The Heart of the Matter
At the close of Genesis, the Hebrews were in Egypt. A famine in Canaan had forced them to make this journey, and Joseph’s assistance had made it possible. For a full generation, nothing changed. Joseph and all his brothers passed away, but the Hebrews continued to increase in Egypt, which threatened the new Pharaoh, who had never known Joseph or his brothers. For the Hebrews, this resulted in their mistreatment, murder, forced labor, and misery; they had become victims of bondage rather than visitors in Egypt as they once had been. Exodus is an account of how God miraculously delivered His people and then began to train them to walk in faith through His provision of a set of written instructions (the Mosaic Law) and a place of meeting for worship (the tabernacle). Exodus begins with a groan and ends in glory.

Discovering the Way
1. The Name: Exodus
The book name Exodus comes from a Greek word meaning “departure” or “going out” and refers to the Israelites going out from Egypt—the defining event in the book of Exodus.

2. The Content: A Survey
The book of Exodus is broken into five major sections, each describing a significant event or element in the life of the Israelites: bondage, deliverance, journey, law, and tabernacle.

Starting Your Journey
Exodus teaches us that lasting freedom is a direct result of God’s intervention. When God brings deliverance, He uses choice instruments in the process, and freedom must be balanced with submission to God’s authority.
## Exodus

### Groan of the Israelites
- **Location**: Egypt
- **Time**: 430 years
- **Theme**: Suffering and liberation of people of God
- **Key Verses**: 6:6; 12:40–42; 19:5–6
- **Christ in Exodus**: Passover lamb (chapter 12); sacrificial offering, tabernacle, articles of worship (chapters 25–40); His leadership and deliverance are pictured in Moses; His purity and intercession are pictured in the high priest.

### Bondage
- **Location**: Egypt
- **Time**: 350 years
- **Theme**: Israelites became numerous
- **Key Verses**: 6:6; 12:40–42; 19:5–6
- **Christ in Exodus**: Passover lamb (chapter 12); sacrificial offering, tabernacle, articles of worship (chapters 25–40); His leadership and deliverance are pictured in Moses; His purity and intercession are pictured in the high priest.

### Deliverance
- **Location**: En route
- **Time**: 3 months
- **Theme**: Guidance of God
- **Key Verses**: 6:6; 12:40–42; 19:5–6
- **Christ in Exodus**: Passover lamb (chapter 12); sacrificial offering, tabernacle, articles of worship (chapters 25–40); His leadership and deliverance are pictured in Moses; His purity and intercession are pictured in the high priest.

### Journey
- **Location**: Mount Sinai
- **Time**: 1 year
- **Theme**: Worship of God
- **Key Verses**: 6:6; 12:40–42; 19:5–6
- **Christ in Exodus**: Passover lamb (chapter 12); sacrificial offering, tabernacle, articles of worship (chapters 25–40); His leadership and deliverance are pictured in Moses; His purity and intercession are pictured in the high priest.

### Law
- **Location**: Outer court
- **Time**: 1 year
- **Theme**: Moral
- **Key Verses**: 6:6; 12:40–42; 19:5–6
- **Christ in Exodus**: Passover lamb (chapter 12); sacrificial offering, tabernacle, articles of worship (chapters 25–40); His leadership and deliverance are pictured in Moses; His purity and intercession are pictured in the high priest.

### Tabernacle
- **Location**: Inner court
- **Time**: 1 year
- **Theme**: Civil
- **Key Verses**: 6:6; 12:40–42; 19:5–6
- **Christ in Exodus**: Passover lamb (chapter 12); sacrificial offering, tabernacle, articles of worship (chapters 25–40); His leadership and deliverance are pictured in Moses; His purity and intercession are pictured in the high priest.

### Cloud and Fire
- **Location**: Moral
- **Time**: 1 year
- **Theme**: Social
- **Key Verses**: 6:6; 12:40–42; 19:5–6
- **Christ in Exodus**: Passover lamb (chapter 12); sacrificial offering, tabernacle, articles of worship (chapters 25–40); His leadership and deliverance are pictured in Moses; His purity and intercession are pictured in the high priest.

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