

## Exodus - Outline

**Author**<sup>1</sup>: This book along with the other four books of the Pentateuch is believed to have been written by Moses (see Exodus 17:14; 24:4; 34:27-28).

**Date**: Between 1446/5 and 1406/5 BC.

**Occasion**: To record the events of the Exodus and the wilderness wandering for future generations.

**Summary**: Covers the time from the entry into Egypt of the Jacob and the death of Joseph, subjugation of the Israelites, Moses' birth and early years in Pharaoh's household, then his years in the wilderness prior to being called by God to go and lead the people out of Egypt, and finally, the months leading up to spying out the promised land and the reception of the law and pattern for and construction of the tabernacle.

Group <sup>2</sup>	C	V	Description
Israel Multiplies in Egypt	1	1-7	Sons of Israel in Egypt - 70 persons
		8-14	Israelites compelled to do hard labor under new Egyptian king
		15-22	Male Israelite children ordered killed at birth; Hebrew midwives refused
The Birth of Moses	2	1-4	Moses put in a basket in the rushes
		5-10	Daughter of pharaoh finds Moses; Moses' mother brought in to nurse Moses
11-14		Moses kills an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite	
Moses Escapes to Midian		15	Moses flees to Midian when it is found out
	16-22	Moses protects the daughters of the priest of Midian; marries Zipporah	
	23-25	God hears the "Sighs" of his people	
The Burning Bush	3	1-6	Moses sees burning bush; God speaks out of the bush
		7-9	God tells Moses he has heard the cry of the Israelites
		10-12	God tell Moses to go and lead the people out of Egypt
		13-22	Moses asks God's name—I AM THAT I AM; God explains Moses' mission
Moses Given Powers	4	1-5	Starr into a snake and back again
		6-9	Hand made leprous and back again
		10-13	Moses explains that he isn't a good orator
Aaron to Be Moses' Mouthpiece		14-17	Aaron will speak for him: God → Moses → Aaron → Pharaoh
		18-20	Moses asks Jethro to let him return to Egypt
		21-23	God tells Moses what to say to pharaoh
		24-26	Zipporah circumcises their son because Moses didn't, who almost dies
Israel's Labor Increased	27-31	Aaron told to go meet Moses; they meet with the elders of Israel	
	5	1-9	Moses and Aaron appear before pharaoh
10-14		The taskmaster increase the Israelite labor quota and take away stubble	

1 (Galan et al. 21-25; Wilkinson 12-19; *ESV Study Bible* 139-144)

2 (NASB) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

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		15-21	Israelite foreman ask why the increase and removal of stubble; they complain to Moses
		22-23	Moses asks God why this happens when he promised deliverance
God Promises Action	6	1	God promise to display his deliverance so that pharaoh will compel them to leave
		2-9	God explains that there will be some hardship but release will come; God has not forgotten his covenant with Abraham
		10-13	God tells Moses to speak to pharaoh; Moses doesn't think pharaoh will listen because the elders of Israel haven't
The Heads of Israel		14-27	Listing of the leaders of the tribes of Reuben, Simeon, and Levi
		28-30	Moses is afraid Pharaoh won't listen to him just like the elders of Israel wouldn't listen
"I Will Stretch Out My Hand"	7	1-7	God reaffirms his promise to bring out the Israelites with might
Aaron's Rod Becomes a Serpent		8-13	Aaron's rod becomes a serpent; it was duplicated by Egyptian magicians
Water Is Turned Into Blood		14-19	God tells Moses & Aaron about Water turned to Blood
		20-25	Moses & Aaron went to Pharaoh; Egyptian magicians duplicated
Frogs over the Land	8	1-7	God tells Moses about the Frogs
		8-9	Pharaoh asks Moses to ask God to relent; Moses tells him to pick a day
		10-15	Pharaoh, "Tomorrow." Moses prays, the frogs recede, pharaoh relents
The Plague of Flies		16-19	God tells Moses and Aaron about the Gnats; Magicians call this the finger of God;
		20-24	God tells Moses and Aaron about the flies but only on the Egyptians, not the Israelites
		25-29	Pharaoh tells Moses to go sacrifice to God "within the land"; Moses to Pharaoh, "Don't deal deceitfully again."
	30-32	Moses prays, the Flies subside, Pharaoh relents	
Egyptian Cattle Die	9	1-7	God tells Moses to tell Pharaoh the Egyptian cattle will die of pestilence but not the Israelite cattle at a particular time—Tomorrow, but pharaoh wouldn't let them go
The Plague of Boils		8-12	God tells Moses to tell Aaron to throw a handful of soot from a kiln in the sky toward pharaoh which became boils on man and beast; Moses did it and the Egyptian magicians "couldn't stand before Moses"
		13-17	God tells Moses to tell pharaoh to let the people go or He would "send all My plagues on you and your servants and your people"; God also explains how He has been lenient until now, letting them still live

