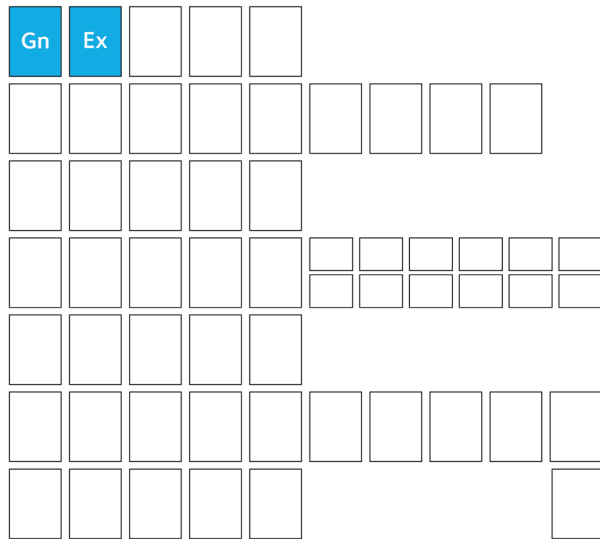


# One Bible One Year Exodus



## Story line

1. God restates his promise to the Israelites (ch.1-6)
  - to create from them a holy nation (people under his rule)
  - to lead them to God's chosen land (place)
  - he reveals his name: "I Am" (rule)
2. God is shown to be the powerful rescuer (ch.7-17)
  - the passover and parting of the Red Sea
  - God's provision in the desert
3. God's people learn their response to covenant (Ch.18-25, 34-40)
  - commandments on living as God's holy people under his rule
4. The people disobey God and will be judged but God's promises still cannot be thwarted (Ch.32 and 40)

## Outline

- I. Divine Redemption (ch.1-18)
  - A. Fulfilled Multiplication (ch.1)
  - B. Preparations for Deliverance (2:1-4:26)
  - C. God's signs to Moses (4:27-7:5)
  - D. Judgment and Salvation through the Plagues (7:6-11:10)
  - E. The Passover (12:1-28)
  - F. The Exodus from Egypt (12:29-51)
  - G. The Consecration of the Firstborn (13:1-16)
  - H. Crossing the "Red Sea" (13:17-15:21)
  - I. Journey to Sinai (15:22-18:27)
    - Manna and quails
- II. Covenant at Sinai (ch.19-24)
  - A. The Covenant Proposed (ch.19)
  - B. The Ten Commandments (20:1-17)
  - C. The Reaction of the People to God's Fiery Presence (20:18-21)
  - D. The Book of the Covenant (20:22-23:33)
  - E. Ratification of the Covenant (ch.24)
- III. Divine Worship (ch.25-40)
  - A. Instructions concerning the Tabernacle (ch.25-31)
  - B. The Golden Calf and false worship (ch.32-34)
  - C. The Building of the Tabernacle (ch.35-40)

## Themes

### Establishing the nation of Israel

1. God has first to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians.
  - from Egypt itself (ch.7-12).
  - from Egyptian Army, trapped at the Red Sea (ch.13-15).
2. God then sustains the nation as they travel in the wilderness (ch.16-17)
3. At Mount Sinai, God establishes the nation with his rule:
  - The 10 Commandment, God's central rules for the people (ch.20)
  - The full set of laws, customs and practices for Israel as a cooperative society of people (ch.21-24)
  - Instructions for the Tabernacle, where God will dwell with the people and they will focus their worship (ch.25 - 30)

### Theophany

- Theophany is the appearance of God. God has already appeared on a few occasions in Genesis (Abraham and Jacob). He now appears again twice and then stays permanently:
- In The Burning Bush to Moses (ch.3)
  - As a Fiery Storm To Moses and The Israelites (ch.9)
  - In The Tabernacle as his permanent dwelling (ch.40)

## Passover

- God's rescue of his people involves sacrifice of a lamb (ch.12):
- an unblemished lamb as a substitute sacrifice
  - the blood payment for sin placed on the door frame
  - where sin has been paid for the angel of death passes over that household
- The passover was to be celebrated by God's people and is a key way people remember that God's covenant promise of being his holy people who live in his presence is only possible by the lamb who absorbs the death their sin and wrongdoing deserves. Hence, when John the Baptist meets Jesus he says: 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!' (John1:29)

## Idolatry

One of the high points of Exodus is the giving of God's good and perfect law to Moses. But that is followed by the huge low point of people turning away from God while Moses is away and making a statue of a calf out of gold and bowing down to it. The first commandments are about having no other gods but the one true God precisely because our default mode is to turn from God and put our trust in created things to give us the security and identity that only the Creator can give. Idolatry is turning a good thing into the ultimate thing – be that work, a relationship or a piece of gold.

## Further thinking

1. Why does God rescue, sustain and establish the Israelites as a nation? (See Genesis 22:17-18)
2. What does Exodus teach me about God the father?
3. What are the implications for me of God's plan to create a people in his place under his rule?
4. What are the parallels between me and the Israelites? (See Romans ch.9-11)
5. What does Exodus teach us about Jesus?
  - Why do we, in the new covenant, no longer have to sacrifice animals and perform rituals? (See Hebrews 9)
  - Where does God's Spirit now dwell? (1 Corinthians 3:16)
6. In the wilderness, the Israelites grumble and complain to God (Ch.16). Are there areas in your life where you complain to God? Why do you do this? How could you find more contentment?
7. Why did the Israelites build a golden calf? (ch.32) In what ways do I build Golden Calves and fall into idolatry (see definition above)?
8. In ch.33 Moses pleads for God to come with them into the Promised Land, why wasn't the Promised Land enough?