

# INTRODUCTION TO Exodus

## READ ALONG

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## MESSAGE

The word *exodus* means “departure” or “a going out”. The book recounts the events surrounding Israel’s Exodus from the land of Egypt. Exodus continues the narrative of Genesis, and opens several hundred years after the death of Joseph (Genesis 50). The Israelites greatly multiplied during this period and had now been enslaved by Pharaoh. The first half of the book describes God delivering His people from slavery through mighty and miraculous acts. The second half of the book contains laws that detail how God’s people should act, as well as a description of how God is to be worshiped.

## KEY THEMES

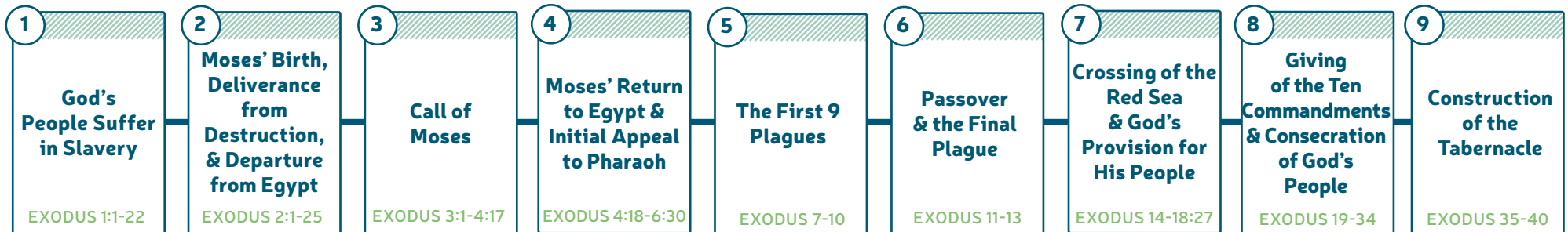
- God keeps his promises. In Genesis, God promised Abraham to make him a great nation and bring them to the Promised Land. Exodus demonstrates that Israel has become a great nation and recounts the beginning of their journey to the Promised Land.
- The need for a covenant mediator. Moses serves as a mediator between God and His people. He is a picture of the true mediator Jesus Christ.
- The need for redemption. Exodus recounts how God redeemed His people from slavery. This deliverance is the essential story of salvation in the Old Testament, and points to an even greater deliverance, made possible through the death of Jesus on the cross.
- The call to holiness. God calls His people to reflect His holy nature to the world around them. They are called to be set apart, not in an effort to earn God’s favor, but rather as a testimony that they belong to Him.

## WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?

1. GENESIS
2. **EXODUS**
3. LEVITICUS
4. NUMBERS
5. DEUTERONOMY
6. JOSHUA
7. JUDGES

## BASIC STRUCTURE

40 CHAPTERS



## BOOK BASICS



**DATE**  
1445-1406 BC



**TYPE**  
Narrative



**AUTHOR**  
Moses

Exodus is part of the larger work called the Pentateuch (5 books) or Torah (Law of Moses). These books include: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. While an exact date of writing is unknown, it is safe to assume that the book was written sometime between the construction of the tabernacle (c. 1445 B.C.), and the death of Moses (c. 1406 B.C.).