

RCF Academy—Old Testament
Class 4: “The Glory of God Goes Public”
Exodus 1-19



REFORMATION
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

INTRODUCTION

“All the world’s a stage...”

OVERVIEW OF EX. 1-19

- *Redemptive-historical context and setting – 1:1, 1:7*
- *God’s response – 2:24, 3:8*
- *Conflict with Pharaoh / Plagues – 5:1-2, 8:22*
- *Passover and Exodus – 12:13, 14:4*
- *Journey to Mt. Sinai – 19:4-5*

MAJOR THEMES IN EXODUS

I. GOD’S UNIQUE IDENTITY

- **3:14** | “I AM WHO I AM”
- **5:1-2** | “Who is The LORD?”
 - *Covenant-keeping (6:5)*
 - *Utterly supreme (8:10)*
 - *The great warrior (15:2-3)*
 - *The caring provider (16:11-12)*

- **John 8:58** | “Before Abraham was, I am!”

II. GOD’S MIGHTY PATTERN OF REDEMPTION

- 1) **3:7** | The problem: slavery
- 2) **6:6** | The solution: judgment and sacrifice
- 3) **3:8** | The result: worship in the promised land

- **Psalm 130:7**
- **Exile and return**
- **Titus 2:14 – Redemption in Christ**

III. GOD’S GRACIOUS PROVISION OF A SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE

- **12:12-13** | God’s grace in the Passover
- **Jesus Christ: Our Passover Lamb**
(*Jn. 1:29, 1 Cor. 5:7, Jn. 19:36, Mt. 26:29*)
- **Emphasis on *Spiritual Liberation***

IV. GOD’S SPECIAL PEOPLE

- **19:5-6** | A holy nation
- **4:22-23** | “Israel is my firstborn son”
 - Through the **waters** | *Chap. 14*
 - In the **desert** | *16:2*
 - Grumbling about **food** | *16:8*
 - Putting the LORD to the **test** | *17:2*
 - **Worshipping** other gods | *Chap. 32*
- **Matthew 3-4** | The true Son of God

V. GOD'S GLORIOUS MOTIVE

- **6:7** | “Then you will know...”
- **14:4, 7:3-4** | “I will harden Pharaoh’s heart”
- **Revelation 1:5-6** | *“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever! Amen.”*

Study Outline for Exodus 1-19¹

- I. Setting: Israel in Egypt (1:1-1:22)
 - A. The sons of Jacob become the people of Israel (1:1-7)
 - B. New pharaoh oppresses Israel in slavery (1:8-2:25)
- II. Call of Moses (2:1-4:31)
 - A. Burning bush: call of Moses (3:1-4:17)
 - B. Moses returns from Midian to Egypt (4:18-31)
- III. Moses and Aaron: initial request (5:1-7:7)
 - A. Initial request (5:1-21)
 - B. God promises to deliver Israel from Egypt (5:22-6:9)
 - C. Moses and Aaron: synopses and genealogy (6:10-30)
 - D. Moses encouraged (7:1-7)
- IV. Plagues and Exodus (7:8-15:21)
 - A. Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh: initial sign (7:8-13)
 - B. Trio of plagues: blood, frogs, gnats (7:14-8:19)
 - C. Trio of plagues: flies, livestock killed, boils (8:20-9:12)
 - D. Trio of plagues: hail, locusts, darkness (9:13-10:29)
 - E. Tenth Plague/final sign: the Passover (11:1-12:39)
 - F. The Exodus and instructions for remembrance (12:40-13:16)
 - G. Israel delivered and Egypt judged at the Red Sea (13:17-15:21)
- V. Journey to Sinai (15:22-19:25)
 - A. Water problem: Marah (15:22-27)
 - B. Food problem: manna (16:1-36)
 - C. Water problem: Massah and Meribah (17:1-7)
 - D. Passage problem: Israel defeats Amalek (17:8-16)
 - E. Judgment problem: Jethro advises Moses (18:1-27)
 - F. Holiness problem: the LORD descends upon Sinai (19:1-25)

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¹ Adapted from the *ESV Study Bible*.