



EXODUS

SAVED FOR
GOD'S GLORY

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for these studies.



Our midweek
growth groups

are the heart of our church life together. They are, as the name suggests, about growing! We grow in...



- **our understanding of God's Word**

Our studies follow the Sunday sermons, and there's lots of room for interaction, discussion and questions.

- **our love for God**

Meeting together is truly life-changing as God works powerfully in us by His Spirit through His Word.

- **our love for God's family**

They're a great place to build real, encouraging friendships, while providing opportunities to practically serve, care and pray for one another.

- **our love for God's world**

Our groups are a place where we can pray and partner with one another in God's mission to the world.

in His love & grace,

THEN THE CLOUD COVERED THE
TENT OF MEETING, AND THE

GLORY **OF THE LORD**

FILLED THE TABERNACLE.

- Exodus 40:34 -

INTRODUCING EXODUS

There is no more epic story in the bible than the book of Exodus. A people enslaved to a monstrously evil king. A child left to the waters of the Nile who would eventually become a great leader. A burning bush from which God speaks. The contest between pagan magicians and the power of the Lord. The supernatural wonder of great plagues. The parting of the Red Sea for an incredible deliverance. The miraculous provision of water and food in the wilderness. The ten commandments on stone tablets. The glory of the Lord who appears on a mountain. The idol worship of a golden calf. The construction of God's holy place to be amongst His people.

Exodus is truly epic and it's no wonder this story has been the source material for Hollywood movies. But at the heart of it, Exodus is so much more than an adventure story.

IT'S A BOOK ABOUT GOD

The Exodus is the defining salvation experience for the creation of Israel, and this nation comes back to this event again and again. Many of the Psalms retell the story of Exodus, but it's never about giving focus to 'hero Moses'. It's always about God the great deliverer -

*When our ancestors were in Egypt, they gave no thought to your miracles; they did not remember your many kindnesses, and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea. Yet he saved them for his name's sake, to make his mighty power known. **Psalm 106:7-8***

IT'S A BOOK ABOUT CHRIST

The story of the bible is the story of the coming of God's own Son, Jesus the one who would 'crush the serpent's head' and lead his delivered people to the promised land. The resurrected Lord Jesus Himself said that Exodus is about Him and notice how the New Testament speaks of the Exodus events;

*Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." **Luke 24:44***

*Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. **Jude 1:5***

IT'S A BOOK FOR US

The story of Exodus is incredibly helpful for us. Notice how the New Testament treats Exodus as highly practical for our lives -

*They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual Rock that accompanied them, and that Rock was Christ. ... We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed. ... Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction...
1 Corinthians 10:2-11*

So as we get to know the true God, His reality addresses our fears, anxieties, our struggles in marriage and work, and what it means to be a church community together. Exodus is divine truth for practical change.

EXODUS & GOD'S GLORY

Exodus has been described as 'the gospel of the Old Testament' and we will soon see why. But always throughout this good news – God's own glory is the very purpose of all things. See Psalm 106:7-8 (earlier), but have a look at these verses too -

*This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: "Let my people go, so that they may worship me" **Exodus 9:1***

*The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen." **Exodus 14:18***

*While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. **Exodus 16:10***

*Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. **Exodus 40:34***

The Westminster Shorter Catechism (a Question and Answer tool for teaching children, families and new converts) was written in 1646, has this as its first Question and Answer:

Q: What is the chief end of man?

A: To glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Indeed as we will see in Exodus, it is also the chief end of God Himself as He brings a gracious, miraculous and promise-keeping salvation to His people. This nation of Israel is saved so they might obey, serve and worship Him and rejoice in His holy presence. This is what is made possible for us through Jesus Christ's death and His resurrection to life and Lordship.

EXODUS OVERVIEW

Exodus is such a rich and full part of the bible, we could easily spend 6 months on this single book of the bible. But instead our plan will be more overview. We'll cover all of Exodus in 11 weeks. As our approach is more 'flying over the top' than down on the ground in all the detail, it's worth keeping a sense of how the book ties together. Check out this Exodus Overview on the next page.

EXODUS OVERVIEW

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REDEMPTION : GOD REDEEMS HIS PEOPLE



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Israel oppressed as slaves in Egypt

The birth of Moses: God raises a deliverer

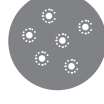
The burning bush: God appears to Moses

Moses returns to Egypt with signs for Pharaoh

Pharaoh works Israel harder

God promises deliverance

God VS Pharaoh: the ten plagues



Moses flees to Midian



The plague on the firstborn

The Passover and Exodus from Egypt

The Israelites consecrate their firstborn

Crossing the Red Sea and Pharaoh defeated

A song of praise to God

God provides food and water for Israel

God gives Israel victory over the Amalekites

Jethro instructs Moses

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COVENANT : GOD MAKES A COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE



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Israel gathered as God's people at Mt Sinai

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God's covenant with Israel: 'the ten words'

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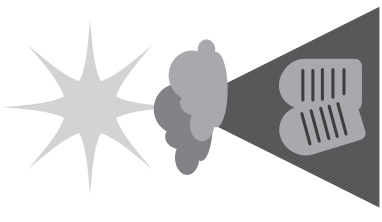
God's laws for Israel

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God confirms his covenant with the elders of Israel



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TABERNACLE : GOD DWELLS WITH HIS PEOPLE



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God gives instructions for the tabernacle and its furnishings

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God gives instructions for the priests

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Rebellion: Israel worships the golden calf

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God's glory appears to Moses

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God reconfirms his covenant with the elders of Israel

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The tabernacle and its furnishings are made

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The priestly garments are made

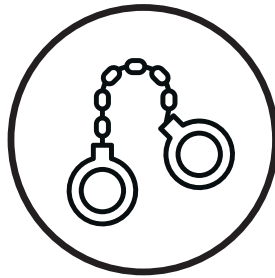
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God's glory fills the tabernacle



Moses intercedes for Israel

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By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Hebrews 11:23-25

Take it in turns and read all of Exodus 1-2 as a group. Before you read, take note of the Exodus Themes (see last page of study guide). We will discuss these later.

CONTEXT

1. How should we fit the beginning of Exodus in the Bible's story so far? You could look at the below passages to give some important background.

Genesis 1:27-28

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'

Genesis 12:1-4,6-7

The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 'I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him ... Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.'



Take some time in the week to google the Bible Project Video – COVENANTS.

THE STORY

2. Where is the 'drama and action' as you read this story, and what's your reaction/questions to it?

3. How should we view the actions of Pharaoh in light of the Genesis context?

4. How successful is Pharaoh in his plans? What does this reveal?

5. Using the Exodus Themes (see back cover) to help you, what do you notice about this part of the Exodus story? Talk it out as group together.

GOD, JESUS CHRIST & US

6. What do we learn about God from this passage?

7. How does this passage relate to Jesus and the gospel?

You might like to check out these verses and discuss:

2 Corinthians 1:20-22, Romans 6:16-18

8. What can we take away as examples, positive and negative, for God's people today? In answering this, you can speak generally, but try to make it personal too.

9. Talk about how each of us should respond to this passage, whether it be worship and praise, repentance, thankfulness, petition, ...