

## THE MESSAGE OF EXODUS

Introduction – Exodus picks up the biblical story after Genesis when the Israelites became slaves of the Egyptians. The book can be divided into three distinct sections.

### A. Departure – the Creation of a New People (Exodus 1:1-18:27)

Exodus 1:6-8

1. The Egypt that had been the salvation from famine for the descendants of Abraham now enslaves them.
2. God selects Moses to rescue His enslaved people through ten creational plagues.
3. God parts the Red Sea to allow His people to escape and then drowns the pursuing Egyptian army.
4. God guides them through the wilderness for a personal encounter with Him at Mount Sinai.

### B. The Giving of the Law of God to Israel (Exodus 19:1-24:18)

Exodus 19:3-6

1. God speaks what we call The Ten Commandments and then reveals through Moses more laws to live by.
2. The laws of God equip God's people for vertical and horizontal relationships.
3. God makes a covenant with Israel that allows them to live in the Promised Land.

### C. The Tabernacle as Holy Space (Exodus 25:1-40:38)

1. The tabernacle is more than a place to worship. It was designed as a microcosm of all creation with restored access to the Creator God.
2. In the middle of this section of Exodus the incident with the golden calf is recorded. Israel shows that they are a rebellious and idolatrous people.
3. The temple in Jerusalem was a later replication of the tabernacle. It was destroyed in 587 BC and 70 AD.
4. Jesus' body is the new tabernacle of God (John 1:14) and the Christ community is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Conclusion – The Exodus is an act of divine grace creating the people of God. God's law is a guide into godly wisdom. The tabernacle points to the need to create holy space for communion with God.

1 Peter 2:9-12