

# THE EXODUS FIVE

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## THE PROMISE OF A NEW LIFE

**Exodus** - "a way out" or "departure." God's desire wasn't just to provide them a way out of bondage, but give them a way into New Life.

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (1900–1944) had a great observation about leadership and Team building: *If you want to build a boat, do not instruct the men to saw wood, stitch the sails, prepare the tools and organize the work, but make them long for setting sail and travel to distant lands.*

The following has been my observation: ***Vision is the road that takes people to the destination called Unity.***

An unknown philosopher said it right about vision: *No good ending can be expected in the absence of the right beginning.*

What Exodus teaches is that the promise of new life isn't found in a straight, easy path but in the right path, the one God uses to shape us, train us, and prepare us to walk in the fullness of His promise when we arrive.

Exodus isn't just about escape, it's about transformation. God delivers His people from Egypt so He can dwell among them. His glory or presence is the Promise Land.

### EXODUS IS DIVIDED IN 3 PARTS

**1. Population Explosion in Egypt due to Joseph's Obedience** (*14 Chapters*). **One generations obedience became the next generations bondage.** Vision is needed for God's People today now more than ever. If you have breath in your lungs you have a part to play in the Vision of what God is doing.

#### **2. The Journey from Egypt to the Promise Land.**

They left Egypt in a day: *Exodus 12:40-41*. It took a generation for Egypt to leave them: *Numbers 14:33-34*. Transformation requires micro-obedience to large commands from God. The key to a victorious life is found in the daily decisions.

#### **3. A New life Formed, Law given, Religion Instituted, and Nation Formed**

In total, anywhere from 80-140 years of human history is recorded. It spans the death of Joseph to the building of the tabernacle. In the end we see the possibility of knowing God. Hearing from God. People always murmur and

complain. Attitude of our lives should be to love people anyways. The vision of our life should be to reside in the place of His presence.

## **THREE BIG TAKEAWAYS FROM EXODUS**

### **1. Commandments for Foundational Living**

The Ten Commandments are divided into two sections. The first four commandments govern our relationship to God, while commandments five through ten speak of our relationship to other people. The meaning of the Ten Commandments may be stated briefly as follows:

1. Trust God only (20:3, 4).
2. Worship God only (20:5, 6).
3. Use God's name in ways that honor Him (20:7).
4. Rest on the Sabbath day and think about God (20:8–11).
5. Respect and obey your parents (20:12).
6. Protect and respect human life (20:13).
7. Be true to your husband or wife (20:14).
8. Do not take what belongs to others (20:15).
9. Do not lie about others (20:16).
10. Be satisfied with what you have (20:17).

About 1,300 years after God gave these commandments, Jesus upheld them. He actually placed these laws on a higher plane, demanding that the spirit, as well as the legal aspects of the laws be observed. He placed His stamp of approval on the commandments by declaring, "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill" (Matt. 5:17). *Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's complete book of Bible maps & charts: Old and New Testaments (Rev. and updated ed.). Thomas Nelson.*

### **2. Guidelines for Living**

We cannot understand the Mosaic Law and the Ten Commandments without realizing that they were given to Israel as a child. It was the infancy of Israel that made it necessary for God to introduce the Law. *Richards, L. O. (1987). The teacher's commentary (p. 91). Victor Books.*

Maturity requires the understanding and need for guidelines for New Life. Commandments and their subsequent guidelines create an atmosphere of safety, security, that lead to a dynamic freedom only found under God. You can disagree with the guidelines. You can make up your own. You can try to discredit the guidelines. They don't change because you don't like them.

### **3. Instructions for Worship**

Chief among them is that God will dwell among and be present with the chosen people. Every other detail about the worship center and the priesthood derive from this theme. A second foundational idea is the holiness of the dwelling God and the holiness of the worshiping people. Finally, a third concept found here is the value of communion between the people and their God. These truths intersect the various major topics in these chapters. *House, P. R. (1998). Old Testament theology (pp. 118–119). InterVarsity Press.*