but in Exodus, you see that you have a redeemer, and that redeemer is going to get you out of the world through the blood of a lamb. So you want to see how these things will go together.

**The Book of Exodus:**            40 chapters            1,213 verses            32,692 words.

**Christ Portrayed:**            Christ our Passover    **Key Chapter:**            Exodus 12

In the Book of Exodus, Christ is portrayed as Christ our Passover and you will find this laid out in 1 Corinthians 5:7, where it calls Christ our Passover. The key chapter in Exodus will be Exodus chapter 12. Even though there are a number of divisions in it, which I am going to bring you through, the book is built around chapter 12. That is the key chapter in the book.

## II. Significance of the First Five Books of the Bible

In the Old Testament, you have your first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These five books form for you a context of God dealing with the nation of Israel. Genesis is the book of the beginning. We covered that when we went through it. Exodus will talk about their trials and their tribulations in Egypt, and then their redemption as a nation by the blood of a lamb in chapter 12. Leviticus, after they come out of Egypt, is the beginning of the priesthood. In Numbers, you see their unbelief and their turning away from God. Then in Deuteronomy, you find that God has to give them a second giving of the law. Deuteronomy means “duo” or two times, and He gives them the second giving of the law. These five books are important because they deal with the formulation of the nation of Israel and deal with the calling out of the nation of Israel. Our first two steps of seeing Israel being developed in the Old Testament. They are God's foundational books of the way that He established the nation of Israel.

I showed you this before. You have Genesis in the Old Testament, which is the book of the beginning of God dealing with the nation of Israel. Then you have four historical books that show you the process: Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. In the New Testament, you have the same five books, except they are reversed. You have Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are the historical books. Then you have Acts, which is the beginning of the New Testament. So you want to see how the Old Testament and New Testament fit right along together.

### III. Seven Truths and Two Redemptions

The Book of Exodus is going to teach you **seven truths** that are the overall concept of the Book of Exodus.

1. An unsaved man or woman is a slave to a hard master, which is Egypt here in the book, but Egypt is a picture and a type of the world.
2. It is going to take a direct intervention from God to free that slave.
3. God will use men with His message to free that slave.
4. The redeeming of a slave can only be by blood.
5. Once you are redeemed, there can be no compromise with the world system. You are going to see how all this unfolds in the historical application, and then we will make the inspirational application and, of course, the doctrinal.
6. Redemption will start a life of trials and testing.
7. God will have standards of holiness that are absolute and are non-negotiable.

These are the seven truths that you are going to find come out of this book that fit for Israel, but it will also fit with us.

I am showing you now how the Old Testament and New Testament books will match up together. In the Book of Exodus you are going to have **two redemptions**. You are going to have a **physical redemption**, that is God bringing them out of Egypt as a nation, but you are going to **have a spiritual redemption**. That is going to take place in chapter 12 and move on when God gives them the Ten Commandments, and then from each chapter on, you see that.

In the Book of Romans chapter 8 for the New Testament believer, you have **two adoptions** which match up to the two redemptions. **Your first adoption is when you got saved**. That is the adoption or the redemption of your soul. **The second redemption or adoption will be when you get your glorified body**. Both of those are found in Romans chapter 8 and they match up to Israel in the Old Testament in the Book of Exodus.

In the Book of Exodus, we will see the calling out of the nation of Israel. In Genesis, we saw the formulation. Now we are going to see God calling them out of the world system. **Exodus will break down into 14 sections**. These 40 chapters, simply break down like every book of the Bible is going to have its natural breakdown. This one will break down into 14 sections. Each section will have a historical aspect as to what God is dealing with the nation of Israel, but also each one will have a tremendous spiritual theme for us as a New Testament Christian. You are going to see how it works its way through as we go through this book. Also, you are going to find the doctrinal application, and we will talk about and deal with that.

## ➤ Exodus shows the Life of the Believer in Three Basic Formats

**Inspirationally**, Exodus will show the life of the believer in three basic formats. This is where it comes down to the inspiration for you and me.

- 1.) Chapter 1 through chapter 11 will be a picture of us in our unsaved condition.
- 2.) Chapter 12 is the pivotal point and will show us the day you got saved.
- 3.) Chapter 13 will show you after salvation, you are going to find from chapter 13 right on to the end of the book, every component of the New Testament Christian life that comes into your life after you get saved, which is illustrated in what God is dealing with the nation of Israel.

Remember you are a son of God, but in Exodus chapter 4, Israel is called God's son. So this is where the parallels are going to start to match up. What God does for Israel as His son physically, it can all be applied spiritually to what He does for you and me as His son.

The Book of Exodus, in my opinion, is the most complete picture of the Christian life than any other book in the Bible. I know you have books in the Bible that teach you tremendous things. I do not know of another book that starts out showing you and me before we were saved. Shows what happened the day we got saved, and then puts every piece of the Christian life in its proper context to show you the whole picture of Christianity. It is an incredible book.

## IV. Exodus Breaks Down into Fourteen Sections

We are going to begin to break down and look at these 14 sections. I will give you the historical first, then we will look at the inspiration, and where needs be, I will add the doctrinal as we go.

**BIBLE NOTE TIP:** At some point in your Bible, in each book in my Bible, at the first page of that book in my wide margin, I list the breakdown of that book. I also then will go through the book and segregate out the breakdowns. So these breakdowns are absolutely necessary for you to understand these books

For me when I go to a particular book like Exodus, Joshua, or whatever, when you ask me a question, the first thing I am going to do is go to the first page of that book and I am going to look at the natural breakdown. I do not want to have to remember it. I do not want to have to try to memorize it. I want it to be at my fingertips in my Bible, where when I go to Exodus chapter 1, that structure of the 14 breakdowns is right there. Then as I go through it, each breakdown will be designated within the book itself. So these breakdowns are absolutely necessary for you to understand these books. Otherwise, it is just a book of 40 chapters and Lord knows where it all fits. You have to have an operational procedure for each one of these books. This will be the natural breakdown. This is what Exodus is, and you will see it. Exodus is probably the easiest one to see it in, but every book in the Bible has that natural breakdown. My goal is to give those to you.

