

# The Exodus and the Advent

## Lesson # 1

## Introduction to Exodus

For each story look at it from 4 perspectives:

1. Historical – what happened?
2. Prophetic – what are the implications for God’s end-time people?
3. Theological – what does this story tell us about God?
4. Personal – what principles/truths help me in my life today?

Textbooks:

1. The Bible – your favorite translation
2. Bunch, Taylor G. *Exodus and the Advent Movements in Type and Antitype*, Teach Services, Inc., Brushton, NY, 1997 (1937).
3. Daniels, Arthur G. *Christ Our Righteousness*, Washington D.C., Review and Herald (1941).
4. Gilbert, F.C., *Practical Lessons From the Experience of Israel for the Church of Today*, South Lancaster Printing Company, South Lancaster, Mass., 1902.
5. Venden, Morris, *From Exodus to Advent*, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, TN, 1980.
6. White, Ellen G., *Patriarchs and Prophets*, Review & Herald Publishing Association, 1958, etc. (chapters 22-45).

## Getting Started...

**Romans 15.4**...it was written for our learning – to get hope

“Satan's snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. We are repeating the history of that people...”  
(*Testimonies*, Volume 5, 160.2 (1885))

**1 Corinthians 10.1-12** (6,11)...their journey is an example for us

“The history of the wilderness life of Israel was chronicled for the benefit of the Israel of God to the close of time. The record of God's dealings with the wanderers of the desert in all their marchings to and fro, in their exposure to hunger, thirst, and weariness, and in the striking manifestations of His power for their relief, is fraught with warning and instruction for His people in all ages. The varied experience of the Hebrews was a school of preparation for their promised home in Canaan. God would have His people in these days review with a humble heart and teachable spirit the trials through which ancient Israel

passed, that they may be instructed in their preparation for the heavenly Canaan.

“Many look back to the Israelites, and marvel at their unbelief and murmuring, feeling that they themselves would not have been so ungrateful; but when their faith is tested, even by little trials, they manifest no more faith or patience than did ancient Israel. When brought into strait places, they murmur at the process by which God has chosen to purify them. Though their present needs are supplied, many are unwilling to trust God for the future, and they are in constant anxiety lest poverty shall come upon them, and their children shall be left to suffer. Some are always anticipating evil or magnifying the difficulties that really exist, so that their eyes are blinded to the many blessings which demand their gratitude. The obstacles they encounter, instead of leading them to seek help from God, the only Source of strength, separate them from Him, because they awaken unrest and repining.” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, 293.1-2 (1890))

**Deuteronomy 1.2-3**...Do you want 40 years, or eleven days?

➔What went wrong? What were they missing?

**Hebrews 3.12-19**...they couldn't enter because of \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrew 4.1-11**...God's rest still remains – what is this rest? (rxf)

**Types and antitypes** are not identical, but similar (Example: the lamb is a type of Christ – but we do not expect Jesus to have wool).

**God is in charge** of the Exodus. He was visible to them in a pillar of fire and a cloud. He used human leadership as well. Later He revealed Himself through the sanctuary. God never left them!

**Glimpses of the Messiah** – keep your eye on the clues about the Messiah – they are everywhere: rocks giving water, lambs being slain, the sanctuary, the priests, etc. Let the New Testament help you in your search.

**Questions:**

➔Why is this lesson book especially helpful for God's end-time people?

➔When you feel like life has by-passed you and you want to give up – what hope does the Exodus hold out for you?

- ➔ What is God trying to teach the Israelites about Himself, themselves, and His plan?
- ➔ Where do you see Righteousness by Faith in this journey?
- ➔ Can you identify with Israel's struggle to live by faith?