

## A Brief Outline of the Book of Exodus

### Introduction

Genesis has provided a complete introduction to the reader so that he knows why in the world Israel is in Egypt under such difficult circumstances. Now God will carry out his promise to extricate the people from their bond slavery and institute the fifth dispensation that we call the dispensation of Mosaic Law. The book is commonly divided into three sections as follows.

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