

- D. And your part in the class is to be a participant..join the discussions, be involved in the study and see how the teaching of this book (what the book teaches) is instructive in our lives and the witness of our community. I will try not to talk all the time but it is hard not to have a lot to say when you are talking about a book in the Bible.

II. The Book of Exodus

A. The Name:

1. In the Hebrew Bible: "these are the names"
2. Our English text: "the way out"

B. The place of Exodus in the Bible:

1. It is the second book in the canonical sequence of the Pentateuch. There is good reason to feel the first five books were originally one book and the division of the books was made for practicality. The author is Moses and the book is written against the background of his personal experiences in leading the people of Israel. Exodus lays the foundation for the understanding of God's honoring His promise and redeeming His people. Thus the overall theme of the book is **redemption by blood and power**.
2. Exodus relates to the other books of the Pentateuch in this fashion:
 - a. It shows the fulfillment of the Genesis promises of redemption (Gen. 15 especially) and the way in which the Abrahamic covenant is honored.
 - b. It provides the historical and economic background for Leviticus for understanding the priesthood and worship life of the people.
 - c. It is preparatory for Numbers: showing the historical setting in which the life in the wilderness will be seen.
 - d. It is anticipatory of Deuteronomy with a special emphasis on law and its role in the covenantal community.