## Section 1: Chapters 1-3 Moses the Deliverer

Our first section is going to be **chapter 1, 2, and 3**. In **chapter 1**, when we left off in Genesis, we saw that Joseph had brought his father and all of his brethren down into Egypt. At that point in time, we know that Joseph had been made number two in the kingdom, so he had a lot of clout. Joseph dies in Genesis 50:26. He is 110 years old. When we start Exodus, it is some 27 years later. But in Exodus 1:8, we begin to see the problem.

*8. Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. Exodus 1:8*

We see the breakdown begin to fall apart. This new Pharaoh sees all of these Jews that had come down some 20 years ago, and they are all over the place. He begins to fear them that they are going to become powerful, and they are going to align with Egypt's enemies, and in time, overthrow the kingdom of Egypt. So he makes them slaves under the bondage of Egyptian rule.

### ➤ God is Always Behind the Scenes Orchestrating What He Wants to Do

This is one of these great places in the Bible where you have an event that is unfolding, but you actually see God behind the scenes doing what He is doing even though the world is doing what it is doing. I cannot impress upon you how much this is still true in your life today. The events that unfold in your life, no matter what they may be, God will be behind the scenes orchestrating what He wants to do. This is so clear in the Book of Exodus, but it has to be so clear in our understanding of it too. In Genesis 15:13, God told Abraham that his people would be in Egypt for 400 years.

*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**; Genesis 15:13*

The reason God took them down into Egypt and allowed them to become slaves is because He knew that when He was going to bring them out, they were going to have to face some really incredible hardships to get to that promised land. So the bondage in Egypt made them strong. It made them tough. It got them ready for what God was going to do. When the world sees it, they just see Egypt putting them under bondage. When you look at it through God's eyes, what He told Abraham, He is making them a strong nation through the hard bondage to face all that they are going to have to face when God brings them out in chapter 12. All of this is part of God's plan to use the devil's system against itself. I cannot emphasize that enough, how God will do that. God will always use the world against itself. That is exactly what you are seeing here.

### ➤ Moses the Deliverer for Israel

In **chapter 2**, we see God begins by having the birth of Moses. Moses is going to become their deliverer. He is hidden in a little basket in the river Nile because Pharaoh has put a decree to keep the population under control, so they do not become a mighty nation against them. He tells the midwives that when you deliver the Hebrew babies, if it is a Hebrew baby girl, it lives; if it is a Hebrew baby boy, you kill it. Obviously, he is trying to cut off the line to keep that. You know what happened. Here is God behind the scenes. Moses' mother does not do that. She puts him in

a little boat in the Nile, a little reed boat, sends him off, prays to the Lord, and what happens? Pharaoh's daughter is down at the river, and she sees this little boat coming in. So she sends her maidens out and in that boat was baby Moses. She has compassion on that baby. She understands the decree of her father, probably did not agree with it in the first place. So she takes that baby, Moses, and begins to raise him as an Egyptian. I cannot tell you how important that is. God is going to use Moses down the line to deliver His people from Egypt. But he has to understand the workings of Egypt to be able to do that. It is a picture of God putting things in your life of the world that you can use down the line to understand better what God is doing. What happens? God behind the scenes, Pharaoh's daughter finds this baby, "I am going to keep it. I am going to raise it," takes it home. She says, "You know what? I do not know much about babies. How do we do this?" One of the ladies says, "How about if we call one of the Hebrew women to come and raise that baby for you?" Great idea. So they get on the phone. I do not know if they had phone books back then or not, but through the hand of God, they called up Moses' mother. She comes in, nurses that baby, raises that baby in Pharaoh's house. That is God behind the scenes. That is God orchestrating events that when we look at it, we just see the negative. But behind this whole picture is God moving with His nation to bring them out of Egypt and to establish them in His own time.

He grows up. He is an Egyptian for all practical purposes. He sees an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew and he goes to bat for him and kills the guy. Now he is afraid he is going to get killed. This is God's hand in it. So he runs into the wilderness. Moses is in the wilderness for 40 years and he winds up with a guy by the name of Jethro who tends sheep. He marries one of Jethro's daughters and they are at the base of Mount Horeb, Mount Sinai. They are interchangeable, one and the same. As you know. this is where he meets God on a mountain. God speaks to him through a burning bush and God gives him a call that he is going to be Israel's deliverer. Moses alibis with God that "I cannot do it. I do not speak well. I do not know anything about this. I do not know what I am doing and I am not able to do this."

### ➤ Two Great Principles in this Story

There are **two great principles** here in this story that you will want to get down. The **first** one was Moses' mother putting him into a little basket and putting him into the river. Yes, I guess you could say that if you are going to deal with people who have all kinds of problems, Moses was your first basket case in the Bible. She puts the baby in because she wants God to use him. God orchestrates a situation and she winds up raising him. **What is the first principle? If you want to keep it, you have to give it away.** See how that works? Now he stands before God. God says, "I want you to do this, this, and, this." He says, "I am not able to do that." **Second great principle. God never asks you to be able. God asks you to be willing.** Moses, if you will be willing to do what I asked you to do, I will be able to bring you through everything. This is another great principle that He does. If you are willing, I am able.

In **chapter 3**, verses 1 and 2, he is keeping Jethro's flock, married one of Jethro's daughters, and now he goes up there and the Lord speaks to him out of a burning bush. This will be at the exact spot today, or so they say, where the Roman Catholic Saint Catherine's Monastery is built, where Tischendorf found the Greek manuscripts, the Sinaiticus, and they claim that they built it on the

site of the burning bush. Who cares! I am just giving you the history here. This is where Moses alibis and argues with God that he cannot do it. This is where we get our term "beating around the bush." It all comes out of the Bible. God speaks to him out of the burning bush because Moses is going to be Israel's deliverer. In Malachi 3:6, you are told that Israel is a burning bush that will not be consumed.

