The Bible in a nutshell

"I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:3

The message of Exodus

1. God is almighty
2. God is sovereign over history
3. God reveals Himself
4. God is holy
5. God is faithful in keeping His Covenants
6. God acts and intervenes in history
7. God judges sin, idolatry and false religion
8. God forgives the sins of His people
9. God speaks to people
10. God calls us to service
11. God guides His people
12. God provides for His people's needs
13. God protects His people
14. God rescues and redeems His people
15. God delivers His people from bondage
16. God lives amongst His people
17. The Lord alone is God. There is no other.

In Exodus, we see God's hand on His people, delivering them from bondage and guiding them through the wilderness, ever faithful and merciful.

The 10 Plagues

A sign of Judgement

The Ten Plagues were a judgement on the false religions and idolatry of Egypt, which forced Pharaoh to let Israel go (Exodus 2:14-21). God describes the Plagues as judgement executed on all the gods of Egypt (Exodus 12:12).

1. When the Lord turned the Nile into blood, it was a judgement on the Nile god whom the Egyptians worshipped.
2. The plague of frogs was a judgement on the frog gods Hapi and Heq.
3. The plague of lice was a judgement on Seb.
4. The plague of flies was a judgement on Scarabeus.
5. The pestilence on the cattle was a judgement on Apis.
6. The plague of boils was a judgement on Typhon.
7. The hail and fire was a judgement on Shu.
8. The plague of locusts was a judgement on Seraphis.
9. The darkness was a judgement on Ra, the Sun god.
10. The death of the firstborn, including the son of Pharaoh, was a judgement on Pharaoh himself who was worshiped as a god.

The Ten Plagues revealed the power of the Lord God over all the forces of nature and over Pharaoh, Egypt and all their false gods and idols.
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The Law
1-4: Our responsibility to God
5: Our responsibility to our parents
6-10: Our responsibility to people
“Therefore the Law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.” Gal 3:24.

Decalogue:
Respect for God
Respect for people
Respect for property
“The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.” Psalm 19:7

Three sections of the Law:
1. Moral Law – The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)
2. Civil Law – Social relationships and regulations (Exodus 21 - 24)

Exodus reveals the Holiness of God in His judgement and the love of our Lord in redemption.

Full salvation in Exodus:
- God protected the Hebrews from the judgement of the plagues
- God redeemed His people from death through the blood of the Lamb
- God delivered His people from slavery
- God rescued Israel from Pharaoh and his chariots
- God preserved the Israelites from starvation by providing manna, water and quails
- God defended Israel against the armies, its enemies
- God saved the Israelites from themselves by disciplining, purging, purifying and preparing them for worship and service.

“You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My Covenant, then you will be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” Exodus 19:4-6

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