Study Outline for Exodus 1-19

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)
   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)

Next Week: Class 5 – Exodus 20-40

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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”

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1 Adapted from the ESV Study Bible.
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

III. GOD’S GRACIOUS PROVISION OF A SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE

IV. GOD’S SPECIAL PEOPLE

19:5-6 | A holy nation

4:22-23 | “Israel is my firstborn son”

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.”