*For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob **are not consumed**. Malachi 3:6*

That is why He speaks to him out of a burning bush because that burning bush represents Israel that will go through the fire, but it will never be consumed. In fact, in verses 5 and 6 of chapter 3, when he meets God, God tells him to take his shoes off because the ground he stands on is holy ground.

*And he said, Draw not nigh hither: **put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground**. Exodus 3:5*

I have told you before, there are two places in your Bible in the Old Testament where somebody is told to take their shoes off their feet. Here in Exodus 3, and then in Joshua 5:15, Joshua is told to do that.

*And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, **Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy**. And Joshua did so. Joshua 5:15*

Those two places mark the beginning and the ending of the route of the second coming of Christ when you lay it all out. It is an incredible concept. There is so much in here. Maybe as we have five weeks to go through this, there are some things that I definitely want to lay out for you to get you more detail that I cannot do tonight. That is one of them.

## Section 2: Chapter 4-6 Moses and the Plagues

Section two will **be chapters 4, 5, and 6**. In chapter 3, going into 4, Moses alibis three times that he cannot be the deliverer for Israel: chapter 3:11-13; chapter 4:1; and chapter 4: 9-10.

So in chapter 4, verse 14, God gives him Aaron and they form a team. In chapter 4, verse 22, this is where you find, and you want to mark this in your Bible, this is where you find the first time that Israel is called God's son as a nation.

*And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, **Israel is my son**, even my firstborn: Exodus 4:22*

You are God's son as an individual. Israel is God's son as a nation. It is the difference between the kingdom of heaven, Israel, and the kingdom of God, you, the church. If you will notice in verses 30 and 31, he does the signs that they would believe.

*And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, **and did the signs in the sight of the people**. Exodus 4:30*

In Exodus 4:6 and 7, you find the first case of healing in the Bible.

*6. And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.*

*7. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.*

*Exodus 4:6-7*

**BIBLE NOTE TIP:** Be sure and mark in your Bible Exodus 4:22 where Israel is called God's son as a nation and Exodus 4:6, the first case of healing in the Bible (**Law of 1<sup>st</sup> Mention**)

This is where you begin to see that God is going to deal with Israel through signs and wonders, which brings us up to 1 Corinthians 1:22, that says the Jew requires a sign. So everything is very clearly developing here.

*For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 1Corinthians 1:22*

In **chapter 5**, we see Moses and Aaron go before Pharaoh and they go before Pharaoh to say, "Let my people go." Verse 9 of chapter 5, and this is very instructive.

*And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. Exodus 5:1*

It shows you Pharaoh as a type of the world, but also a type of the antichrist. He is a type of the world system, and it shows the world's attitude toward the word of God. Where it says that Pharaoh says his regard for the word of God is as vain words.

*Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words. Exodus 5:9*

That is the world, how they look at the Bible. He makes it even harder on them now because Moses and Aaron go into Pharaoh. In verses 6, 7, and 8, he says, "Okay, you want to mess with me? I will tell you what, you guys have to make so many bricks every day. We have been providing the straw for you to mix in with the mud to make the bricks. We are not doing any more straw. You either get up earlier in the morning and go get the straw or you figure out a way to make the brick without the straw. But the tally of your bricks every day will not diminish." That is what the world does, you see? Once you start questioning the world, it is going to make it a lot harder on you. Pharaoh thinks that he is going to break them by putting them under bondage even worse than the bondage they are already under.

## Section 3: Chapter 7 Pharaoh as a Type of the Antichrist

In **chapter 7**, this is where we begin to see Pharaoh as a type of the antichrist. This is where the story takes a tribulation doctrinal twist. The Bible says that Pharaoh hardens his heart when Moses and Aaron come in **five places** in Exodus: 7:14, 8:15, 8:32, 9:7, and 9:34.

This is where the Calvinists will take it and say that God hardened Pharaoh's heart because in chapter 10, verse 20 and again in chapter 11 verse 10, it actually says, "and God hardened Pharaoh's heart." They take that and say, "See, Pharaoh did not have a choice. God chose him not to be part of the elect, so God hardened his heart." What they fail to see is that five times before chapter 10 and 11, Pharaoh hardened his heart himself. So when it says God hardened Pharaoh's heart, He just took the hardened heart Pharaoh already had and dealt with that, but they do not understand that.

In Exodus 7:10, we see Moses and Aaron again before Pharaoh. This is where he casts down the rod and it turns into a serpent. Pharaoh calls in his magicians and they cast down their rods and their rods turned into serpents. The twist on this is here, you can just imagine this, Aaron's rod turns into a big old eight-foot cobra. They throw theirs down, it turns into snakes, but the difference is that God always gets a victory. Aaron's snake ate their snakes.

### ➤ The Ten Plagues of Egypt

Now we start to see the plagues come in Chapter 7:19. There are 10 of these plagues, and these match up to the plagues in the tribulation period.

- #1 In chapter 7:19-21, water changed to blood
- #2 In chapter 8:1-6, where all the frogs come up
- #3 In chapter 8:16, where all the lice come in and infest them
- #4 In chapter 8:21, the swarms of flies come
- #5 In chapter 9:1-4, is where all the animals died
- #6 In chapter 9:8-10, is where the boils infest their bodies
- #7 In chapter 9:22-25, the hail mingled with fire
- #8 In chapter 10:1-7, are the locusts
- #9 In chapter 10:21-23, darkness over the land
- #10 In chapter 11:1-10, is where God comes down and kills the firstborn

**BIBLE NOTE TIP:** You want to get these marked in your Bible, plague number one, water to blood, plague number two, frogs. You want to section those out so in those chapters you see them at a glance. You do not have to look for them. The key to making your Bible work for you is not having to look and read and look for something. The key to making your Bible work for you is when you open up the Book, everything is on those wide margin pages right there for you. That is what you want to have done.

