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Route 66: The TRUE STORY of God, His Glory & Our Rescue in Christ

EXODUS

AUTHOR AND DATE:

THE BOOK of Exodus was written by Moses to the Israelites on the plains of Moab as they were preparing to enter the Promised Land (around 1300 B.C.). It is the second of the first five books of the Old Testament commonly known as the "Torah" (Hebrew for "law" or "instruction") or Pentateuch (Greek for "five-volumed").

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

EXODUS RECORDS God leading His people out of Egypt and toward the promised land. The first half reveals the fulfillment of God's word to Abraham that his descendants would increase, live in a foreign land for 400 years, and be rescued by God (Genesis 15:13-14). This culminates in the "exodus" (Greek for "departure"), when God delivers the Israelites from Egypt through His power. The remainder of the book tells of God's covenant made known, established, disobeyed, and renewed. Exodus is the story of God rescuing His people out of slavery in Egypt: a picture of Him ultimately rescuing us from our slavery to sin and leading us to life in Him.

WHY WAS IT WRITTEN?

TO MOTIVATE God's people to trust in His deliverance, His law, and His instructions for worship, under the authority of Moses.

BIG IDEA:

God's faithfulness to His people and to His promises motivates His people to worship Him.

MAIN CHARACTERS:

GOD, Moses, Pharaoh's daughter, Jethro, Aaron, Pharaoh, Joshua, the people of Israel.

KEY PASSAGES:

Exodus 2:1-21 — Moses' birth and early life.

Exodus 2:23-25 — God hears His people's complaint for help.

Exodus 3-4 — The call of Moses.

Exodus 7-11; 12:29-31 — The ten plagues on Egypt.

Exodus 12:1-28 — The celebration of Passover.

Exodus 13:17-14:31 — The Exodus (God leads His people out of slavery).

Exodus 20 — God's law, in particular the Ten Commandments.

Exodus 32-34 — God's faithfulness in spite of His people's idolatry.

KEY THEMES:

- **HOLINESS** — God is pure in His nature. He is set apart from creation and sin and is dedicated to His glory (Exodus 3:2-6; 15:11; 19:21-25).
- **COVENANT** — God continues to establish relationships and keep promises with His people (Exodus 24; 34:10-28).
- **FAITHFULNESS** — God is faithful to His promises and His people. (Exodus 3:7-12).
- **SALVATION** — God's desire to rescue people and deliver them from despair (Exodus 12:33-42).
- **PRESENCE** — The tabernacle is the place of God's presence and Israel's worship (Exodus 25:10-27:21; 33:12-34:9).
- **GLORY** — A glimpse at the eternal, powerful, and holy character of God (Exodus 19:16-20; 20:1-21; 33:18-34:7).
- **LAW** — The revelation of God's righteous and loving truths that direct His people's lives (Exodus 20).
- **WORSHIP** — The importance of praising and serving God, and the good that comes as a result (Exodus 20-40).

WHERE IS JESUS?

The book of Exodus (Exodus 1-40) — Through Moses God rescues His people from slavery in Egypt, pointing to Jesus Christ's eternal rescue of His people from slavery to sin.

Exodus 12 — The Passover. Jesus is the lamb of God who rescues His people by dying for their sin (John 1:29; Romans 3:21-26; 1 Corinthians 5:7).

Exodus 16:1-17:7 — The manna and water from the rock. Jesus is the spiritual Rock who was with God's people providing for their needs (John 4:13-14; 6:35, 41; 1 Corinthians 10:3-4).

Exodus 25:8-22; 26:1-37; 40:34-38 — The ark of the covenant and the tabernacle. God's glory and presence with His people is ultimately seen in Jesus Christ (John 1:1, 14, 18).

