

Outlines of Exodus

- ▶ Geographic (MacArthur)
 - 1. In Egypt (1:1-12:36)
 - 2. On the Road to Sinai (12:37-18:27)
 - 3. Encamped at Sinai (19:1-40:38)

- ▶ Theological (Boyd/Bystrom)
 - 1. The Exodus (1-18)
 - 2. The Law (19-24)
 - 3. The Tabernacle (25-40)

The Birth of the Covenant Nation

Exodus 19-20

- ▶ An impossible dream
- ▶ A theocracy
- ▶ Exodus 19 – the theocracy presented
- ▶ Exodus 20 – the theocracy defined
- ▶ The nation established under the Law of Moses

The Purpose of the Exodus

- ▶ Advance the plan of God – Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3
- ▶ Reveal Himself as YHWH – Exodus 3:13-15; 6:7
 - A new name
 - Previously known as “God Almighty”
 - Not new (cf. Gen. 9:26; 14:22; Gen. 27:27)
 - YHWH
 - Unknown pronunciation
 - Read as Adonai (LORD) by the Jews
 - HE IS – HE WHO IS
 - Meaning of this name is found in the Exodus
 - Savior (Exodus 3:13)
 - Father (Exodus 4:22; 6:7)
 - Holy One (Exodus 20:18-19)

A special treasure for God

Exodus 19:1-8

- ▶ Arrival at Mt. Sinai (19:1-2)
- ▶ End of lesson #1 about Who God is
 - The sign (Exodus 3:12)
 - The LORD brought them to Himself
- ▶ The requirements for the relationship (19:5a)
 - Obey My voice
 - Keep My Covenant (Exodus 2:24; 6:3-5)

A special treasure for God

Exodus 19:1-8

- ▶ The blessing (19:5b-6)
 - Special treasure
 - Kingdom of priests
 - Holy nation
- ▶ The unity of the purpose of God
 - The Promise to Abraham in Genesis 12
 - The blessing comes by faith – Genesis 15:6
 - Conditional or descriptive?

The response of the people (19:7-8)

- ▶ “All that the LORD has spoken, we will do!”
 - Compare Isaiah (Isaiah 6:5)
 - No sense of sin
 - Sense of spiritual ability
- ▶ The response of God
 - Appearance on Mount Sinai
 - The giving of the Law

The Convocation at Mt. Sinai (19:9-25)

- ▶ Consecrate the people
 - Washing
 - A futile endeavor
- ▶ The fearful appearance of God – (19:16-20)
 - God is a consuming fire
 - The people trembled
 - Moses enters the mountain
- ▶ The revelation of YHWH
 - God calls us but we cannot go
 - God enables us

The Convocation at Mt. Sinai (19:9-25)

▶ The Law

- The “ministry of death” (2 Corinthians 3:6-7)
 - The Law “worketh wrath” (Romans 4:15)
- ▶ John Calvin: The purpose of the Law is “to fill men’s minds with fear, and by setting forth its terrible curse, to cut off the hope of salvation.”

The 10 Commandments (20:1-21)

- ▶ The Ten Words – index to the Law of Moses
 - Exodus 34:28; Deuteronomy 4:13
- ▶ The revelation of YHWH.
 - I am YHWH – your God
 - I have brought you out of bondage
- ▶ The requirements for union with YHWH

The 10 Commandments

- ▶ 1. No other gods before Me
- ▶ 2. No graven images
- ▶ 3. Not take Name of LORD in vain
- ▶ 4. Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy
 - Worship God
 - Rest in His work
 - A sign of sanctification
 - Exodus 31:13; Ezekiel 20:12
 - A shadow of things to come
 - Col. 2:16-17; Hebrews 4:3-10

The 10 Commandments

- ▶ 5. Honor father and mother
- ▶ 6. No murder
- ▶ 7. No adultery
- ▶ 8. No stealing
- ▶ 9. No false witness
- ▶ 10. No coveting

The Law of Moses – General principles

- ▶ Did not promise eternal life
- ▶ Requirements for God's people
- ▶ Reveals sin
- ▶ Replaced by the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

- ▶ Reject the Law of Moses ≠ reject righteousness
- ▶ Law is Commandment + Penalty or Reward
- ▶ Law is opposed to grace – Romans 4:13-14, 28
- ▶ Law in place “until Christ” (Galatians 3:24)

The Response to this Revelation

- ▶ People – fear of death and request for a mediator
- ▶ Moses – a test that His fear will produce obedience

- ▶ Two Symbols (20:22-26)
 - Forbidden – graven image
 - Required – altar of earth

The Mosaic Covenant in the Plan of God

- ▶ The Seed Promise (Genesis 3:15) – Jesus Christ
- ▶ The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3; 7)
 - Blessing – salvation by faith
 - Great Nation – Israel
 - Gentile blessing – salvation
 - The Seed – Jesus Christ
- ▶ The Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 19-20)
 - Galatians 3:15-18 – a temporary structure
- ▶ The Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7) – King Jesus
- ▶ The New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-32)

The value of the *Mosaic Covenant*

- ▶ Revelation of YHWH
- ▶ Revelation of sin
- ▶ Revelation of wrath
- ▶ Revelation of salvation
- ▶ Anticipation of Jesus Christ