



MORE BIBLE INFORMATION

(Exodus)

The theme of the book of Exodus is the deliverance of the Children of Israel. You might call it **Redemption** by blood and power. The word "exodus" means: going out of, or, departure.

The book covers a period of approximately 144 years. Its author was Moses.

The four major divisions of the book are as follows:

1. Slavery in Egypt — Chapters 1-13
2. Deliverance and Journey to Sinai — Chapters 14-19
3. The Giving of The Law — Chapters 20-24 (Memorize the 10 Commandments in chapter 20).
4. The Institution of the Tabernacle — Chapters 25-40

It is interesting to note that when the book of Genesis closes, the chosen family is in EGYPT under the care of Joseph who was prime minister. When the book of Exodus opens it is revealed that this family has grown to a great nation which is in bondage. (About 300 years have elapsed between the book of Genesis and the book of Exodus.)

God looked for a deliverer for this nation in bondage. Moses was chosen to be the leader. He is the chief character in the book of Exodus. His life may be divided into three periods of 40 years each. He was a SCHOLAR in EGYPT for 40 years. For 40 years he served as a SHEPHERD in the wilderness where he was later to lead the Children of Israel to deliverance. He is also thought of as a SAVIOUR of his people, a role which he filled for another 40 years.

Chapters 12 and 13 give an account of the "Passover". This feast is still observed by Jews. Jesus also observed the Feast of the Passover. It was at one of these feasts that Jesus instituted what we celebrate today as the Lord's Supper. The passover typified Christ as the Redeemer by use of the lamb without blemish.

After the Children of Israel crossed the Red sea, they sang a song. It is the first song of the Bible to be recorded (Exodus 15). It is a song of Moses and is sometimes called a "Triumphant Ode".

From the Red Sea the Israelites journeyed to Mount Sinai where they remained for approximately 13 months. Most of the events recorded in the Bible, from Exodus 20 to Numbers 10, took place at Mount Sinai. This was an important period in the life of the nation because there, God's character as well as His requirements were revealed to Israel.

The Ten Commandments were given at Sinai. These made up the constitution of the nation. Some scholars also call chapters 21:1-24:8 (The book of the Covenant) the By-laws of the constitution.

As soon as the commandments were given they were broken. This finally led to one of the most remarkable prayers in the Bible (Ex.32:32). This is known as the Intercessory Prayer of Moses. In this prayer he is a type of Christ.

The next major step in Israel's history is the organization of the Priesthood. Up until this time the head of the family acted as a priest. In the new arrangement there were many priests or ministers of God. These priests had a chief known as The Chief Priest who was also a type of Christ who became our "High Priest forever." The King's Highway

DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

Rev. Stilman Cameron challenged the young people to follow Christ in the recent district rally at Black's Harbor. Mr. Cameron pointed out some of the hazards facing young people today and how Christian aims and goals can be reached and held.

A missionary panel was a high light in the rally. Mr. and Mrs. Storer Emmett Sr., recently returned from a visit to Africa, Mr. Cameron and the local pastor made up the panel with Philip Cann as moderator.

It was the consensus of the speakers that Youth for Missions can not only supply financial help for missions but vocational help as well. The young people who are helping in home missions were commended. It was pointed out that self supporting young people could give from three to five years of their lives to Africa with great profit to our missionary work. This applies to vocational work, as building, as well as academic work.

Mrs. Emmett gave an action story on missions which high lighted the Sunday School session. This was a masterpiece on missionary activity and brought keen interest to all. It was regretted that Lic. Stephen Main, chairman of the district and the young people of Grand Manan were hindered from attendance because of weather conditions. There were 25 out of town delegates, with Calais Church in the lead. Three young people claimed victory in Christ at an altar of prayer. It was a wonderful rally. To God be the glory.

— Rev. A. D. Cann

MY NEW YEAR'S PLEDGE

The Lord helping me I will trim my spiritual lamp; replenish my life with the oil of God's Spirit; and be faithful daily in witnessing for my Saviour Jesus Christ.

Before making any major decision, I will pause to pray and ask myself, "what would Jesus do?"

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(Signed)

In connection with the priesthood, the "Tabernacle" was built as a place of worship. The tabernacle symbolized the presence of God; and in it the Ten Commandments were kept.

This book contains a most fascinating history of a fascinating people under fascinating circumstances. A reader of the book of Exodus will find it full of intrigue excitement, enjoyment and the purposes of God.

—Editor