

## BIBLE OVERVIEW

### 3. From Goshen to Gilgal: *Redemption from Slavery*

Covers the period from Joseph to Joshua

Goshen – the region of Egypt given to Israelites; Gilgal – Canaan at last!

Dominant human leader – Moses

- Prince of Egypt
- Deliverer of the People
- Mediator of the Covenant
- Prophet par excellence (Deut. 34.10)

#### The Story-line

| <u>Places</u> | <u>Events</u>  | <u>People</u>                                 | <u>Book</u>            |
|---------------|----------------|---|------------------------|
| Egypt         | The Exodus     | Pharaoh<br>Moses<br>Aaron<br>Miriam<br>Jethro | Exodus                 |
| Sinai         | The Covenant   | Moses   | Exodus                 |
|               | The Tabernacle | Moses   | Exodus                 |
|               | The Ritual     | Moses   | Leviticus              |
| Kadesh        | The Wanderings | Moses<br>Joshua & Caleb<br>Korah              | Numbers                |
| Moab          | The Transition | Balaam<br>Moses                               | Numbers<br>Deuteronomy |
| Canaan        | The Crossing   | Joshua  | Joshua                 |

#### The Key Events

##### The Exodus

Moses' role – the leader

Passover  
Red Sea  
Journey to Sinai

##### The Covenant

Moses' role – the mediator

The LORD of the covenant (ch. 19)  
The core of the covenant (ch. 20.1-21)  
The book of the covenant (20.22-23.33)  
The ratification of the covenant (24.1-18)

## **The Tabernacle**

Moses' role – the administrator

The plan (25-31)

Sabotage attempt! (32-34) – Golden calf episode

The construction (35.1-40.33)

The moving in (40.34-38). The presence of LORD in the midst of his people!

## **The Ritual**

Moses' role – the mediator

The LORD speaks from the Tabernacle (or Tent of Meeting)  
Significance of ritual

## **The Wanderings**

Moses' role – leader and mediator

Heb. title (*bemidbar*) = 'in the desert.'

Preparing to leave for the Promised Land (1.1-10.10)

Journey from Sinai to Kadesh (10.11-12.16)

- Loss of nerve and rebellion at Kadesh (13.1-20.13)
- The mixed report of the spies (13)
- People's refusal to go forward > condemned to die in wilderness (14)
- Rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram (16)
- Sin of Moses (20.1-13)

*For 40 years Israelites remained near Kadesh!*

Journey from Kadesh to the Plains of Moab (20.14-22.1)

## **The Transition**

Israel at the Plains of Moab (Numbers 22.2-36.13 + Deut. 1-34)

Moses' role – a prophet.

Balaam episode (Nu. 22-24)

National apostacy (Nu. 25)

Second census (Nu. 26)

Moses' Farewell Addresses (Deuteronomy)

- Sermonic rather than narrative.
- God's Word for the new generation (Deut. 1-34)
- Deuteronomy a covenant renewal document

## **The Crossing**

Joshua leads the people into Canaan (Joshua 1.1-5.12)

Memorial erected (4)

Circumcision observed (5.1-9)

Passover celebrated (5.10-12)