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## Exodus – Part 1 to 9

Era	Characters	Chapters
In the beginning	God create world	Gen 1
Before 4000 BC	Adam Eve	Gen 1~5
Before 3000 BC	Cain Abel Seth	Gen 4~5
Before 2500 BC	Noah	Gen 5~10
About 1500 BC  <b>Era of Patriarchs</b>	Abraham Isaac Ishmael Esau Jacob Joseph	Gen 11 ~50
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## Exodus – Part 1 of 9

Today we begin our study of the book of Exodus.

Exodus is by far the greatest escape story ever. 2~3 million slaves escaped from the greatest, most fortified kingdom in the world. You know when you think of escapes, you think of a few hundred people sometimes from the jail. What is 2-3 million of people in your mind? If they were lined up five in a row like an army marching, they would stretch over 100 miles. That's something like halfway between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. Or if you are Filipino, it's like Manila to Baguio. Now, of course these people didn't walk in such a disciplined manner. They had cattle, they had children.

They were also walking through one of the most hostile terrains in the world. There was no source of food, no water. How do you feed 2 ~ 3 million people? God airdropped 1000 tons of manna every day for them. Two to three million people will need like, 2 million gallons of water, just to survive. God provided for them for 40 years. This was through totally hostile territory. The Bible also says that their shoes never wore out. If you have a car today and you drove in the same desert, you'd better have lots of spare tires because this desert is full of sharp rocks. Their sandals were made of straw probably. That's another miracle.

Who wrote this book? This book was written by Moses. It has just basically two parts. The first half is a narration or report of events of what God did to deliver these people. The second half of the book is a record of laws that God gave. So the first part is about God's grace to men. The second part is about man's responsibility to God's grace.

Now Moses was the perfect man to write this. He was educated as pharaoh's adopted grandson. Pharaoh's daughter adopted him. He had the finest education. All the other slaves couldn't read or write. He was the only

one. Not only read and write, but because he was trained, he had an organized mind to accurately report what he saw. He was an eye witness account of all these books from Exodus to Deuteronomy, the last four books of the Torah or the Pentateuch. The first book he wasn't born yet. Obviously he didn't do eyewitness reporting. The first book God had to tell him how creation was made, how the world was created, because he wasn't there and nobody was there. The rest he had to collect oral history. But from Exodus to Deuteronomy, he was an eye witness. To the Jews he is the second most revered after Abraham. To us, he's a man who literally saw God face to face and talked to God. God talked to him, more than possibly anyone else. He did more miracles than any other human. And his miracles were awesome miracles. So this is a little introduction to the book of Exodus.

## Exodus – Part 2 of 9

Let us now look at the book of Exodus.

From a spiritual overview, the book of Exodus is central to the Old Testament, as the cross is central to the New Testament. In the book of Exodus you will see types of our Salvation in Christ, and of our life in Christ.

Type is a foreshadowing, kind of like telling you what's going to happen. Not perfectly, but giving you a good idea.

So let's look at the types of our Salvation in the book of Exodus.

-Israel were slaves in bondage, no way to escape. We, before we were saved, were slaves to sin, under the bondage of sin.

-One day God visited the Israelites. One day as we were going about our own business, God visited us.

-And God told the Israelites to kill a lamb, take the blood and paint it on the top and sides of their door frames. And when the angel of Destruction comes by to destroy the Egyptians, he would pass over the houses that have the blood on them. That's why it's called a Passover. For us when we trust Christ, the Lamb of God, His blood was shed to wash away our sins. When we stand before God we will not be judged because our sins have been settled in Christ. So that's a Passover.

-Interestingly, the Passover happened on the 14th day of the first month of the Jewish calendar. So they eat that meal on that day at 3pm. ( In those days before the invention of electricity, evening meals were taken earlier.) 1500 years later, on the same day Christ was crucified at 3 pm. Christ said it is finished, sins settled.

-3 days after they eat the Passover Lamb, they escaped from out of the land of Egypt. ( They had to journey from heir homes to the Red Sea). 3 days after Christ died for our sins, he rose from the dead. So that we too can rise from the dead.

-Then the Israelites, after they escaped from Egypt, went through the Red Sea. That's a picture of baptism. We, after we are saved and know you're truly saved, we go through baptism.

