

## **Exodus – 2018**

When a person sees the word Exodus they, many times, think of the word "exit", which is a good description of what the Jewish or Hebrew people did from Egypt under the leadership of Moses. The word Exodus means "the way out".

Exodus is a picture of God's people being delivered from bondage and slavery in Egypt and coming into the Promised Land. In like manner, we today are delivered from the bondage and slavery to sin and we come into the Kingdom of God, or the Church, here on planet earth.

While Exodus has ten less chapters (40) than Genesis (50) it has a much larger word count than Genesis, making it the 6<sup>th</sup> largest book in the Bible.

In 24:4 we find that Moses is the author of the book and he wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Exodus contains details about the Jewish people and their stay in Egypt as well as their journey to Mt. Sinai which could only have been recorded by an eye witness. We are given details like the number of palm trees and even the number of springs at Elim (15:27).

The story of Exodus begins around 1877 BC when the family of Jacob descends into Egypt. We remember how God had pre-arranged for Joseph to be in Egypt to welcome the rest of his family as they arrived and settled in the land of Goshen. However, as years pass, the Bible tells us the new Pharaoh in Egypt did not know Joseph and how he saved both the Egyptian race as well as his family the Hebrew race.

Gradually over time the Israelites were persecuted and eventually made slaves in Egypt. Towards the end of a 430 year stay in Egypt, God raised up a deliverer for His people. With this book we see the history of the Israelite nation from the birth of Moses through the Exodus to the erection of the Tabernacle to their final settlement on the east side of the Jordan River and the death of Moses.

In chapters 1-19 we see how God will deliver His people through confrontation in Egypt with the use of the plagues brought upon the Egyptian people so we might see the power of God.

In chapters 20-24 we see the consecration at Sinai and learn of God's Commandments, His Judgements, and His Ordinances.

In chapters 25-40 we see the construction of the Tabernacle. In chapters 25-31 we see its design, its delay in chapters 32-34, and then its dedication in chapters 35-40.

The book will end with the death of Moses and Israel poised to enter the Promised Land from the east, across a flooding Jordan River, where they will come up against the City of Jericho.