

Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

A scroll of aged, yellowish parchment is unrolled against a dark red background. The scroll has a slightly textured appearance with some faint, darker spots. The word "Exodus" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font in the center of the unrolled portion. The scroll is partially rolled up at the top and bottom edges.

Exodus

Introduction to Exodus

- Title
 - Hebrew Bible—"And these are the names"
 - Septuagint—"Exodus"—exit, depart (19:1)
- Author—Moses
- Date of events- from Jacob's entrance into Egypt (1876 BC) to building of tabernacle (1445 BC)
 - Chpts 1-2 = 400 years +
 - Chpts 3-40 = 2 years

Historical and Theological Themes

- Redemption—
 - by the payment of a price: YHWH's effort (6:5 gives the reason: Abrahamic Covenant)
- YHWH— “He is” “He will be” “He causes”—I AM WHO I AM is more of a descriptor vs. name
- Name, knowledge, and fear of YHWH
- Holiness
- Glory
- Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob)

Historical and Theological Themes

- Covenants
 - Abrahamic
 - Israelite (Mosaic, Sinaitic)
 - Means by which God will fulfill in part his promise to Abraham
 - Based on God's choice of Abraham
 - Israel to manifest in their lives God's call
- Sabbath
 - Sign of the Covenant with Israel
 - Purpose of manna: Sabbath training

Historical and Theological Themes

- Passover and Unleavened bread
- Decalogue (10 Commandments)– “ten words”
- Tabernacle
 - Point of connection of YHWH with his people
 - Corporate indwelling
 - Eden restored to a limited degree
 - A foreshadowing of the coming of Christ

Purpose of Exodus

YHWH (the God of Creation, the God of the Patriarchs) redeemed/delivered the Sons of Israel from bondage in Egypt and entered into a Covenant with the Nation of Israel at Sinai.

Literary Structure

- I. Redemption: YHWH's Acquisition of the Seed of Abraham (1:1-15:21)
- II. Revelation: YHWH's Covenant with the Seed of Abraham (15:22-31:18)
- III. Renewal: Breaking of covenant by Israel and YHWH's renewal of the covenant (32:1-40:38)

Interpretive Issues

- Hardening of Pharaoh's heart—Was this God or Pharaoh doing this?—Key = Ex 14:4, 17: Glory
- “The bridegroom of blood”—4:24-26—Whose life was in danger? Moses or his son?
- The Plagues—natural, literary device, or supernatural?

Interpretive Issues

- Date of the Exodus—Early (15th century BC) or late (13th century BC)?
 - Evidence for EARLY: 1 Kings 6:1, Judges 11:26, Jubilee Year Cycles, deterioration of late date evidence