

Welcome to 10 Minute Topics

This week's topic is: Exodus Overview

Shemot [שְׁמוֹת] (Exodus) means “Names” and is the second book of the Torah. Shemot contains 40 chapters and 1,209 verses. Shemot is broken into 11 parshiot (weekly Torah readings).

Shemot (1:1-6:1) - (Names):

1:1-7: The generation passes

1:8-14: Pharaoh's plot

1:15-22: Infanticide

2:1-10: The birth of Moses

2:11-15: Moses identifies with his people

2:16-22: Moses marries

2:23-25: The time of salvation has arrived

3:1-10: The burning bush

3:11-13: Moses' doubts and G-d's reassurance

3:14-17: The Names of G-d

3:18-22: The request to the Egyptians

4:1-9: Moses doubts the people's faith

4:10-13: Moses' desperate plea and G-d's response

4:14-17: Moses' objections are overridden

4:18-23: Moses embarks for Egypt

4:24-31: Zipporah circumcises her son

5:1-5: Moses and Aaron come to Pharaoh

5:6-11: Pharaoh increases the burden on the people

5:12-19: Egyptian taskmasters and Jewish foremen

5:20-23: The Jews complain to Moses and Aaron; Moses complains to G-d

6:1: Portent for the future

Va'eira (6:2-9:35) - (And I Appeared):

6:2-5: G-d reassures Moses

6:6-12: The four expressions of redemption and Moses' response

6:13-30: The mission and its bearers and Moses' second response

7:1-13: The redemption begins

7:14-9:35: The Ten Plagues: Blood, Frogs, Lice, Swarm of wild beasts, Epidemic, Boils, Hail

Bo (10:1-13:16) - (Come):

10:1-29: The Ten Plagues: Locusts, Darkness

11:1-10: Warning of the Plague of the Firstborn

12:1-2: Rosh Chodesh

12:3-11: The Pesach offering

12:12-13: G-d Himself will carry out the plague

12:14-20: The Pesach festival

12:21-28: The Pesach offering

12:29: The tenth plague: Death of the Firstborn
12:30-36: Pharaoh's surrender
12:37-39: The Exodus
12:40-42: The duration of the Egyptian exile
12:43-51: Additional laws of the Pesach offering
13:1-2: Sanctification of the firstborn
13:3-10: Remember the Exodus
13:11-15: The firstborn
13:16: Tefillin

Beshalach (13:17-17:15) - (When [he] Let Go):

13:17-14:2: The route to Eretz Yisrael
14:3-8: Pharaoh's change of heart
14:9-12: Israel panics
14:13-20: G-d's assurance
14:21-25: The sea splits
14:26-29: The water crashes down upon Egypt
14:30-31: The salvation
15:1-19: The Song by the Sea
15:20-22: The women sing
15:23-16:3: Marah: Israel tests G-d
16:4-12: Manna: Food from heaven
16:13-16: Quail
16:17-21: Equal portions
16:22-36: Preparation for the Sabbath
17:1-7: Test and contention: water from a rock
17:8-13: Amalek
17:14-15: The eternal struggle against Amalek

Yitro (18:1-20:23) - (Jethro):

18:1-8: Jethro's arrival
18:9-16: Jethro rejoices
18:17-20: Jethro's advice
18:21-26: The list of requirements for leadership
18:27: Jethro leaves
19:1-2: Arrival at Sinai
19:3-9: G-d's proposal
19:10-15: Preparing for the Torah
19:16-25: The day of the Revelation
20:1-23: The Ten Statements

Mishpatim (21:1-24:18) - (Laws):

21:1-3: The civil law
21:4-6: Jewish bondsmen
21:7-11: "Sale" of a daughter
21:12-19: Murder and manslaughter