## Section 4: Exodus 12 the Turning Point

Now we come to the turning point in the book of Exodus, and as I told you before, this will be **Exodus chapter 12**. So far we have seen the historical picture and the doctrinal picture has become clear. The Jews are down in Egypt. They are actually in there a total of 430 years, and this is a picture of the tribulation, Pharaoh, the Antichrist, and all of that historically. But **inspirationally**, Exodus chapter 12 is one of the most beautiful stories found anywhere in the Bible of our condition before salvation as an unsaved man. Like Israel, we were under the bondage of the world system, Egypt. Israel as a nation will picture what you and I were before we got saved. Like Israel, we are under the bondage of it. We are under the hand of a hard taskmaster, Pharaoh for Egypt, the devil in the world system for you and for me. The Bible says that Israel cried out to God and God sent them a deliverer. We cried out to God and God sent us a deliverer. Moses was Israel's deliverer. Jesus Christ was our deliverer. Moses is one of the great types of Christ in the Old Testament. In chapter 12, you find Israel is going to get delivered out of the world by the blood of the lamb. You and I got delivered out of the world by the blood of the lamb. The parallels here, as I have said many, many times, are just unbelievable.

### ➤ Exodus Overall will Break Down into Three Basic Sections within the Fourteen Sections

The whole Book of Exodus will break down, and I know it has 14 sections, but those 14 sections in the overall book will break down into three basic sections within the 14.

- 1.) In chapter 1 through chapter 11 will be a picture of you and me as an unsaved person.
- 2.) In chapter 12, it is a picture of our salvation.
- 3.) In chapter 13 through chapter 40, the rest of the book, you find the life of the believer after salvation laid out, every component of what we have in our Christian life, chapter by chapter.

It is the most complete book that I know of. I mean, there are lots of other places in the Bible where you can put a lot of spiritual things together about our Christian life. I do not know of another book that breaks down and shows you our condition before we get saved, the day we got saved, and then the rest of the book, chapter by chapter, will show you every aspect of the Christian life. It is incredible. You have heard me talk about it before in Exodus chapter 12, the gospel according to Exodus. There are a number of things to see.

One of the major things that you cannot miss is that in chapter 12, verses 1 and 2, a big change takes place. That big change is when they are going to begin to change the beginning of their year.

*This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: **it shall be the first month of the year to you.** Exodus 12:2*

When the Bible talks about a new creature in Christ Jesus, everything changes in our lives. When Israel was getting ready to come out of Egypt, God changed everything about their daily life. So up to this point, the Jews were starting the first of their year every year in September which

would become the Feast of Tabernacles. Now it is going to become the Passover. I cannot tell you how important this is.

The Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated when He gave it to them in September. Why September? Because they are starting with the beginning of God's creation in Genesis chapter 1, when He puts Adam and Eve down in a garden. The Feast of Tabernacles will commemorate the beginning in Genesis. This will be the time of Christ's first coming, September, and it will be the time of the second coming, He will come at the Feast of Tabernacles. At the Feast of Tabernacles when it shows up, they made little booths out of palm tree leaves, and they dwelled in those booths, and those dwelling in those booths was a picture of when Christ would come and dwell in man. Of course, the Feast of Tabernacles is the key to understanding when Christ was born. He was not born in December. He was born in September. When He comes back at the second coming and also the creation. I could take you into Genesis and show you the exact day in September that Jesus Christ was born. It runs from September 20th to the 24th somewhere in there, and every one of those days is laid out for you.

It is very important that He changes to the Passover, because He starts their new life, their new year, based on the redemption being brought out by the blood of a lamb. Can you see the connection between you and Israel here, spiritually and there physically? Sure you can.

One of the great things in verses 3, 4, and 5, they are told to get a lamb. Verse 3 says you get a **lamb**. Verse 4 says you get **the lamb**. Verse 5 says get **your lamb**. That is an excellent analogy because the first thing we all needed was a lamb. But not any lamb would do. You need the lamb. But you can have the lamb all day long, but you have to make it your lamb. That lamb was to be without blemish and without marks on it. It was to be a male. They were keeping it up to the 14th day of the month and then Israel killed it.

*6. And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. Exodus 12:6*

Verse 6, in the evening at 6 pm, exactly the time that Christ is crucified. Christ is crucified on Wednesday the 13th. He dies on the 14th and He is taken down off the cross, just like the lamb. All the material matches with the gospel accounts because what you have here is a picture of the Lamb of God.

*7. And they shall take of the blood, and **strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses**, wherein they shall eat it.*

*8. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, **roast with fire**, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.*

*9. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. Exodus 12:7-9*

Verses 7, 8, and 9 they are told how to apply the blood. Put it on the two side posts and the lintel of the door. I have told you before, that is a picture of Calvary. One thief on each side, and Christ's deity, numbered with the transgressor, but He is higher than they are. It says in there that

He is to be roasted with fire. That is the sixth and the ninth hour when God turns His back on Him. Verse 9 says everything has to be burned up. There could be nothing left. It is a picture of Christ having a complete and total sacrifice for you and for me.

***11. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover. Exodus 12:11***

Verse 11 says they are to eat it. The Bible says when you eat it, get your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand. What is that a picture of? God is going to take them out of Egypt, out of the world after they get redeemed by the blood of the lamb.

**Inspirationally**, when you get saved, get your shoes on your feet and staff in your hand, God is going to move you out and God is going to use you.

***13. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:13***

Verse 13, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." You have a song in your hymnal, "When I See the Blood," all based on Exodus chapter 12. The teaching is when you finally get saved, He brings you out of the world. You get ready to move out and do something for the Lord.

