

# **INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF EXODUS: KNOWING GOD**

**DATE:** c. 1500-1400 B.C. (1 Kings 6:1)

**AUTHORSHIP:** Sources used but substantial Mosaic authorship & editorship (Exodus 17:4; 24:4; 34:4, 27-29)

## **STRUCTURE:**

### **1. Israel in Egypt: The *Lord's* Redemption (1:1-13:16)**

The *Lord's* hidden provision (1:1-2:25)

Yahweh revealed (3:1-6:27)

Plagues against Egypt (6:27-11:10)

The Departure (12:1-13:16)

### **2. Israel in the Wilderness: The Accompanying *Lord* (13:17-18:27)**

Crossing the Red Sea (13:17-15:21)

Provision in the Wilderness (15:22-18:27)

### **3. Israel at Sinai: The Presence of the *Lord* (19:1-40:38)**

The Giving of the 10 Commandments (19:1-20:21)

The Book of the Covenant (20:22-23:19)

Instructions for the Tabernacle (25:1-31:18)

The Golden Calf: Rebellion & Forgiveness (32:1-34:35)

Building the Tabernacle (35:1-40:38)

The Key Question: Who is the Lord (the God of Israel) so that we should know & obey Him?

Exodus 5:2 Pharaoh said, "Who is the *Lord*, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the *Lord* and I will not let Israel go."

The Answer: He is...

*1. The God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. The God of Unconditional Promises*

Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The *Lord*, the God of your fathers--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob--has sent me to you.' This is my name for ever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

*2. The Lord who Redeems from Slavery*

Exodus 6:6 "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the *Lord*, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the *Lord* your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the *Lord*.'"

*3. The Holy & Majestic Warrior*

Exodus 15:3 The *Lord* is a warrior; the *Lord* is his name.

#### 4. *The Loving & Just Lord*

Exodus 34:6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The *Lord*, the *Lord*, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."

#### 5. *The Lord of Glory*

Exodus 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the *Lord* filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the *Lord* filled the tabernacle.

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BOOK OF EXODUS FOR US:

#### 1. The God of the Exodus/OT **is** the God of the NT

Romans 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the *Lord* will be saved." Jesus is the God of Israel. Jesus shares the identity of the God of Israel.

#### 2. Knowing the True & Living God

The God of the OT/Exodus is not tame God. God is not Safe but He is Good.