

## Exodus: God's People on the Move

Exodus records “the **events** of Israel’s deliverance from Egypt and development as a nation.” It also “relates more **miracles** than any other Old Testament book and is noted for containing the **Ten Commandments**.”

**Clyde Francisco** – “The name of the book is a Latinized form of the Greek word *exodos*, which means outgoing or departure.”

The book may be divided by location: (1) Israel in **Egypt** (1:1-13:16); (2) Israel in the **Wilderness** (13:17-18:27); and Israel at **Sinai** (19:1-40:38).

What are the major themes in the book of Exodus?

- **Slavery** - God’s people were slaves for 400 years. Pharaoh was cruel, and the people cried out to God for deliverance.
- **Redemption** – God prepared a leader (Moses) and delivered His people. The Passover celebration was a reminder of their redemption from slavery.
- **Guidance** – God guided His people by day (cloud) and by night (fire). He used plagues, miracles, and leaders to guide His people. When the cloud moved, God’s people moved.
- **Ten Commandments** – God’s commandments were divided into three parts. The Ten Commandments were the first part and described our relationships with God and other people. The civil law was the second part and outlined how to live and manage life. The ceremonial law was the third part and showed the pattern for building the temple and how to worship.
- **The People of Israel** – God founded the nation of Israel. God taught them how to worship and live life. As the people left Egypt, they didn’t have a king or an army. The tabernacle was the primary symbol of God’s presence with Israel.

What are the spiritual principles of the book of Exodus?

- God prepares His people for **specific assignments**.

**Exodus 3:4** - *When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”*

- God promises to deliver His people from the **enemy** and **temptations**.

**Exodus 3:7-10** - *Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the*

*Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”*

- God illustrates the importance of **leadership development**

**Exodus 18:24-16** - *So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves.*

- God calls His people to prepare for an **authentic** experience of worship.

**Exodus 19:9-11** - *And the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.” When Moses told the words of the people to the Lord, the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.*

- God reveals His **standards** for godly living.

**Exodus 20:1** - *And God spoke all these words, saying...*

- God declares the **sacredness** of a day of rest (Sabbath).

**Exodus 31:14-15** - *You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death.*

- God declares how quick the **heart** can drift (shift).

**Exodus 32:7-8** - *And the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”*

- God longs for people to seek His **glory**

**Exodus 33:18** - *Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”*