-Then the journey of faith - and they arrived at Mount Sinai 50 days after the Passover meal that they ate. 50 days after Christ died was Pentecost. In Sinai 50 days after they are the Passover meal, God gave them the law, the Commandments. For us, at Pentecost God gave the church the Holy Spirit so that we have the ability and strength to fulfil the law that was given at Sinai.

-Then the Israelites now journey to the promised land. It's very near, 14 to 15 days' journey. We always think the promised land is heaven, no. The promised land is the place of rest for Israel, the place of rest from all the struggles and a place where they would have conquest over the enemies in the land. For us, after we have trusted Christ, and we have the Holy Spirit in our heart, we also try to enter the place of rest where we have peace in our heart and where we can conquer the sins that grip us.

-But out of the 2-3 million Israelites, only 2 entered the place of rest. It's a type of us Christians. Many Christians born again have never had that Victorious Christian Life, that peace in the heart, that peace from having

overcome our struggles with all the sins that grip us. Very few ever find that rest.

So I hope you see the types in this journey of the Israelites and in our journey as Christians.

-Now the Tabernacle is another type. God told Israelites, build a Tabernacle because I want to dwell in the midst of you. Previously God walked in the Garden. Now God tells them I want to stay there. This is a type of Holy Spirit of God living in our hearts. We are the temple of God.

-Look at the architecture of the Tabernacle, One door one Way only. There is only one way to reach God. As you enter that little Door in the tabernacle, the first thing you see is the brazen altar, an altar where sacrificial animals are sacrificed. So the first thing to do when you want to approach God is to trust in your substitute sacrifice, Christ who died for us.

-Then the next piece of furniture the priest would see is a big basin of water called laver. And the priests had to wash his hands before he could enter closer to the presence of God. What does that speak of? We need to be justified through Christ. And then we need to be sanctified in our life. As we put away sins from our life, then we can draw closer to the presence of God.

I hope you see the types. Exodus is very much the story of our Christian Life.

## Exodus – Part 3 of 9

Let's now look at why Israel stayed so long in Egypt, and what they learned about God in the Exodus Journey.

They were supposed to stay in Egypt for 7 years, the time of the famine. But they stayed for over 400 years. Humanly speaking, they stayed on because they were given prime land in Goshen. They were VIP guests at that time. They were the family of the prime minister of Egypt, Joseph. Egypt, because of the massive Nile River, was a very fertile land; Goshen was right at the delta. So life was easy, all their physical needs were met. Even when the dynasty changed and the new king came and did not favour them because he did not know Joseph, they stayed on in spite of the persecution. Now today, Jews are very much the same. They are in different countries, settled into businesses that give them a comfortable lifestyle, and though they may be persecuted, they still stay on. Very few have returned to Israel. So humanly speaking that was possibly the reason why they just stayed on.

The promised land had a little river called Jordan which often dried up in the dry season. So there were famines when there were dry seasons. But Egypt had the Nile. They had actually practical reasons why they stayed on for so long.

God had told Abraham that one day you will inherit the promised land. Now the Israelites were a little group at that time when they went to Egypt; there were just 70 of them. How could 70 people occupy the promised land which was full of built-up cities, beautiful farms. It had high civilizations at that time, ten nations in the promised land at that time. So how could this handful of people occupy this land? So God told Abraham, they will stay for 400 years, and so they grew and multiplied. Of course the question is how did 70 become 2-3 million? In those days people reproduce very young. They didn't wait too late to get married. When they reached puberty, they got married. So let's say they got married at 15 or 16. In this period there



were about 30 Generations. If an average family had about four or five kids each, they will have two or three million. So the number grew during this period of time when they had food in Egypt to sustain them.

But there was another reason why they had to wait four hundred years before they could occupy the promised land. God had told Abraham that they will only occupy the promised land after the wickedness of the Amorites or the Canaanites were full. What does that mean? The people in Canaan had a very wicked culture. There were two things that stood out. One was immorality; their whole religion was based on sex, the fertility religion. They worshipped their gods by having sex with temple prostitutes, both male and female. So sexually transmitted diseases was very common, and it's found in archaeological findings of bodies.

Secondly they worshipped their gods by offering human sacrifice, by offering their own children. Now this wicked culture couldn't go on forever. And as it got worse and worse, it hit God's limit. And God said in 400 years their wickedness should be full. It was so horrendous that they had to be cleansed out from this Earth. That's why we don't have sex religions today, we don't have religions that offer human children sacrifices. So God removed this awful cancer in human society. So it's not ethnic cleansing. It was just immoral and wicked. So God said you have to wait four hundred years. Their wickedness will reach a point that I have to do something.