## Section 5: Chapter 13 Sanctification

**Chapter 13.** Now we start to see the third section. The first section, unsaved man. Second section, Exodus chapter 12, redemption through the blood of a lamb. From 13 on, these chapters are going to show you every component of your New Testament Christian life that God brings into their life once they have been redeemed by the blood. So in chapter 13, you know the first thing He talks to them about and deals with them about? He deals with their sanctification. The fact that they are going to be set apart now from Egypt. He shows them that you and I, once we get saved and redeemed by the blood, there is nothing in the world for us anymore. Not a thing. We are now separated from the world and the world has nothing to offer us. I think it is really interesting in verse 9, He covers all of the bases. Not only are they to understand that they are separated from the world, that they are no longer part of Egypt. But God is taking them on a journey that is going to give them the land that He wants them to have, and He wants them to carry this into their children. In verse 14, they are to tell their kids about being set apart and being sanctified.

***And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage: Exodus 13:14***

He gives them three things. You talk about a parent training up your child after you get saved and you get separated from the world. He says three things.

*And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine **hand**, and for a memorial between thine **eyes**, that the LORD'S law may be in thy **mouth**: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt. Exodus 13:9*

He talks about the hands. He talks about the eyes. He talks about the mouth. He tells them to tell their kids, "You are sanctified and set apart from Egypt. Your hands will now represent what you do. Your eyes will now represent what you look at. Your mouth will represent what you say." All three of those are the key to your life: the hand, the eyes, and the mouth. You are set apart and sanctified and you carry that into your children. He even covers the training of your children.

Verse 21, He brings them out. Cloud by day, pillar of fire by night. The cloud represents the coming of the Lord and the fire represents the judgment of God.

*21. And the LORD went before them **by day in a pillar of a cloud**, to lead them the way; and **by night in a pillar of fire**, to give them light; to go by day and night: Exodus 13:21*

The picture is the leading of the Word of God in our walk with God after we get saved and God delivers us out of the world. This is how He will lead you through the wilderness of sin. That is where they are going. You are going to find that once they got in the wilderness of sin, nothing sustained them. Everything now had to come from God, or they were going to die in the wilderness. What an incredible picture that is of your life and my life after we get saved and come out of Egypt, a complete total relying on the supernatural things of God because in the wilderness of sin, there is nothing going to sustain you. This is how He will lead us today through the principles of the Word of God.

## Section 6: Chapter 14 They get Baptized

They come out of Egypt, chapter 12, through the blood. First thing they do is get sanctified. In chapter 14, you know the next thing they do? They get baptized. In **chapter 14**, verses 5 through 8, they come to the Red Sea. Pharaoh is coming after them. God parts the Red Sea and they walk through (verses 13-16). In 1 Corinthians 10:1-5, this is one of the seven baptisms found in the Bible. This is called the baptism of Moses. It is not a baptism of immersion, but aspersion. As they walk through the wall of water, the mist, they got baptized. They are baptized in a cloud, the Bible says in 1 Corinthians chapter 10, it shows you that after they come out and they get set apart, the first thing they did was get baptized.

- Once you Get Saved you Pose a Threat to the Devil & He will Come After You

I want you to see once they left the world, Egypt, Pharaoh came after them. Let me talk to you about this. The picture here is now that you are saved, you pose a real threat to the devil of influencing other people. Before you were saved, you were not a threat. So now he is going to doubly come after you to bring you back to Egypt, the world system. That is what he is going to do. What does God do? Here again, they get to the Red Sea. It looks like they are trapped. They see Pharaoh coming. The people start to murmur. God always shows us His deliverance, and He splits the Red Sea and across they go. They get to the other side and the last ones over are

standing around and they say, "Hey, look, Pharaoh's army is coming after us." Pharaoh's army had come down through that split of the Red Sea and was hot on their trail. They think that Pharaoh was going to get them. God says, "No, I am just waiting until that whole army gets in there," and then He closes up the Red Sea and He drowns them all. Once you get saved by the blood of the lamb, once you get set apart, once you start on this journey, God is going to protect you every step of the way. I do not care if the devil comes after you or not. It does not matter. He is going to always open up the opportunities for you to escape and then He is going to close those opportunities that the devil cannot get to you. Exodus is one of the most beautiful pictures of your life and my life anywhere in the Bible.

Another great thing here, you see the first thing after salvation and once they understand they are set apart, they get baptized. In the Book of Acts, you see that play out. When a man got saved in the Book of Acts, he basically did two things. He joined the New Testament church and he got baptized, laid out in Exodus.

## Section 7: Chapter 15 The Song of Moses - Victory

**Chapter 15**, you have the Song of Victory. This is called the "Song of Moses". In chapter 15, verse 1, this is the first time you find the word "song" in the Bible.

*Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. Exodus 15:1*

**Law of 1<sup>st</sup> Mention:** Exodus 15:1 The first time you find the word "song" in the Bible.

It is a song of victory that God gave them because of God delivering them. **Historically**, this song was them singing, being delivered from Pharaoh, hence the Song of Moses. **Doctrinally**, it is found in Revelation 5 verse 9, the Song of Moses is their deliverance at the second coming of Christ by the antichrist who Pharaoh is a type of.

*And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; Revelation 5:9*

**Inspirationally**, it is our Song of Victory, Psalm 40:3 "*And he hath put a **new song** in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.*"

Colossians 3:16 talks about it. "*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual **songs**, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*" For our victory and our deliverance. So, you can see how this is building.

## Section 8: Chapter 16 Manna from Heaven-Word of God

Now we come to **chapter 16**. They get taken out in 12, sanctified in 13, baptized in 14, got the Song of Victory in 15, now 16, the manna from heaven. God giving us the supernatural word of God that is going to sustain us through the will of God. The Word of God that is going to sustain us through the wilderness of sin. When they got historically into the wilderness of sin, nothing to eat, no water to drink. God has to supernaturally bring food from heaven in the wilderness of sin. He sends that supernatural food, which is a picture of the Word of God, bread, manna. There are 10 key aspects in this chapter that you ought to mark down. I will give them to you and you ought to go through and mark them in your Bible.

