

Structure of Exodus 1-15

Moses is portrayed as typical of Israel. The nation's destiny is foreshadowed in Moses.

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| 1:1-22 | Covenant Prologue: God's Faithfulness in Bondage |
| 2:1-10 | A. Moses' Birth - Deliverance |
| 2:11-22 | B. Moses' Sojourn - Firstborn |
| 2:23-25 | Covenant Transition |
| 3:1-6:1 | C. Moses' Call - Preparation |
| | 1. Covenant Introduction 3:1-17 |
| | 2. Signs ¹ 3:18-4:18 |
| | 3. Blood 4:19-31 ² |
| | 4. Negative Conclusion 5:1-6:1 |
| 6:2-12:36 | C' Israel's Call - Preparation |
| | 1' Covenant Introduction 6:2-9 |
| | 2' Signs ¹ 6:10-10:29 |
| | 3' Blood 11:1-12:28 |
| | 4' Positive Conclusion 12:29-36 |
| 12:37-42 | Covenant Transition |
| 12:43-13:16 | B' Israel's Sojourner - Firstborn |
| 13:17-14:31 | A' Israel's Birth - Deliverance ² |
| 15:1-21 | Covenant Epilogue: God's Faithfulness in Redemption |

¹ Structure of the "Signs" Sections:

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| 3:18-4:13 | Outcome Predicted - Signs |
| 4:14-18 | Prophet Family |
| 6:10-7:2 | Family Prophet |
| 7:3-10:29 | Outcome Predicted - Signs |

² Note Regarding a Structural Marker:

The main structure of Exodus 1-15 is divided into two halves. Each half contains a reference to the faith of the Israelites in parallel locations. These references (4:31 and 14:31) are both penultimate. They each occur at the end of the section that immediately precedes the concluding section of that half.