21:20-21: Killing of a slave
21:22-27: Penalty for bodily injury
21:28-32: Death caused by an animal
21:33-34: A pit
21:35-36: An animal damaging property
21:37: Stealing livestock
22:1-3: Self-defense: payment for theft
22:4-6: Damages caused by livestock
22:7-12: Laws of custodians
22:13-14: A borrower
22:15-19: Seduction
22:20-23: Sensitivity to the helpless and abandoned
22:24-26: The commandment to extend free loans
22:27: Do not curse a leader
22:28-30: Fullness offering and Priestly heave offering
23:1-4: Integrity of the judicial process
23:5-9: Fair dispensation of justice
23:10-13: The Sabbaths of the land and the week
23:14-19: The Three Pilgrimage Festivals
23:20-33: The promise of swift passage to, and conquest of, the land
24:1-8: Moses delivers the words of G-d and the people accept the mitzvot
24:9-18: Prophecy at the mountain

Terumah (25:1-27:19) - (Gifts, Offerings):

25:1-9: The Tabernacle
25:10-16: The Ark
25:17-22: The Cover
25:23-30: The Table
25:31-40: The Menorah
26:1-14: Covers of the Tabernacle
26:15-30: Walls of the Tabernacle
26:31-37: The Partition
27:1-8: The Altar
27:9-19: The Courtyard

Tetzaveh (27:20-30:10) - (You Command):

27:20-21: The Oil
28:1-3: The Kohanim and their Vestments
28:4-5: The Vestments
28:6-12: The Ephod
28:13-14: The Settings
28:15-29: The Breastplate of Judgment
28:30: The Urim and the Tumim
28:31-35: Robe of the Ephod
28:36-38: Headplate
28:39: Tunic

28:40-43: Vestments of the ordinary Kohanim
29:1-3: Inauguration ritual
29:4-9: Immersing vestments, anointment
29:10-14: The bull
29:15-18: The first ram
29:19-28: The second ram
29:29-37: Succession of High Priesthood
29:38-46: The tamid offering
30:1-10: The Incense Altar

Ki Tisa (30:11-34:35) - (When You Take):

30:11-16: The census
30:17-21: The Laver
30:22-33: Anointment oil
30:34-38: Incense
31:1-11: Designation of Bezalel and Oholiab
31:12-17: The Sabbath
31:18: Moses receives the Tablets
32:1-6: The Golden Calf
32:7-10: G-d's anger
32:11-14: Moses' successful prayer
32:15-18: Moses descends
32:19-21: Moses smashes the Tablets
32:22-29: Aaron explains
32:30-35: Moses prays
33:1-6: Aftermath of the Golden Calf
33:7-11: Moses' tent
33:12-18: Moses pleads for G-d's nearness
33:19-23: The limits of Moses' vision
34:1-4: The second Tablets
34:5-7: G-d reveals His Thirteen Attributes of Mercy
34:8-10: Moses' request
34:11-26: Safeguarding the promise
34:27-32: Renewal of the covenant
34:33-35: The radiance of Moses

Vayakhel (35:1-38:20) - (And He Assembled):

35:1-3: The Sabbath
35:4-9: Contributions for the Tabernacle
35:10-20: The construction of the Tabernacle
35:21-29: Inspiration from the heart; motivation from the spirit
35:30-25: The craftsmen are selected
36:1-7: The mandate
36:8-18: The work begins: The Curtains
36:19 Cover
36:20-34: Planks

36:35-36: Partitions
36:37-38: Screen
37:1-5: Ark
37:6-9: Cover
37:10-16: Table
37:17-24: Menorah
37:25-29: The Incense Altar
38:1-7: Burnt Offering Altar
38:8: Laver
38:9-17: Courtyard
38:18-20: Screen

Pekudei (38:21-40:38) - (Amounts Of):

38:21-23: The Reckonings
38:24-31: Materials used for the work
39:1: Aaron's Vestments
39:2-7: Ephod
39:8-21: Breastplate
39:22-26: Robe of the Ephod
39:27-29: Tunics of linen
39:30-32: Headplate
39:33-41: Moses inspects the Tabernacle
39:42-43: Moses approves
40:1-16: The command to set up the Tabernacle
40:17-33: The Tabernacle is erected
40:34-38: G-d's glory fills the Tabernacle