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The Plague of Hail		18-21	Tomorrow God would send a very heavy hail anything or anyone left in a field would die
		22-26	God tells Moses to stretch out his hand toward the sky, Moses did it and the hail came with thunder and fire. Didn't strike the Israelites
		27-35	Pharaoh calls for Moses, "pray to God for it to stop", Moses did and Pharaoh relented when the hail ceased
The Plague of Locusts	10	1-2	God tells Moses to tell Pharaoh, God is clearly shown Himself through His signs
		3-11	God to Pharaoh: How long will you refuse to humble yourself? Let them Go, if you refuse → Locusts will cover the land; Pharaoh says only the men can go to sacrifice
		12-20	God tells Moses to Stretch out his hand over the land that Locusts may come and they did, eating everything that was left not destroyed already; Pharaoh calls for Moses → Pray for it to stop, Moses does, and Pharaoh relents
Darkness over the Land		21-28	God tells Moses to stretch out his hand toward the sky that there may be darkness over the land for three days. Pharaoh go serve the Lord but the herds shall remain. Pharaoh wouldn't let them go. Last time Moses appears before Pharaoh
The Last Plague	11	1-3	God tells Moses of the last plague causing pharaoh to drive them out of the land, Egyptians will give generously to have them leave; God insured the Israelites and Moses were favored and esteemed by the Egyptians
		4-8	Process of the Plague; the Israelite will be separated from Egyptian
		9-10	Pharaoh refused to listen and refused to let the Israelites go
The Passover Lamb	12	1-13	God changes the First Day of the year—Passover will mark the start of a new year Passover Meal directions Israelite protection from Angel of Death
Feast of Unleavened Bread		14-20	Feast of Unleavened Bread established
A Memorial of Redemption		21-22	Moses assembles the Elders of Israel
		23-27	Moses Explains the Passover to them
		28	The people are told and follow the instructions
Exodus of Israel		29-32	Angels of Death kills firstborn of all without the Blood
		33-34	Egyptians Urge the Israelites to leave quickly; Unleavened Bread
		35-36	Israelites asked for gold, Silver, and clothing as God said to do

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Ordinance of the Passover		37-39	600,000 men traveled from Rameses to Succoth <sup>3</sup> , besides children and cattle; the departure was quick
		40-41	430 years were spent in Egypt
		42	Passover is to be a permanent annual remembrance
		43-49	Passover observance requirements outlined
		50-51	Israel followed God's directions given to Moses and Aaron
Consecration of the Firstborn	13	1-2	God claims ownership of Israel's firstborn—man and beast
		3-10	7 Day Feast of Unleavened Bread
		11-16	Redemption requirements for the firstborn males—man and beast
God Leads the People		17-22	God leads the people out of Egypt in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea
Pharaoh in Pursuit		1-4	God's plan to draw out Pharaoh and his army
		5-9	Pharaoh and the Egyptians chase after the Israelites
		10-12	The Israelites see the Egyptians coming and become frightened, Moses prays to God
The Sea Is Divided	14	13-14	Moses to the people, "Do not fear! ... The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent."
		15-18	God tells Moses to send the people forward and He will part the sea
		19-20	The angel of God moves to separate the people from Pharaoh and his army
		21-25	Moses is used by God to part the sea and the people pass through Pharaoh's army pursued and God fought for the Israelites
		26-29	The waters cover Pharaoh's army
		30-31	The Lord saved Israel and feared the Lord
The Song of Moses and Israel	15	1-18	Moses extols the greatness of the Lord in song
		19	Pharaoh's army is defeated
		20-21	Miriam, Aaron's sister, leads the women in celebrating the Lord's victory
The Lord Provides Water		22-25a	The people grumbled at Marah: What shall we drink?
		25b-26	God declares the need to heed the voice of the Lord
The Lord Provides	16	27	Arrival at the oasis of Elim <sup>4</sup>
		1-3	The people grumbled in the wilderness of Sin: wanting the "easy" life they had in Egypt

3 (Walton et al.) This would have been about a day's journey on a known trade route traveling to the east from Rameses in the land of Goshen (Gen 47:11; Exo 1:11).

