

The Book of Exodus

An Introduction to the Book of Exodus

Text: Exodus 24:3-8

I. Title

- A. The word 'exodus' means, "Going out."
- B. This name comes from the LXX – Greek translation of the Old Testament.
- C. The Jews called the book *shemoth* – one of the first words of the book, meaning, "Names."

II. Author

- A. The book of Exodus was written by Moses (Josh. 11:12; Jud. 3:4; Matt. 8:4; 19:7-8; 22:24; 23:2; John 5:45-46; Acts 3:22; 2 Cor. 3:7ff; etc.).
- B. Though this is denied by modernistic scholars, the evidence is overwhelming.
 - 1. The antiquity of Israel's laws
 - 2. The nature of Israel's laws
 - 3. The statements of the Old Testament
 - 4. The statements of Jesus
 - 5. The statements of the New Testament
 - 6. The writings of the "church fathers"
 - 7. The internal evidence of the book (Exodus 17:14; 24:3-8; 34:27)

III. Date

- A. It is difficult to determine an exact date for the events recorded in Exodus.
- B. Some choose a late date of around 1225 BC, near the reign of Ramses II, but there are significant problems with this timeframe.
- C. Others choose the earlier date of around 1450 BC, near the reign of Amenhotep II.
- D. It is possible that the date was even earlier, but an exact time has not been determined.

IV. Purpose

- A. To detail the forming of the descendants of Jacob into the nation of Israel
- B. To record God's deliverance of His people from bondage in Egypt
- C. To reveal God's law for this new nation

V. Brief Outline

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| A. | THE EXODUS | (1 – 18) | <i>The Deliverance of Israel from Egypt</i> |
| B. | THE LAW | (19 – 24) | <i>The Covenant Made at Mount Sinai</i> |
| C. | THE TABERNACLE | (25 – 40) | <i>The Plan and Purpose of the Tabernacle</i> |