### ➤ Ten Key Aspects of Chapter 16

- 1. In verse 14, the manna was supernatural, was not of this world. So is the Word of God.
- 2. In verses 12-14, the manna came to right where the people were. They did not have to go search for it. God brought the Word of God right to your life.
- 3. In verse 14,31, the manna was white, pure, pure Word of God.
- 4. In verses 32 and 33, the manna was to be eaten for strength. The Word of God is your source of strength.
- 5. In verses 12 and 14, the manna had to be gathered daily in the morning, a picture of your time in the Word of God every day.
- 6. In verse 16 they had to labor to get it. That is 1 Timothy 2:15, "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman.*" They had to labor to get it. You have to labor to get the Word of God.
- 7. In verse 17. Some gathered more, some gathered less. There is the attitude of God's people. You are here tonight, whatever spiritual level you are on, after five or 10 years, if you are still on that spiritual level, I could probably zoom in on the fact that it goes back to right here. Some gathered more, some gathered less.
- 8. In verse 15, you find that the manna was incomprehensible to man. They did not know what it was. The Word of God, man cannot understand it unless God opens up the scriptures and the Holy Spirit of God teaches you.
- 9. In Numbers 11:4-6 you pick this up, that the mixed multitude that came out of Egypt, they hated it..
- 10. In verse 33-34, the manna was preserved in the ark. The Bible says you take up a portion of that manna, and you put it in the ark, a type of Christ, to preserve for future generations. That is how you and I got the manna from heaven, the Word of God. Incredible picture.

**BIBLE NOTE TIP:** Be sure to mark each of these out in your Bible.

## Section 9: Chapter 17 A Picture of Our Prayer Life

**Chapter 17**, you have a picture of our prayer life. Everything is covered. This story unfolds around a battle with Amalek. It is a picture of our own spiritual warfare. In the story, you will find **three men** who represent a cast of characters to show us our prayer in battle.

- 1.) Moses, he is a picture of me and you.
- 2.) Joshua, he is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ. He fights this battle.
- 3.) Amalek, who is the world system that Joshua is fighting against.

The story unfolds where Joshua is fighting Amalek, that is Jesus fighting my spiritual battles. Moses, that is me, goes up on a hill while my Jesus fights the battle. Then Moses holds up his hands. In 1 Timothy 2:8, it talks about your prayer life where it says men lifting up holy hands is a picture of your prayer life. The dumb, stupid Charismatics, think that is why they lift up their hands. It says holy men of God lifting up their hands. There is nothing holy about these hands that you are lifting up. It is a picture of you reaching out to God with your spiritual hands, your soul in prayer. As long as he held his hands up, Joshua wins the battle. When he lets his hand down, Amalek prevails in the battle. Moses gets tired like we get labored in prayer. So he calls up Aaron and Hur who help hold his hands up. There will be times in your life when you get weary in your prayer life and you will call your friends up and they will pray with you. In verse 13, you will find Joshua wins the battle through the prayer with a sword. Picture the Word of God, Hebrews chapter 4. It is incredible stuff.

## Section 10: Chapter 18 Jethro's Advice to Moses

**Chapter 18** will be a key chapter. I am going to get into this for sure next week. But this will deal with the advice Jethro will give to Moses. This advice that takes place here will be taught in every Bible college and by most pastors and churches today that this is how you do the ministry. This chapter will be a perfect picture how the devil will stop a young pastor or a young Christian dead in his tracks. This is a complete picture. There are **eight principles found here on the ministry** and getting the word of men or getting the Word of God. The advice that Jethro gives Moses will go against everything that God told Moses to do. Yet you are told in Bible colleges for a young pastor, this is how you do it. When you look at this in here, everything that Jethro tells him that he should be doing is what God told him not to do. The advice leads in Numbers chapter 16, to a rebellion of the nation of Israel against Moses. You are also going to find, the Bible says that Moses speaks to God face to face like a man speaking with his friend. All the time he is getting advice from Jethro. If you look very carefully, he is getting nothing from God. God says, "You are going to take the advice of a man. I am not giving you my advice." Moses replaces God's counsel with Jethro's counsel. Jethro's counsel was a picture of what happens today when young men get advice that is spiritual and Christian, but it is not biblical and scriptural and it winds up destroying them. It is an incredible chapter, which I want to get into more and show you that detail.

## Section 11: Chapter 19-24 The Ten Commandments

Then we move into **chapter 19 through chapter 24**. This will be a large section here. We will see Israel gets the law, the Ten Commandments. These Ten Commandments were the basic format for the law that is given to Israel. This is where it starts. In chapter 21 through 24, he lays out in detail the structure that Israel must abide by in the Old Testament as he gives them the law. I am going to break these chapters down for you here as we go through.

**Chapter 21**, he talks about the law for men servants and women servants that they must follow. He talks about in that chapter the law for manslaughter. We call it manslaughter. It talks about dealing with children that curse their parents. It talks about how to deal with people who are constantly getting into physical confrontation with people.

In **chapter 22**, he deals with the laws on somebody that is a thief or somebody that damages somebody's property. He talks about the law of trespassing, the laws connected with borrowing from somebody, the laws of fornication, the laws under witchcraft, the laws of bestiality, the laws of idolatry, the laws of strangers coming in, that will be Gentiles coming in to be proselytized Jews.

In **chapter 23**, he deals with the law of slander and false witness, how to deal with that. The laws of justice, the laws of charity. The law of the years of rest, how you have to work the land for seven years, then you let it rest one. He deals with the law of dealing with the Sabbath. He deals with the law of keeping the three main feasts. He deals with the law of the sacrifices.

In **chapter 24**, this is where Moses is called up to the Mount with the elders. He is up there for 40 days and 40 nights, and this is where they see the angel of the Lord. God reveals Himself through Jesus Christ pre-incarnate.