Now in the exodus journey what did the Israelites learn about God? Up to that point when Exodus began, people had what they called their gods, national gods. The Moabites had their gods, the Amalekites had their gods, the Philistines had their gods. Everybody had their own god. That's basically evil spirits. Evil spirits are not omnipresent, so every nation had their own gods.

Israel learnt that:

1. their God was more powerful than all the gods of Egypt-the god of the river, the god of the sun, the god of the land.

2. their God was the only God. The rest are not gods. Their God was the God of the universe. That was the new theology of that time, because everybody had national gods.

3. that this God of the universe had elected them to be a nation of priests to bless the world. I hope you see the type that we are priests of God to reach the world.

4. this God wanted to dwell with men as He did in the Garden of Eden. Now He wants to have His presence with them - a type of Christ living in us now.

## Exodus – Part 4 of 9

Let's now see what we can learn from the life of Moses.

He was well trained as a leader. God put him through 40 years in the best secular education possible at that time, trained in the palace of the richest king at that time. After that he got a little arrogant. He wanted to deliver his people, the Israelites with his strength, and he failed, and so he had to flee away.

God allowed him to spend 40 years in the wilderness taking care of sheep. Now these forty years helped to balance his training. Now God humbled him, God taught him how to take care of sheep, because he would have to take care of 2-3 million people for 40 years. God taught him how to live in the wilderness because he would then not only have to live there but teach 2-3 million people how to live and how to travel through this wilderness. So he had 40 years of education in the secular field and 40 years of training in the wilderness.

Daniel for example was trained in the Babylonian court, another mighty Kingdom. Paul was trained by the best brains, Gamaliel in the Jewish doctrine of the law. So don't undervalue our secular training. I think sometimes we get so spiritual, we try to throw away our secular training. God gave him 80 years of training.

Then we see also another part of his life. In spite of all his training, we see that when God called him at the burning bush and said, I want you to go and serve me and deliver my people; Moses gave 5 excuses. I hear this all the time. When approached to serve God, the first thing people say is "Pastor, who am I? I'm nobody. I don't know what to say." That's exactly what Moses said, "What do I say". And then after that, you say "yeah, but I

don't think they would listen to me". Moses said exactly that. "They wouldn't listen to me". And then Moses said, "but I'm not a good talker, I have a speech problem".

A lot of people tell me that- "pastor, I'm not a natural talker". And lastly they would say like Moses, "Why don't you send someone else". I hope when you are approached to serve God, by your pastor who has prayed about you, remember Moses and his excuses.

How did God help Moses overcome this? God revealed His name to Moses. God said I AM THAT I AM. What does that mean? I AM means I am the Eternal, unchanging God, I never change. No human can say that. Humans say I was, I am, I will be. It's changing all the time. Either growing better or growing worse. But God said "I AM, I AM the unchanging Eternal God". Then God gives his personal name. Up to this point, the Israelites knew God as God. In the Hebrew language, God was El, God almighty, the God up there. God said, "my name shall now be Yahweh. That's my personal name," and in Hebrew that means Always.

The unchanging Eternal God will always be with you. Whenever you are afraid to serve God, remember He will always be with you. Whatever you need to do, He will be with you, His grace will see you through. So I hope that whenever you are approached and asked to serve God, remember you can do it. Always The Great I Am will help you. Jesus said 'I am' 7 times. I am, I am, I am the good shepherd and so on. Jesus lives in us through the Holy Spirit.

## Exodus – Part 5 of 9

Let's now see how God dealt with Pharaoh. And in this process, we will learn more about the character of God.

Now many people have this idea, especially after reading Romans chapter 9 that God have mercy on whom He has mercy and whom He hardens He hardens. It would appear that God arbitrarily just pick someone and hardens his heart.

Now when we look at how God dealt with Pharaoh. We must understand that, firstly, Pharaoh chose to have a hardened heart. The way he dealt with Egyptian slaves for years before God dealt with him - he was hardened, he was sending the male babies to be killed. He was treating them very, very roughly. And even when God used Moses to put judgment on Pharaoh we notice that Pharaoh first hardened his heart. And then the Bible keep saying he hardened his heart.

