



The Book Of Exodus

Introduction

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Importance of the Old Testament



- Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Heb 13:8
- Tells us what is God's original plan for us
- It sheds light on how God dealt with His people since the beginning.
- The Old Testament is the “Rehearsal” of the new testament.
- It includes the shadows of the events of the new testament and it explains it



Why The Old Testament

- Shows us that there is no other way to reconcile with God except through what Christ has done
- The Moral Law of the OT still applies today (The Ten commandment,..)
- Accurate prophecies about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Description of Christ life in various prophecies.
- Wonderful prayers put together by the Holy Spirit (The Psalms)



Studying the Old Testament

- Commanded by the Apostles to study the OT
 - 2Ti 3:14 But continue in the things that you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*,
 - 2Ti 3:15 and that from a babe you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
 - 2Ti 3:16 **All Scripture *is* God-breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,**
 - 2Ti 3:17 that the man of God may be perfected, thoroughly furnished to every good work.



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The Name of the Book

- Exodus is the Greek name that describes the main event in the book which is the exodus of God' s people from Egypt.
- The Hebrew name is "Homis Seenee" (2nd of the 5)
- Or they some times call it
 - And these *were* the names (Aleh Shemot)



Who is the Author

- Moses The Prophet is the one who wrote the first 5 books of the old testament (Known as Torah)
 - The books starts with “AND”, it is a continuation of the previous book (Genesis) which is written by Moses.
 - The details of the exodus from Egypt.
 - Details about Moses’ life.
 - Even the Samaritans accepted the book as written by Moses.



The importance of this Book

- It describes God's plan for salvation and Him sending a savior to help His people
- God coming down to deal and appear to His people
- It describes the exodus from the slavery of the World
- The book of freedom
- Includes the Song of Moses (and the Song of the Lamb)



The importance of this Book (2)

- The First written commandments
- School of Faith: God trains His people in the wilderness
- God creates a nation and deals with a group of people instead of an individual
- Symbols of Christ and His life
- Describes Moses' life (the most important prophet of the old testament)
- The Devil's tricks and offer of half solutions



The Salvation Process

- The need for a savior
- God Sends the savior
- The necessity of Blood for salvation
- New birth
- Continuous struggle in the wilderness of this world



The Division of the Book

- Based on Purpose
 - Salvation (1-18)
 - Commandment and worship (19-40)
- Based on Location
 - In Egypt (Captivity) 1:1-12:36
 - From Egypt to Sinai (12:37-19:3)
 - In Sinai (Wondering in the world) 19:3-40



When was the Exodus?

- Most likely around 1447 - 1440 B.C.
- During the 18th Dynasty
- The Pharaoh was either Tehot-bmos the 3rd or Amenophis2nd.
- Jephthah in Judges 11:26 mentions that the Israelites lived in their place for 300 years.
- Jephthah lived around 1100 B.C.
- Add 40 years of wandering (1440 BC)



Other clues

- Solomon built the temple around 967 or 966 BC.
- That was 480 years after the exodus (1Kings 6:1)
- It was recorded that Ramasis enslaved Asians to build his cities.



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Class Rules

- Please read the chapters before the class
- Prepare your questions
- Read the references.
- Try to be consistent
- Ask questions