How does that all fit in for you and me? One, it gives me the understanding of how God and what He required them to do with the law. But for me, this will be Romans chapter 1 and 2, and Romans chapter 9 and Romans chapter 11, and also Romans chapter 7. It shows me not only God's and Israel's relationship to each other through the law, but it shows me especially in Romans chapter 7, my relationship to the law as a New Testament Christian. How I look at Israel and understand God dealing with them and how that law has no effect on me at this point. It is an incredible concept that most Christians never get to.

## Section 12: Chapters 25-27 The Tabernacle

Then we come to **chapter 25, 26, and 27**, and this will be on the tabernacle. The tabernacle is one of the most intense studies in all of your Bible. We have laid it out many, many times. Basically, I want to make it easy for you. The tabernacle was something that God gave Moses the pattern for. You find it in the book of Hebrews. In chapter 25, 26, and 27, you find that Moses creates this tabernacle by the pattern God gave him. This tabernacle was going to become the central object of worship for the nation of Israel. For Israel in the Old Testament, the tabernacle was the dwelling place of God. The workplace for the priests and everything that Israel did revolved around that tabernacle and what God did to it. The tabernacle will be temporary until they get into the land. Then Solomon builds the permanent temple when he comes to the throne.

That is a picture of Israel wandering in this world temporarily, but when Christ comes back and establishes the millennium, the temple is built. **Inspirationally**, it is a picture of your body and my body. *"What know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price."* Right now, our body is that tabernacle and we are pilgrimaging through the wilderness of sin. But there is coming a time when we will be established with a glorified body, and it will be permanent. So you see all the pictures here.

There were seven pieces of furniture in that tabernacle. There was the brazen altar, the laver of water that was on the outside. When you went inside the tent, you had the golden candlestick with seven, they called them menorah with seven candles on it. Across from that, you had the showbread. There were 12 loaves laid out, one, two, three, four, five, six, one, two, three, five, five, six, a picture of the Word of God, 66 books in your Bible. You had the altar of incense and that was constantly burning, a picture of prayer. Then the priest carried a censer, which is a picture of us praying without ceasing. These furnishings in the tabernacle were there for the priest in the physical worship of Israel with God. **Inspirationally**, this tabernacle is a picture of your body and my body. You know in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, it says, *"That the man of God may be perfect, **thoroughly furnished** unto all good works."* So these seven pieces of furniture in the Old Testament tabernacle represent seven pieces of furnishings in your life. The word "furnishings" is taken out of every new Bible. The only Bible that has "furnishings" in it is your King James Bible. It also says *"thoroughly furnished."* All the new Bibles take out "thoroughly" and say "thoroughly furnished." When they do that, they destroy the whole concept, which is what the devil does anyhow. It is not thoroughly furnished, it is **thoroughly furnished**. Inside you, through you, furnished seven pieces unto all good works. The brazen altar, a picture of the crucifixion; the laver of water, the picture where you wash your feet to get clean every day with God, 1 John 1 verse 9. The golden candlestick, a picture of the Holy Spirit of God; the showbread on the other side is the Word of God. The altar of incense is your prayer, and the censer is you praying without ceasing. The Holy of Holies, which is the seventh one, was where the ark dwelt, where God dwelt with Israel. It is a picture of the relationship you have with Christ that through the seven pieces of furniture in your tabernacle you have that personal relationship with Christ on equal footing that you can go to Him any time. It is an incredible picture.

## Section 13: Chapters 28-31 The Priesthood

Then we come into chapter 28 through chapter 31, where we deal with the priesthood. The Old Testament priesthood was a literal one. But it will be the model for our spiritual priesthood. You remember that there are two priesthoods in the Bible. There is the literal one, which was Aaron's priesthood. Then there is the spiritual priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. The literal priesthood represented the kingdom of heaven. The spiritual priesthood represents the kingdom of God. The basic breakdown:

**Chapter 29**, he deals with the consecration of the priests.

In **chapter 30**, he deals with the altar of incense and the ransom of the soul that the priest is to perform.

In **chapter 31**, he deals with the importance of the keeping of the Sabbath.

**BIBLE NOTE TIP:** You want to get chapter 28 to 31 dealing with the priesthood and then break these chapters down with the headings, and as we go on in time, you will add more to it.

## Section 14: Chapter 32-40 The Work of the Ministry

**Chapter 32 through chapter 40**, and this is where you can see every aspect of it. They come out of Egypt in chapter 12, sanctified, baptized, prayer, manna, everything right down the line. Now we come into chapter 32 through chapter 40. He has brought you up to every aspect that you can understand about you and your relationship with Christ. The priesthood, the tabernacle, the manna from heaven, your prayer life, you have it all now. This section is the final section of the three, and this deals with the work of the ministry. It deals with working with God's people in the ministry. There was so much to learn from here. I will tell you this. Nothing in the Bible helped me more in my ministry of dealing with people than chapter 32 through chapter 40. The Book of Exodus is an incredible book. As you can already see, once you saw yourself as an unsaved person, first 11 chapters, you got delivered in chapter 12 and now 13 on every aspect. We have come to the place where if you grow properly, you put these things into your life, you will be ready for the work of the ministry.

Our church is just about 23, 22, years old, but it is still a young church. I am going to tell you right now, guys and gals, if you are going to work in the ministry, you better understand chapter 32 through chapter 40.

Being a pastor in my mind is the greatest job in the world. I cannot think of another job that anybody could do that would even come close to being a pastor, giving the Word of God to people under God's direction and what God wants you to do. It is the greatest job in the world. But I am going to tell you, having to deal with God's people in the ministry will probably be the greatest challenge you ever face. If you do not learn and understand what you are getting into and how to deal with it, you will be out of the ministry before you get into the ministry. This is why so many guys fail in the ministry.

