

Feb 20 2005:Series on OT Overview No 2:
Exodus:God in charge of our going out and our coming in

That simple word goodbye.....full of a glorious meaning
GOD BE WITH YOU

It's not however.....the sentiment of the book of Exodus

Exodus is indeed about going out.....The word means exit...departure...going forth
But whereas God be with.....suggests.....You setting the pace.....and inviting..
Exodus is the account of God in control....taking His people out.....
Even during those times.....majority didn't want to go

Rather than Go with God.....the feeling of Exodus is.....With God Go....an order

As **believers I feel.....**that we love the comfort of having God walk thro life with us
As long as we retain most of the control
But when God sets the pace.....When God is in charge of the agenda.....
And things don't go as smoothly as we want.....**Then....**complain

One of the things find a lot of...in the book of EXODUS...is complaints

Exodus is so obviously the follow on book.....IT begins with a list of those...Egypt
And it lets us know in v7.....that God was keeping.....Covenant promise.....
Immense population growth...taking place

430 years before.....entered Egypt...large family of 70 (v3)...
..they were to leave as a small Nation....estimated as in excess of 2 million people

Exodus is also part of a 3 book unit.....with Leviticus and Numbers

Exodus begins with the account of the escape.....into the wilderness
 It then tells about the giving of the law.....building tabernacle

The book of Leviticus then gives.....ceremonies and sacrifices to be used in
 With Numbers continuing the story of the journey.....by listing or numbering
Relating how the laws...worked out in practice
And giving further historic details of the journey....up to Jordan
 Ending with the preparation for settling in.....

Turn with me to the notes.....the way the book can be divided.....

FOCUS	REDEMPTION FROM EGYPT	REVELATION FROM GOD
	1:1--18:27	19:1—40:38
DIVISIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for redemption • Preparation for Redemption • Redemption of Israel • Preservation of Israel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revelation of the Covenant • Response of Israel to the Covenant • Instructions for and building of the Tabernacle
STYLE	Narration	Legislation
TOPICS	Subjection then Redemption	Instruction
PLACE	Egypt → Wilderness → Mount Sinai	

This book...teaches us so much.....But especially it extends our understanding
 Concerning the nature of God:

He is shown as a promise keeping God.....Concerned about His people
2:24..... Then throughout the book we see this keeping faith to...raised again

In Genesis we had already seen God as a Personal God.....Developing relationships with men **In Exodus**....see a growth in this...in part with Moses
That truly wonderful statement in 33:11...

We see in Exodus.....the giving of the name Yaweh...as a Name that talks....ongoing, ever present, ever personal relationship

But especially in Exodus we see God as the all powerful.....Above all other gods
Each of the plaques.....was a public humiliation of separate Egyptian gods

The Pinnacle of God's Power.....as far as the Israelites.....Is seen at the Red Sea
After the event Moses and Miriam wrote.....**15:9-17**.....

Exodus also proclaims the control of God

It is His plan and His programme

The Jews cry out to be rescued.....But it is God who decides how He will redeem

Many times the Jews didn't like His plan

They would have liked to be rescued without the agonies associated with leaving...

BUT THAT WAS NOT an option.....Exodus clearly reveals just One plan...God's

It is in Exodus too...that we start to see more....of God's holiness

And the immense problem that sin is

We see God's demand for holiness in His relationship.....and the imposs.....

BUT also we see God's willingness to make a way for man to be re-united

Through the law.....the extent of man's sin is revealed.....Frailty of sinful nature

Then thro the Tabernacle.....and the offerings.....a way forward is shown

Even for sinful man.....Because these....point to the Christ

Christ is there pre-figured in the Book of Exodus

We see Him in the Passover lamb

We see Him again in the Ark of the Covenant

We find an interesting account of Moses in Exodus 32.....that reveals the need...
Of someone even greater than Moses.....to Redeem mankind from God's judgment

In that passage we find the account...sin of the people...when they asked....
In 32: 30 we read....

Then in v31 he says.....

But God responds to Moses and says,.....You can't take their place....

Whoever sins.....I will blot out....

And the fact is that Moses.....good as he was.....had sinned

And therefore could only bear His own judgment

But the Christ...The passover lamb....would be able...

There are many key verses in Exodus.....

You may like to find the one that appeals most to you.....

For me its Exodus 3:7-8.....

Exodusis a key book in many ways...for the Christian

It stands as a parable.....For we have been redeemed from slavery to sin....

Our earthly life.....is now our pilgrimage to the promised land ,,,,glory.

But it also reminds.....that God has Exodus times for us.....

I believe that God would have moved His people out....even if....

Because the time was right

And God still does the same with us

He moves us onwards.....Sometimes from a comfortable position....needs to stretch us

Sometimes from a position of hardship....sadness....sorrow...frustration

Because He needs to rescue us

Today you may be crying out to God.....to move you onwards.....Out of a place.....

Or it may be that you sense God.....dragging you out of a comfortable.....

In both cases....the way forward is to trust Him

And be prepared that at times it may feel.....that God has got it wrong

It did feel that way....for many.....

At times you may wish that God had left things as they were.....Many of the...felt

And the Lord will lead you...hard places....as He teaches you to trust..To grow in Him

But be aware of this.....

That He does have a plan.....And He will never lead you..... You can trust Him

As I came to the end of this sermon.....*I sensed the need of a story to end*

Turned to this book (Inspirational Australian Stories)

The third story I read was this one

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