And then we see God responding in a sense, you want to harden your heart? That's the way you want to go? Well, that's the way you will go, I'll help you to go in that direction. So while there are many people who like to emphasize the sovereignty of God in election saying He can choose who he wants, he can harden who he wants, it almost appears that's the only character of God, His sovereignty. That's not true. God is also merciful, God is also just.

So when we see the judgment on Pharaoh, we see the full character of God. He waited a long time before he sent Moses to Pharaoh. And then even when he sent Moses to deal with Pharaoh, he allowed Pharaoh to respond first, and finally reaches a certain point, when God in His wisdom, in His mercy, and His sovereignty realizes that this man is determined to continue this way, then I will help him in his direction. So we see that God

is Sovereign, but he's fair. So what we see here is how God dealt with Pharaoh.

How did God send the plagues? How did God deal with the Egyptians?

Again when God sent the plagues, he did not just come full blast. He sent them step by step. He started first with plagues that cause disturbances, the water turned to blood, then frogs came into the house, then lice came upon man and beast. It's very disturbing, but that's not really dangerous.

But as Pharaoh continued to harden his heart, then God stepped up the plagues. He sent disease on the animals, and when he continued in hardness, then he sent danger to their lives. He sent hailstones that could kill them, could but didn't, as long as they took shelter.

And finally after having stepped up slowly from disturbance, to disease, to life-threatening danger, finally he brings death to the firstborn of Egypt.

So you see how God in His mercy and patience stepped up the judgment giving them time, giving Pharaoh and his leaders time to respond.

Similarly we see the plagues did not hit the humans straightaway. It hit nature first. Frogs died, a lot of lice came up and died. And then He hits the animals, and then finally He hits people.

Some people like to see one character of God. Oh, God chooses whom He will, God hardens whom He will. It's like God just closes His eyes and points at someone and hardens that guy. God doesn't work that way.

When we understand the whole Bible, and we see a story like this, we begin to understand our God. Don't just read Romans chapter 9 and say, "Election - that's the new doctrine I learned today. Are you elected or not elected." Let us look at the whole Bible, the context of the Bible. How did God elect to judge the nation of Egypt and Pharaoh? So when we see this we will begin to get a better understanding of our God, the wonderful character of our God.

## Exodus – Part 6 of 9

Let's now take a closer look at the Passover.

God instructed every household to find a lamb of 1-year, male, and take it into the house on the 10th day of the first month. For four days they will be with this lamb to check whether it was unblemished. On the 14th day of the month, they were to kill that lamb, take the blood of the lamb and strike it on the 2 side posts and the upper door post of their house. The rest of the animal was then to be roasted, not boiled, and then eaten by the family. The family was to eat this Passover meal fully dressed, shoes, clothes all ready, packed to go. And on that night God said a destroying Angel would come and destroy every first born in every house that did not have the blood on the doorpost. When the angel saw the blood on the doorposts, he would pass over that house, so nobody would be hurt. And then immediately on that night after the meal they left Egypt to make that journey out of Egypt.

Let's look at the parallel. What happened 1500 years after this first Passover meal? Jesus came into Jerusalem on the 10th day of the first month of the Jewish calendar. He was examined by the authorities and they say we find no fault in Him. Yet on the 14th day in the evening about 3pm, as the sun was about to set, He was crucified. Suffered unimaginable sufferings. In the eyes of man and of course more than that, He suffered and died for our sins. Not just at the hands of the Romans, but He paid the penalty for our sins. God judged Him for our sins. He bore our sins. So I hope you can see the parallel here between the Passover lamb 1500 years ago and our Passover Lamb.

The blood protected them from the destroying angel just as the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin and protects us from God's wrath. One day I can stand before my God, the judge of my life and say, "I'm a sinner, I deserve to die, but Christ's death, Christ's blood has paid for my sins". I hope you see the parallel between the two.



Another order they were given was that when they had this Passover meal, they were to be followed immediately by the Feast of unleavened bread. In other words for the next seven days there should be no leaven found among them. Leaven in the Bible or yeast speaks of sin. If you put a little bit of leaven into a lump of dough, it will spread. A little bit of sin in us tends to spread. So they were to be sure that they got rid of leaven from their surroundings.

Similarly after we become believers we have to search our lives and start putting away sins from our life.