### ➤ Chapter 32 The Story of the Golden Calf

In **chapter 32**, after all that God has done for them, heard their cry in Egypt, delivered them out of Egypt, set them apart. They were starving and thirsty, God gave them food, gave them victory after victory, got them through the Red Sea, gave them the Ten Commandments, gave them everything that they needed. Now in Exodus chapter 32, the story of the golden calf. There are some key things here for understanding ministry, and I am telling you, one of the things that comes out of this, nobody on planet earth is more dependent on good, solid leadership and direction than God's people. Moses was the man that God gave the nation of Israel. They needed a leader. When he was gone, He gave them Joshua. God continually gave Israel men who were strong leaders who took God's side and got them through everything. When you do not have good, strong leadership, you are going to have some issues. This is one of the first things that come out of this. Moses goes up on a mountain to meet with God. The Bible tells us he is

delayed in coming down and the people fall into sin. It is unbelievable how quickly this all happened. They knew what God had done for them. They knew who Moses was. They knew God's hand in the miracles that he did. Yet so quickly, when the leadership is vacated, the golden calf shows up. They make a golden calf and they depart from God. It shows me, first off, the importance of God's structure of a Bible-based, Bible-teaching New Testament local church and strong leadership within that church.

I am telling you, dealing with God's people will be a challenge all of your ministry. Some of you work with people right now in discipleship, counseling, doing what you do with them. You have already seen it, just the tip of the iceberg. But no book in the Bible will graphically lay it out better than the Book of Exodus. It is something that you better learn. Moses was the greatest leader Israel ever had. He was God's man. He led Israel, kept them close to God. He always looked out for them. He did everything that God asked him to do. He was without a doubt the greatest leader that Israel ever had. Yet God's own people, over and over and over again, lose sight that God has sent them the man who delivered them with His message to them. New Testament Christians follow the same rule that you will find in here. This is why these chapters here, this last section, is so important. I would never have made it in the ministry without understanding this, and you will not either.

#### ➤ Four Things Israel did to Moses

Four things that they did back there to Moses that they will do to you. God's people will trade you in for a golden calf in a blink of an eye.

- 1.) They got out of fellowship.
- 2.) Once they are out of fellowship, they start murmuring against the man that God sent them to deliver them.
- 3.) The murmuring gets to such a degree, they want to stone him. You think that does not happen in the New Testament in a spiritual sense? Somebody will say to me, "What happened to so-and-so? I have not seen him for a while." I say, "You know, I do not know, I have not seen him either." Inside, you know what I am thinking? "Oh, they are out gathering stones."
- 4.) God's people will trade Moses/you for a golden calf

If you are going to take the call of God in your life seriously, know this. There will be people that you win to Christ, you helped them in every way. They will walk out the door and never even say goodbye. Let me give you one of the secret rules of the Bible, the church, and the pastoring. **Good people never leave good churches.** You may move away and that is a different thing, get a job, but this idea that good people never leave good churches. **Write it down. Good people do not leave good churches.** I have watched it for 50 plus years in my life. You will invest your whole life into those people and they will walk out the door like you do not even exist.

If you are ever going to be a spiritual leader or a pastor, here is the key. You have to always be sure of your calling. You have to be able to see the hand of God in your life and the blessings of God in your life. That is all you focus on. You are going to have people all your life and all your

ministry who do not like what you do, just like they did not like what Moses did. Moses never faltered. Moses held the line. People will come and go. You have to stay in your life with the blessings of what God is giving you. This is why you never take it personal. This is why you have to understand, Exodus chapter 32 through chapter 40 will show you how it all unfolds. I will tell you what, these chapters were the greatest chapters to me. You find that just like the golden calf, 3,000 people got killed out of that ordeal. I am telling you, they will not get killed physically, but they get killed spiritually. You have to always stay with the fact that if you are the leader and God is blessing you, people are being saved and you are fulfilling the plan of God, you are going to have murmurers who do not like that. They are going to nitpick every little thing you do and yet themselves they are doing nothing. But they are so spiritual they want to question Moses. You know what? Never stopped Moses for a day in his life. **Moses' relationship with God was greater than any relationship with the people. That is the key!**

➤ Leadership is not about ability, Leadership is about responsibility

Then there is a second aspect to it here. You see in Moses and Aaron, two styles of leadership. Moses is a very strong leader. When Aaron is left in charge, and Moses is up on the mountain, he cannot make the hard calls. The people start to murmur. They start to get the idea that Moses is dead. He is not coming back and that they never should have got out of Egypt. Now the devil gets into details and the next thing you know pops up, this golden calf. Aaron absolutely knew what God had said about other gods in the Ten Commandments. "*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*" Yet his lack of leadership allowed Israel to fall into idolatry. After this, you have two models of being a leader in ministry, Moses and Aaron. The end result in this story here under Aaron, a lot of people got killed, 3,000 of them. In the New Testament ministry failed leadership will get a lot of people killed spiritually. I say it all the time. Exodus chapter 32 through 40 are the great principles that will come to light that everything rises and falls on leadership.

**Leadership is not about ability, folks. Leadership is about responsibility.** A good leader just does not make the easy calls that everybody likes. A good leader makes the hard calls too that people do not like. This is what Moses' strong point was. These are some of the greatest principles in this great Book that shows you from the time before you got saved, after you were saved, all the way through. The last section shows you the end result of what your life and my life should be, the ministry to people. Pastoring is the greatest job in the world, hands down, better than anything you will ever do. But I am telling you right now, you better understand the devil used people to stop Israel from getting where it wanted to go. He will try to stop New Testament Christianity from getting where it would go. 90% of the time in the Old Testament, once they get out of Egypt, it was not the other nations that stopped them. It was the people that came with them out of Egypt. In the New Testament church, it will not be the world. It will be the very murmurers who want to take a stand because they are not growing and they are not doing anything for God.

Exodus is an incredible book. It is the one book in your Bible you want to get broken down where you can lay it out, chapter by chapter, have it at your fingertips. I have given you enough to get you started and break that whole book down into the sections, the 14 sections, the three inspirational sections, and then get everything where it needs to be.