

Exodus preliminary notes to aid in the understanding of the entire book:

Freedom to worship the true God is the central theme.

- † The book begins with a situation driven by fear – Israel coming under bondage.
- † God had grown His people to a sizable population, a force to reckon with.
- † God does everything in decency and in order. God grew His people to prepare them for possession of the Promised Land.
- † God permitted oppression and the hardening of Pharaoh’s heart so that His people would know it was Him who delivered them.
- † There was division of the people from Egypt. The land of Goshen did not experience the plagues.
- † In the wilderness, again there was distinction from those who wanted to worship Him and those who lived according to their lust and pride.
- † Freedom is about the separation in our hearts unto Him alone and away from sin.
- † The minds of the adult Israelites who came out of Egypt were still in bondage. They all died in the wilderness, except Joshua and Caleb, men who lived by faith, not sight and senses.
- † 2:24 – God remembered His covenant. When God “remembers”, deliverance is on the way.
- † 3:8 - ...so I have come down to rescue...from the Egyptians. RESCUE FROM EGYTIANS (What might the Egyptians represent)?

- † FREEDOM: In Deuteronomy 6, we find the greatest commandment, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength” this commandment was immediately followed by impressing God’s commandments on one’s children; God and the things of God were to be a natural part of the family’s everyday life.

- † 3:12 – ...you will worship on this mountain.

- † Freedom to stand on holy ground, to walk in the Spirit AND THUS LIVE IN HOLY LOVE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. This is worshipping in spirit and truth. (Check out Romans 12 and consider the entire chapter’s contents, especially how it ends).

- † Freedom protects us from the plagues of things which cause fear (idols).

- † Only way to get to freedom is staying in the Word. Hiding the Word in your heart so that it becomes your core-identity. What do the eyes of your heart

consistently look at in setting priorities, making decisions, and responding to all of life? Things of the world or the Word of God?

Oppression in Egypt – FEAR DRIVEN (chs.1-2)

- 1:9 fear drove Pharaoh to kill baby boys; did not see the preciousness of life.
- 1:17 fear of the midwives
- 2:8, 9 fear of God returns your family to you.
- 2:14, 15 fear from doing things his way made Moses flee
- Chs.3-5 repentance from fear of man to fear of God
 - o God's call is the beginning of freedom.

10 Plagues – DELIVERANCE FROM FEAR (chs.6-12)

- ROOT ISSUE: worshipping idols
- only the true God protects and gives security
- Passover: IDENTITY OF FREEDOM
 - a new beginning

Freedom begins with a journey through the wilderness. (Chs.13-18)

- God is teaching His people His power over persecution and hardship.
- God disciplines those He loves.
- 13:17 – God led them through a way where they did not confront formidable enemy territory.
- Necessity of a team of leaders for wilderness training. (ch.18)

The Law from Mt. Sinai (chs.19-31)

- 10 Commandments
- Laws for a freed people
- Designs for the Tabernacle and its furnishings

The Powerlessness of the Law – fleshly idolatry (ch.32)

The Power of the Right Mediator

- one who speaks to God face to face, who seeks God's glory (ch.33)
- one to whom God reveals Himself and makes covenant with (ch.34)

Freewill offerings for the Building of the Tabernacle (ch.35)

The Construction of the Tabernacle (chs.36 – 40)

- upon completion, the glory of the Holy Lord filled the Tabernacle
- ultimate fullness of freedom occurs only when the Lord dwells in the midst of His people