I hope you see the very nice parallel. Now the Passover meal is still celebrated 3500 years after the first one. Jewish families still have the Passover meal. And traditionally in the Passover meal the youngest in the meal table would ask what does all this mean? And the oldest member of the family will then say, we take this Passover in remembrance of the fact that the firstborn of Egypt were killed on that night. But we were spared because of the blood of the Lamb. So up to today, the gospel message is still heard in Jewish families, except they have not realized, rather they would not believe that the Messiah has already come two thousand years ago and died and shed his blood for them. They cannot accept that their Messiah died such a terrible death. A carpenter's son dying on the cross doesn't fit their mind of a messiah who comes as a conquering King. They want to see a king to conquer their enemies (the Romans) rather than Jesus who conquered for us over all our sins. He paid the penalty. So that's the meaning of the Passover.

## Exodus – Part 7 of 9

Let's now look at some events that took place after the Passover meal.

The Israelites were all packed and ready to go. And then God led them all. How do you lead 2-3million people? With a mega phone? No, God led them by a pillar of fire which became a pillar of cloud during the day. So it was this pillar that led them for the next 40 years.

What is this pillar supposed to be a type of? God leads us, God doesn't just save us from bondage, save us from Hell, God saves us to something. In other words, we're not just saved from suffering. We are saved to Christ's likeness.

Then they came to the Red Sea. How do you part the Red Sea? The Bible says the wind came and the sea parted as if there were two walls. And they went across on dry land. Imagine two walls of water held up by invisible hands. People will say "how can it be?" Maybe it was not really a sea, but it was like marsh land. It's true, between Egypt on the way to the promised land, there are some areas that are kind of marshy. And they say it's not the Red Sea, it's a reed sea. Reed meaning marsh. Now of course if that was their explanation of this miracle how do they explain the next part? The Egyptian army came charging after them in their chariots, and the whole army was drowned. How do you drown people in reeds, in the marsh? So trying to explain away one miracle, they have now to say God did another miracle. He drowned the Egyptian army with weeds, marsh and grass.

Now shortly after they crossed the Red Sea, they faced another problem, no water. When they found a place where there was water, they found this water bitter. And they called that place Mara, Mara meaning bitter. But they were told that to make this water drinkable, they needed to cut a tree and throw it into this water.

What is this a type of? When Christ (who hung on a tree), comes into the problems and struggles of our lives, even the bitterness, are sweet. You can actually have, in the midst of crisis, great joy and peace in your hearts.

So after this they had to face another problem - food. How you feed 2-3 million people? God airdropped manna for them. What is the meaning of the word manna? Manna simply means 'what is it'. When this stuff dropped from heaven and it landed on the ground, it became like little wafers, tiny wafers tasting sweet like honey. So basically they had, what we would call, complete food in that wafer because it sustained them for forty years.

40 is always the number of testing. This food had been tested for 40 years and it sustained them throughout the journey. How wonderful it would be if the government just gives us stacks of complete food, just in one little packet. Now this manna is literally bread dropped from heaven. And Jesus later in John chapter 6 says I am the Bread of Life. So we see, just as they were sustained by this manna, Jesus says to you, Through your Christian life will be sustained by me. If you have Christ in your heart, and you live a life dependent on Christ, you will go through victoriously.

Then again they faced the problem of no water. And then Moses struck the Rock and water gushed out from the Rock. And from thenceforth, they always had water coming out from the Rock. Now, Christ in I Corinthians chapter 10 is likened to that rock in the wilderness. In our lives we face a lot of struggles and problems and we feel so down, so discouraged, but when we look to Christ (who lives in us), we have a "spring of water".

So I hope you see these little events are all types of our spiritual journey.

## Exodus – Part 8 of 9

Let's now see what happened when they arrived at Mount Sinai.

It was like a three-month journey and when they arrived there, God told Moses to tell the people to prepare to meet God. They were to prepare themselves and then God will speak to them from Mount Sinai. Only Moses was allowed to go up, the rest were at the base of the mountain, not to touch it. There was thunder, lightning and the sound of a loud trumpet, and God descended in fire. It looked like Mount Sinai was on fire, and Moses walked up into the awesome presence of God.

And he spent 40 days with God. God communicated his instructions to Moses. We only know that Moses brought down the Ten Commandments. For 40 days God taught Moses so that he could teach the people not only the Ten Commandments, which is, what the Jews call the book of the Covenant. These are the laws, the principles for our moral behaviour. These principles are everlasting e.g. you don't lie, you don't commit adultery. It's not just for Jews or for Israel, this is for all men. These are God's principles for life.