4 (*American Bible Society Maps*) map: *Egypt and Sinai, 1400 to 1200 B.C.* Marah and Elim are located about half way down the coast of the Gulf of Suez on the Sinai peninsula.

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Manna		4-7	God promises to send bread—manna—and the people are gather just enough for each day and double on the day before the Sabbath
The Lord Provides Meat		8	Moses tells the people that they are really grumbling against the Lord and not Aaron and himself, and the Lord hears their grumblings
		9-12	Moses tells Aaron what to say regarding the bread and meat (quails)
		13-21	God sends quail in the evening and bread after the dew in the morning Some gather extra to keep until the next day and it rotted
The Sabbath Observed		22-26	Why the double portion? Make enough for the Sabbath.
		27-30	No manna on the Sabbath: some didn't follow the instructions and didn't find any God: "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments...?"
		31-35	The bread is called manna; The Lord commands a portion to be kept with the Testimony as a sign to the generations
Water in the Rock		1-7	The people grumbled at Rephidim: Give us water...! God gives Moses instructions on how to get water from a rock
Amalek Fought	17	8-13	Battle with Amalekites <sup>5</sup> : Victory insured while Moses' arms are raised
		14-15	God tells Moses to record the victory Moses builds an altar: Yahweh-Nissi <sup>6</sup> = Yahweh is My Banner
Jethro, Moses's Father-in-law	18	1-4	Jethro had been caring for Moses' wife and sons:
		5-12	Jethro comes to Moses Jethro declares God's supremacy over all gods and offered a sacrifice
Jethro Counsels Moses	18	13-16	Moses judges the people all day
		17-23	Jethro offers advice regarding selecting judges, "able men who fear God, men of truth who hate dishonest gain..." "to judge the smaller disputes
Moses on Sinai	19	24-27	Moses followed the advice of Jethro, his father-in-law
		1-6	The people travel to Mt. Sinai and Moses goes up to meet with God God proposes to make a covenant with the people
		7-9	Moses tells the elders of Israel of God's proposal and they agree to enter into a covenant with Him God promises to speak to Moses in a thick cloud
		10-15	God tells Moses to consecrate the people for two days and they are not to even touch the base of the mountain while Moses is on it
The Lord Visits Sinai	19	16-17	God descends on a mountain in a thick cloud with thunder and lightning flashes
		18-25	Moses goes up and is told to go back again to warn the people to not come near the mountain and then to come up again with Aaron

5 (Rand-McNally) map: *Lands of the Sojourn and Wandering*. It shows Rephidim in the southern tip of the Sinai peninsula northwest of the mountains of Horeb and Sinai.

6 (NET Notes) notes of Exodus 17:15.

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The Ten Com- mandments	20	1	God outlines the covenant
		2	I am the Lord your God who brought the people out of Egypt and slavery
		3	No other gods
		4-6	No idols of any kind God is a jealous god exacting justice and showing lovingkindness
		7	Shall not take the name of the Lord in vain
		8-11	Remember the Sabbath: rest on the 7 <sup>th</sup> day for every person, free or slave, or sojourner, and every animal
		12	Honor your father and mother
		13	Shall not murder
		14	Shall not commit adultery
		15	Shall not steal
		16	Shall not bear false witness
		17	Shall not covet
		18-21	The people trembled at the spectacle and asked to speak to God and they would listen to Moses rather than He speak directly to them Moses tells them not to be afraid
		22-26	God describes how the people are to worship him using the altar
Ordinances for the People		1	God's ordinances
		2-6	Re: Hebrew slaves
		7-11	Re: selling of daughters as slaves
Personal Injuries	21	12-14	Re: Manslaughter
		15	Re: Death penalty for striking parents
		16	Re: Kidnapping
		17	Re: Death penalty for cursing parents
		18-19	Re: Assault of another
		20-21	Re: Death of a servant due to punishment
		22-25	Re: Punishment for striking a pregnant woman
		26-27	Re: Slaves released if maimed under punishment
		28-32	Re: Animals who injure or kill someone
		33-34	Re: Restitution of injured in an unprotected pit
		35-36	Re: Someone kills another's animal
Property Rights	22	1	Re: Stealing an animal
		2-4	Re: Thief who is caught

