

# **LOGOS**

**A General and Light Survey of the Bible**

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# Lesson 3

## EXODUS

- Exodus means “the outgoing” of the Israelites from the land of Egypt.
- Tradition and statements by Jesus and the Apostles attribute Exodus and the rest of the Pentateuch to Moses (Luke 2:22, 24:44; John 1:17, 7:19; Acts 13:39; 1 Corinthians 9:9; Hebrews 10:28, etc.).
- Exodus is a Book of Redemption, telling how God delivered the Israelites bondage under Pharaoh in Egypt and established them as his chosen nation.

How did Israel end up in slavery?

- Jacob, aka Israel, traveled with his family to Egypt because there was a famine throughout the region and his son, Joseph was in charge of Pharaoh’s storehouse of grain. *“All those who went to Egypt with Jacob—those who were his direct descendants, not counting his sons’ wives—numbered sixty-six persons. With the two sons who had been born to Joseph in Egypt, the members of Jacob’s family, which went to Egypt, were seventy in all”* (Genesis 46:26-27).
- Because he favored Joseph, Pharaoh showed kindness to his family. *“Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘Your father and your brothers have come to you, and the land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brothers in the best part of the land. Let them live in Goshen. And if you know of any among them with special ability, put them in charge of my own livestock’”* (Genesis 47:5-6).
- *Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them. Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.” So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly.* (Exodus 1:6-13)
- There are about 400 years represented in Exodus 1:14.
- *As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”* (Genesis 15:12-16)
- *“Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years”* (Exodus 12:40).

## OUTLINE

- The Exodus (Chapters 1-31)
  - The birth of Moses.

*Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.*

*Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attend-*

ants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him.

*"This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.*

Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

*"Yes, go," she answered.*

*So, the girl went and got the baby's mother.*

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you."

*So, the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water." (Exodus 2:1-10)*

- Moses flees Egypt.

*One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.*

*...When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian... (Exodus 2:11-12, 15).*

*\*Moses was probably in Midian about 30 years. He married Zipporah and they had a son. Meanwhile, Pharaoh died. (Exodus 2:15-25)*

- The burning bush.

*Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So, Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."*

*When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"*

*And Moses said, "Here I am."*

*"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."*

*Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."*

*At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.*

*The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So, I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey... So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."*

*But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"*

*And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."*

*Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"*

*God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" (Exodus 3:1-22)*

*...Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'"*

*Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?"*

*“A staff,” he replied.  
The LORD said, “Throw it on the ground.”  
Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.  
Then the LORD said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.”*

*So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.*

*“This,” said the LORD, “is so that they may believe...”*

*Then the LORD said, “Put your hand inside your cloak.”*

*So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.*

*“Now put it back into your cloak,” he said.*

*So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.*

*Then the LORD said, “If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground.”*

*Moses said to the LORD, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”*

*The LORD said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”*

*But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”  
Then the LORD’s anger burned against Moses... (Exodus 4:1-17)*

- **The Plagues.**

*When Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and told him, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness’” (Exodus 5:1), Pharaoh refused and increased the slave’s workload (Exodus 5:6-21). God sent a series of 10 plagues on Egypt:*

- Water turned to blood (Exodus 7:14-24).
- Frogs (Exodus 8:1-15).
- Gnats (Exodus 8:16-19).
- Flies (Exodus 8:20-32).
- Death of livestock (Exodus 9:1-7).
- Boils (Exodus 9:8-12).
- Hail (Exodus 9:13-35).
- Locusts (Exodus 10:1-20).
- Darkness (10:21-29).
- Death of the firstborn (Exodus 11:1-12:30)

*\*God instituted the Passover for Israel to commemorate this night.*

- *During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.” The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!” So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. The LORD had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians. (Exodus 12:31-36)*

- When the Israelites came to the Red Sea God parted the Sea so they could cross and then closed the path on the Egyptian army (Exodus 14).
- God provided water (Exodus 15:22-27; 17:1-7) and food (Exodus 16) for the Israelites. He also protected them from the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-16).
- The Ten Commandments.
  - God gave Moses the Commandments on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-20).
    - “You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3).
    - “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them” (Exodus 20:4-5).
    - “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name” (Exodus 20:7).
    - “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy” (Exodus 20:8).
    - “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you” (Exodus 20:12).
    - “You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13).
    - “You shall not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14).
    - “You shall not steal” (Exodus 20:15).
    - “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor” (Exodus 20:16).
    - “You shall not covet...” (Exodus 20:17).
  - In addition to the Commandments, God gave Moses the laws and regulations that established the civic and religious systems for the Israelite nation (Exodus 21-23). He also gave them instructions for the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, and the priesthood (Exodus 24-31).
- The Golden Calf (Chapters 32-34).
  - While Moses was on Mount Sinai the Israelites became impatient. *“When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, ‘Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him’ ”* (Exodus 32:1).
  - They gathered all their gold and Aaron made it into an idol in the shape of a calf. (Exodus 32:2-6).
  - God was so angry he was going to destroy everyone except Moses and his family, but Moses pleaded for the people and God withheld his wrath. However, Moses was so angry he smashed the stone tablets, ground the golden calf into powder, and made the Israelites drink it and had the Levites execute 3,000 people (Exodus 32:23-29). *“And the LORD struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made”* (Exodus 32:35).
  - Moses continued to plead with God on behalf of the Israelites. God gave him a new set of stone tablets and reestablished the broken Covenant (Exodus 33-34)
- The Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, and priestly garments (Exodus 33-40). The people built the Tabernacle, the furnishings, the Ark of the Covenant, and the priestly garments according to God’s instructions.

**Next week: Read Leviticus**