But God also communicated to Moses many other laws about how to live in their society. How to treat your wife, how to treat your kids, how to treat your slaves, how to treat your neighbours, how to deal with a thief and so on, how to deal with your land. So those are community laws.

And then God also gave them laws on how to worship Him. They were very specific details on how to build the Tabernacle, and how the priests would be dressed and behave, and what they were supposed to do in the Tabernacle. So for 40 days Moses had to remember all these things, probably ask a thousand questions to get it right, because he had to teach the people.

Now when you read all these laws from Exodus 20, like the Ten Commandments , you have to take it very seriously. But the laws about community life are for us to read and know, but we don't need to know the details about them, but there are wonderful truths and principles to be learnt, as in everything in the Bible. Same as in reading about the Tabernacle. It was meant for Israelite worship.

We can learn about God through those things. But we don't need to study them as if we are Israelites e.g. What do I do when my neighbour steals my cattle. What I'm trying to say here is a lot of Christians read this, and say, oh my goodness, so many details, so boring, and get stuck here. Don't get stuck, just Listen. So remember to READ the Bible, or sometimes just LISTEN to the Bible. Because if you read everything the same way, you will take years to finish the Bible. And you will get lost in the woods. That's why most Christians are lost in the woods. They don't know when to take it as if the Word is for me or I am to learn principles from this part. For example, I had better memorize the Ten Commandments, but how to deal with cattle stolen by my neighbour, I don't need to memorize that.

So I hope you understand what I'm saying. With the many laws for the Israelites, and, later on, the history of the many kings and their battles - LISTEN to the Bible - get the principles and learn lessons, but don't give up!

God at Sinai was giving Moses rules how to live. The Israelites had now seen God's grace. Now they need to respond in gratitude. How would you show gratitude to the one who is good to you, to your parents, for example. Obey them, obey their rules. So God was now giving them a responsibility to obey God.

## Exodus – Part 9 of 9

Let's now see what happened after Moses went up to the mountain and got all those regulations from God.

The people were restless for 40 days. Where is this Moses? And so they told Aaron to make us gods. And so Aaron said Give me all your golden earrings, all your golden ornaments. And then he melted them and made a molten calf. The cow is strong, the cow is fertile, it produces offspring that give milk. So people often worship the cow. So they made this cow their god.

And God told Moses to go down and deal with them. As Moses went down, he heard singing and saw the people having a wild party.

Principle to learn: Usually when a nation has idolatry, there is a lot of immorality. If you know God is looking down on you and can see everything, you tend to behave yourself more carefully. But if you see god as a little god whom you can put in a corner, then you do a lot of things which you ought not to do, feeling very free , because your god looks so tiny and impotent, and his eyes don't see. So you find that idolatry and immorality tend to come together. In countries where there is idolatry, sexuality and polygamy are very normal.

God was angry with them, and Moses had to go up again for 40 days this time. The second 40 days with God.

Let's end the story by learning a few things. We see that finally they built this amazing Tabernacle. How did they build this Tabernacle? How did the slaves have the material to build a tabernacle with fine linen, all kinds of beautiful jewelry for the priests to wear, gold for the Tabernacle? God

had provided for them before they left Egypt. They were told to ask their neighbors for things and they would find favour. The Egyptians gave them their things before they left. So they had all the material. How did they have the workmen to build this Tabernacle? God gave the spirit of wisdom to some workers. Now we always think the spirit of wisdom from God is to study, be a scholar and learn amazing things. You say a man has a spirit wisdom and he can preach like an angel. The first time God gave the spirit of wisdom, it was for workmen to do embroidery and metal work, to do the things for the temple.

What do we learn from this - we learn that often times we have made our faith very scholarly. Actually we can serve God with all the different talents that He has given us. Sometimes our talent is just befriending or encouraging someone. So, all non-brilliant, non-academic, non-scholastic talents can also be used to serve God.

Finally the temple was built. The cloud comes down in glory and Moses cannot enter the temple. So we will continue the story in the next Book of Leviticus.

Please just listen through Exodus. It's 40 chapters and you can just listen through it. You don't need to read it if you're not a reader. So may I recommend the first half of these stories for listening. Second half is laws - not for you, for the Israelites. Some parts of it you should focus more - the Ten Commandments. Of course, if you are a scholar and you like to read the Bible, then go ahead, read it. Dive deep into it, but if you've never been through the entire Bible, I suggest just listen to the stories and then listen to the rules and get a better overview of the beauty of this Bible. God bless you.