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		5	Re: Animals grazing on another's property
		6	Re: Fire damage
		7-9	Re: Loss of property held in trust
		10-13	Re: Loss of animal held in trust
		14-15	Re: Things borrowed from another
Sundry Laws		16-17	Re: Seducing an unengaged women
		18	Re: Sorceresses
		19	Re: Bestiality
		20	Re: Idolatry
		21-24	Re: Fair treatment of strangers
		25-27	Re: Lending money to other Israelites
		28	Re: Not cursing God or rulers of the people
		29-30	Re: No delay in giving offerings
		31	Re: Eating animals killed by another
		1-3	Re: False witness
		4-5	Re: Fair treatment of enemies property
		6-7	Re: Fair judgments without bribery
		8	Re: No Bribes
		9	Re: Strangers not to be oppressed
The Sabbath and Land		10-11	Re: Sabbath rest for the land too
		12-13	Re: Keeping the Sabbath
Three National Feasts	23	14-17	Re: 3 national feasts for males <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unleavened Bread (7 days)</li> <li>• First Fruits (beginning of harvest)</li> <li>• Ingathering (end of harvest)</li> </ul>
		18	Re: Offering blood and fat of the sacrifices
		19a	Re: Best of the first fruits to be brought
		19b	Re: Boiling meat in milk of its mother
Conquest of the Land		20-33	Re: God fighting for Israel by sending an angel before them; how they are to capture the land promised to them; not to worship their gods
People Affirm Their Covenant with God	24	1-2	God calls Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the 70 elders to come and worship Him from a distance but only Moses is come up to meet with God
		3-8	Moses relates the covenant to the people, writes it down and offers a sacrifice sealing the covenant

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		9-11	Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the 70 elders came and worshiped and they saw God's feet on a pavement of sapphire, but God did not punish
		12-18	God calls Moses up onto the mountain and gives him two tablets of stone with the covenant on it. Moses was on the mountain for 40 days and nights
Offerings for the Sanctuary		1-9	God commissions a Sanctuary to be built for Him and the contributions to be made
Ark of the Covenant	25	10-16	Design of the Ark of the Covenant
		17-22	Design of the mercy seat Contents of the Ark: the Testimony
Table of Showbread		23-30	Design of the Table of Showbread and its utensils
The Golden Lampstand		31-40	Design of the Golden Lampstand
Curtains of Linen	26	1-6	Design of the linen curtains for the tabernacle
Curtains of Goats' Hair		7-10	Design of curtains covering the tabernacle
		11-14	Design of the clasps for the covering
Boards and Sockets		15-25	Design of the boards for the tabernacle and their sockets
		26-30	Design for joining the boards
The Veil and Screen		31-35	Design for the veil between the holy place and the holy of holies
	36-37	Design for the screen for the doorway to the tent	
The Bronze Altar	27	1-8	Design of the bronze altar
Court of the Tabernacle		9-19	Design of the curtains for the court of the tabernacle
		20-21	Requirements for the oil for lights
Garments of the Priests	28	1-5	Setting apart Aaron and his sons as priests Design of the priestly garments
		6-14	Design of the ephod
		15-30	Design of the breastpiece of judgment
		31-35	Design of the robe of the ephod
		36-38	Design of the turban
		39	Design of the tunic
40-43	Design of the tunics, caps, and linen breeches for Aaron's sons		
Consecration of the Priests	29	1-9	Service for consecrating Aaron and his sons as priests

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The Sacrifices		10-14	Sacrifice of the bull to be made
		15-18	Sacrifice of the first ram
		19-21	Sacrifice of the second ram
		22-25	Sacrifice of the fat of the ram, fat of the tail, fat of the entrails and liver, kidneys, one cake with oil, one wafer as a wave offering
		26-28	Sacrifice of the breast of the ram as a wave offering
		29-30	Anointing of the holy garments
Food of the Priests		31-34	Flesh of the ram of ordination is food for Aaron and his sons
		35-37	Ordination dedication for the altar to take place for seven days
		38-45	Sacrifices to consecrate the altar and the tabernacle
The Altar of Incense	30	1-10	Design of the Altar of Incense
		11-16	Half Shekel to be given as a ransom for each man, 20 years old or older, for the service of the tabernacle
		17-21	Design of the bronze laver
The Anointing Oil		22-33	Formula for the anointing oil is restricted to use in the tabernacle only
The Incense		34-38	Formula for the incense restricted to the tabernacle only
The Skilled Craftsmen		1-11	God's special craftsmen: Bezalel of Judah. Oholiab of Dan and all who are skillful
The Sign of the Sabbath	31	12-17	Sabbath is to be a sign between the Lord and Israel
		18	God gives Moses two tablets of the testimony, made of stone, written by the finger of God
The Golden Calf	32	1-6	Meanwhile, back in the camp... The people asks Aaron to make them an idol, thinking Moses was dead The people worship the idol of the golden calf
		7-10	God tells Moses of the people's idolatry and His anger toward them
		11-14	Moses intercedes for the people, asking God to remember His covenants to Abraham, Isaac and Israel God remembers and holds back His harm He had planned
		15-18	Moses comes down with God's tablets Joshua tells Moses about the sound from the camp Moses explains what kind of sound it was
Moses' Anger		19-20	Moses broke the tablets at the foot of the mountain Moses then ground up the idol and put it in water and made the people drink it
		21-24	Moses confronts Aaron

