

Introducing the **Exodus** Stage

(Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

Key People: Moses, Aaron, Caleb, and Joshua.

The Period: The Exodus Stage covers a period of some **325** years.

Key Events:

1. The captivity of Israel and deliverance from Egypt by Moses ([Exodus 1–14](#)).
2. The failure of Israel to enter the Promised Land because of unbelief ([Numbers 13–14](#)).
3. The aimless wandering in the wilderness ([Numbers 14:33–34](#)).
4. The appearance of the manna ([Exodus 16:14](#)), the institution of the Sabbath ([Exodus 16:23–30](#)), and the giving of the Ten Commandments ([Exodus 20:3–17](#)).
5. The building of the Tabernacle ([Exodus 40](#)).
6. The sin and death of Moses ([Numbers 20:7–13](#); [Deuteronomy 34:5–8](#)).
7. The choice of Joshua as Israel's new leader ([Numbers 27:15–23](#); [Deuteronomy 34:9](#)).

Supernatural Milestones of the Journey:

- a. A burning bush in the desert and a bright cloud in the sky ([Exodus 3, 13](#)).
- b. A river turned to blood, a stopped-up sea, and a bitter brook ([Exodus 7, 14, 15](#)).
- c. A golden calf, a bronze snake, and a talking donkey ([Exodus 32](#); [Numbers 21, 22](#)).
- d. Moses ascends to the pleasures of heaven ([Exodus 33](#)) while Korah descends to the pits of hell ([Numbers 16](#)).

The Exodus & The Gospel

Finally—as already noted—the **Exodus** under *Moses* is a graphic **type** of that greater exodus in *Christ*: it is meant to speak to us of this; and it is well, therefore, to fix in mind the points of [comparison](#) and [contrast](#).

Main Points of Comparison

1. The **Exodus** brought a mighty emancipation for Israel. The Gospel brings deliverance from the guilt and penalty and bondage of sin.
2. The **Exodus** centred in the Passover and the slain lamb. The Gospel centres in the great passover of Calvary and “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”
3. The **Exodus** became for ever afterwards commemorated in the Passover Feast. So “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast” ([1 Corinthians 5:7](#)).

Main Points of Contrast

1. (In means) The sheltering blood, in the **Exodus**, was merely that of an animal. In the Gospel it is “the precious blood of Christ.” In the one case many lambs are slain; in the other, One for all.
2. (In extent) The **Exodus** was national and therefore limited. The **Gospel** is universal, its characteristic word of address being “whosoever.”
3. (In effects) The one was deliverance from *physical* bondage; the other is from *spiritual*. The one deliverance was *temporal*; the other is *eternal*. The one opened up the way to an *earthly* Canaan; the other to a *heavenly*.

The Threefold **Division** of the Law

The **Moral Code** ([Exodus 20](#))

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the the day to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

The **Revelation** from Christ ([1 Corinthians 10:4](#))

The **Spiritual Code** ([Exodus 35–40](#); [Leviticus](#))

This section dealt with those special ordinances that foreshadowed Christ and His full redemption. It included:

1. The *seven* Levitical feasts.
2. The *five* Levitical offerings.

The **Realization** in Christ ([Matthew 5:17-18](#); [Romans 10:4](#); [1 Corinthians 5:7](#))

The **Social Code** ([Leviticus](#))

This section included rules governing Israel's diet, sanitation, quarantine, soil conservation, taxation, military service, marriage, childbirth, and divorce.

The **Regulation** until Christ ([Galatians 3:24](#))

The **Tabernacle** Furnishings

The Furniture	Symbolic Meaning	Typical Meaning
1. The Brazen Altar	Atonement through sacrifice	Atonement of Christ
2. The Brazen Laver	Spiritual renewal	Regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit
3. The Table of Shewbread	Spiritual sustenance	Christ the Bread of Life, the Holy Spirit the Water of Life
4. The Golden Candlestand	Spiritual illumination	Christ the Light of the World, and especially of His own people
5. The Altar of Incense	Acceptable supplication	Prayer in the name of Jesus (Jn 14:13)
6. The Ark	Access through covenant relationship	Christ as the covenant-ground of our access to God
7. The Mercy Seat and Shekinah Glory	The very presence and life of God	Christ as the 'Mercy Seat" (Rom 3:25) and the Holy Spirit (Shekinah) as the imparted life of God

The Plagues

The twofold purpose of the plagues: (1.) to **reveal** unto Israel their true God, and (2.) to **reveal** unto Egypt their *false* gods.

The Plague	Egyptian god	Reference
1. Water to blood	Osiris , god of the Nile	Exodus 7:20
2. Frogs	Hekt , the frog goddess	Exodus 8:6
3. Lice	Seb , the earth god	Exodus 8:17
4. Flies	Hatkok , goddess wife of Hekt	Exodus 8:24
5. Cattle disease	Apis , the bull god	Exodus 9:6
6. Boils	Typhon	Exodus 9:10
7. Hail with fire	Shu , god of the atmosphere	Exodus 9:24
8. Locusts	Serapia , the god who protected against locusts	Exodus 10:13
9. Darkness	Ra , the sun god	Exodus 10:22
10. Death of the firstborn	All gods	Exodus 12:29