

Why did God put this in His Book? What is He trying to show?

Exodus 3 — Remove Sandals

Sandals are crafted by man. When you approach God, He requires that you bring nothing of man. Don't allow anything of man to come between you and what God calls holy. (3:5; 20:25)

Exodus 5 — Come Out / Wilderness

God brought Abraham out from his country, relatives, and father's household, into the wilderness. He also called the nation of Israel out from the captivity of Egypt, into the wilderness. What about today? He is calling you to come out from men and their religions, to the Word of God. "Wilderness" is an unknown place prepared by God where He alone provides what is needed. (5:1; 6:6-8)

Exodus 6 — One God, Many Names

God revealed Himself to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as "God Almighty." But to Moses and the children of Israel, He called Himself "I Am." In Revelation, Jesus reveals Himself as both the Lord God *and* God Almighty. The One who came as Jesus of Nazareth is the same One who appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and who spoke face to face with Moses. Moses wrote of Jesus, because Jesus is the Lord God of Israel. (6:2-3; 3:13-15)

Exodus 8 — Separation

God made a separation between Egypt and Israel. He struck Egypt with plagues, but not Israel. At the end, He will separate the sheep and goats, wheat and tares, and believers from unbelievers. (8:23; also 9:4; 9:26; 10:23; 11:7; 14:28-29)

Exodus 12 — Passover & Unleavened Bread

God's first commandments to Israel might seem odd. Bring an unblemished, male lamb into your household for three days. Remove everything with leaven from your home. Kill the lamb at twilight and put some of its blood on the doorframe of your house. Eat the lamb with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Don't go outside of your house until morning or you'll die. Why would God tell them to do these things?

Passover and Unleavened Bread are shadows of the Lamb of God to come. Jesus is the Passover Lamb sacrificed for the household of God. He was born and died on Passover. He is also the unleavened Bread of Life. He delivers His people from the captivity of the evil one, and the slavery of men's religious ways and teachings.

Passover and Unleavened Bread are the first two of the LORD's seven appointed times. They are incredibly beautiful mysteries, and incredibly important to Him. How beautiful? How important? We can't even begin to describe it well enough. But He can, if you give Him a chance. (chapter 12)

Exodus 20 — Ten Commandments 1-3

Regarding the Ten Commandments, people tend to focus on 4-10, without understanding that the first three are the most important. If you don't obey God's first three Commandments, you won't be able to understand the mysteries hidden in 4-10, or obey them according to His mind.

“have no other gods before Me” — Why do people lift up the creation rather than the Creator? They boast in and believe pastors, priests, ministers, televangelists, etc., rather than God only. Stop regarding man, whose breath is in his nostrils. [boastful pride of life] (20:3)

“not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness” — God is Spirit and invisible, so don't make an idol of what can be seen. Yet, people make and worship crosses — the biggest idol in the world — stars of David, statues, paintings and symbols, blatantly disobeying God's Word. [lust of the eyes] (20:4)

“not take the name of the LORD your God in vain” — His name is The Word of God. Therefore, if you add to or take away from God's Word, you've taken His Name in vain. If you teach as doctrines the precepts of men, you've taken His Name in vain. If you believe and “eat” men's words about God, you've taken His Name in vain. If you choose men's teaching of Scripture, you've taken His Name in vain. Taking God's name in vain is about how you treat the Word of God. Eat only the unleavened Bread, the Word of God, and let Him be the One Teacher of His Word. [lust of the flesh] (20:7)

Exodus 31 — God Writes

People don't realize that God, Himself, writes. In the Law, the Ten Commandments were written upon the tablets of stone “by the finger of God.” In the Prophets, He wrote upon the wall concerning the coming judgment of Babylon. In the New Testament, with His finger Jesus wrote upon the ground regarding the New Covenant. He wrote the Word of His Law and His judgment, and He writes the Spirit of the Law upon the hearts of His people. (31:18; 32:16; 34:1)

Exodus 32 — Golden Calf

What Israel did here could easily describe the church of today. Moses was away, so they turned to Aaron, a priest, to fulfill their desires. Aaron received their gold and offerings. He made a graven image to worship and bow down to. They ate, drank, and played; they sang and danced. They called it a feast to the LORD, but God said the people had quickly turned aside from the way He commanded them.

Today, Jesus is away, so people turn to religious leaders to satisfy their lusts. The leaders take their money, and set up golden crosses and statues. The people take so-called communion, and sing and dance. Both the people and their leaders say they're celebrating a feast unto the Lord Jesus, but He says they've turned away from the Word of God and turned aside to men's teachings. (32:1-19)

More if curious:

Exodus 5 — Mt 3:1,3; Lk 4:1

Exodus 6 — Jn 8:58; Jn 5:46-47; Rev 1:8

Exodus 12 — 1Cor 5:7-8; Col 2:17; Lev 23

Exodus 20 C1 — Isa 2:22

Exodus 20 C2 — Dt 4:15-19; Jn 20:29

Exodus 20 C3 — Rev 19:13; Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19; Mt 15:9; Mt 23:8; 1Jn 2:27

Exodus 31 — Dan 5:5; Jn 8:6,8

Exodus 32 — 2Tim 4:3-4