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		25-29	Moses calls people to arms and the Levites responded, they killed 3000 men who were worshiping the idol
		30-35	Moses chastises the people for their sins Moses makes intercession for the people God sends an angel to go before Moses and God smites the people
The Journey Resumed	33	1-3	God tells Moses to continue the journey, but warns that He would not be with them, else He might destroy them on the way
		4-6	The people mourned and God tells Moses to have the people strip themselves of their ornaments as a sign of the repentance
		7-11	Moses and the Tent of Meeting
Moses Intercedes		12-16	Moses intercedes, asking God to continue leading the people to the land
		17-23	God promises to go with the people; Moses requests to see God's glory
The Two Tablets Replaced		1-9	God appears to Moses and rewrites the law on the stone tablets
The Covenant Renewed	34	10	God renews the covenant, promising to perform miracles for the people
		11-17	God commands the people to worship only Him and to tear down the idols of the people of the land promised to Abraham and to not intermarry with them
		18	Feast of Unleavened Bread in month of Abib (July/August)
		19-20	All the male firstborn of men and cattle are to be redeemed
		21-24	Sabbath; Feast of Weeks (Firstfruits); Feast of Ingathering; Males are to sacrifice 3 times each year
		25	No blood with the sacrifice; Passover sacrifice must be all eaten before morning
		26a	First of Firstfruits belong to God
		26b	Can't boil a young goat in its mothers milk
		27-28	Moses spends another 40 days and nights with the Lord receiving the law
Moses' Face Shines		29-35	Moses returns with the tablets and his face was shining and he is asked to veil himself whenever he meets with God
The Sabbath Emphasized	35	1	Moses Explains the Laws
		2-3	Sabbath
		4-9	Collection from those willing to build the tabernacle
Tabernacle Workmen		10-19	A call for the skilled workers to come to build the tabernacle and all its furniture and clothing for the priests
Gifts Received		20-29	A freewill offering of "all the men and women whose heart was moved"

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		30-35	God's gifted workmen: Bezalel & Oholiab who taught others to do the work
The Tabernacle Underwritten	36	1	Bezalel and Oholiab and all the other workers to do the work
		2-7	The workers receive the offering; the people were told to stop bringing the offering as they had more than enough
		8-13	Bezalel makes the tabernacle and its curtains
		14-19	The covering of the tabernacle is made
		20-30	The boards for the tabernacle
		31-34	Bars for the boards
		35-38	The veil is made
Construction Continues	37	1-9	Ark of the covenant is made
		10-16	The Table of Showbread is made
		17-24	The Golden Lampstand is made
		25-29	The Altar of Incense is made
The Tabernacle Completed	38	1-7	The Altar of Burnt Offering is made
		8	The Bronze Laver is made
		9-20	The Court with its curtains and pillars is made
The Cost of the Tabernacle		21-23	The work of Bezalel, Oholiab and the other workmen are inventoried
		24-31	The figures of the offering and the collection for the 603,550 men
The Priestly Garments	39	1	The production of the Priestly Garments
		2-5	The Ephod
		6-7	The shoulder pieces for the ephod
		8-21	The Breastpiece with its 12 stones
		22-26	The Robe of the ephod
		27-29	The linen tunics and breeches
		30-31	The plate for the crown of the turban
		32-43	All the work is completed and presented to Moses
The Tabernacle Erected	40	1-16	The Tabernacle is to be erected and Aaron and his sons are consecrated as priests
		17-33	The Consecration Service at the beginning of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year after the exodus
The Glory of the Lord		34-38	The Glory of the Lord fills the Tabernacle as a cloud by day and the fire by night

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