

EXODUS

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

2

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

40

TYPE

HISTORY/PENTATEUCH



OVERVIEW

Exodus records the return of the nation of Israel to the Promised Land, having spent nearly 400 years in Egypt as slaves. The people cried out to God, who reminded them that the Israelites are a chosen people and He would help them return to the Promised Land. The book contains the first laws of Israel which Moses recorded, as well as many well-known stories of miracles.



WRITTEN
Around 1400 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
1525-1400 BC



AUTHOR
Moses

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HEBREW HISTORY AND MOSES' BACKGROUND	MOSES LEADS THE PEOPLE TO FREEDOM	WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS	LAWS GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE	GOLDEN CALF IDOL AND REPENTANCE	CONSTRUCTING THE TABERNACLE
EXODUS 1-3	EXODUS 4-14	EXODUS 15-19	EXODUS 20-31	EXODUS 32-34	EXODUS 35-40
After over 400 years of the Israelites living in Egypt, a new Pharaoh comes into power and enslaves the descendants of Joseph. Moses is born, sent down the river in a basket by his loving mother, saved by the Pharaoh's daughter from death, and later called by God at the burning bush to deliver the people of Israel out of Egypt.	Moses returns to Egypt and repeatedly asks the Pharaoh to free the Israelites. The Pharaoh refuses, and God sends ten plagues upon Egypt. The Israelites are protected against the plagues, and after the tenth plague the Pharaoh allows them to go. He changes his mind and sends his army to recapture the slaves, but they escape when Moses parts the Red Sea. Moses and his people pass through, the sea falls back, and the Egyptian army perishes.	The Israelites travel in the desert, constantly watched over by God, who provides them with manna (bread from heaven), quail, and water. They often complain about their hardships. Moses ascends Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments from God.	Moses teaches the Israelites God's laws, including the Ten Commandments. Following that, Moses records social and moral laws, instructions for festivals, and explicit instructions for designing the Tabernacle.	Israelites make a golden idol in the shape of a calf and Moses, in anger, breaks the stone tablets that contain the Commandments. The Israelites repent and are forgiven. Moses returns to Mount Sinai, sees God's glory, and receives new stone tablets.	The Tabernacle is built, including the Ark of the Covenant, and rules are given that govern its use. The book does not end with the death of Moses (covered in Deuteronomy).