

Exodus

"Out of Bondage"

Background Information

Author: Moses (see 24:4)

In ancient Hebrew Bibles, "And (or Now) these are the names..." served as the title of the book, showing it was meant as a sequel to Genesis.

Time written: 15th Century BC, during the wilderness wanderings

Time Covered and Outlines

Historians state that the Exodus itself occurred in the Eighteenth Dynasty of Egypt, which is remarkable, because it was one of the most powerful dynasties in Egyptian history.

All told, the book covers about 150 years, from the oppression of the Israelites through the _____.

Outline #1: Geography

I. Israel in Egypt (1:1-12:36)

II. Israel on the Road to Sinai (12:37-18:27)

III. Israel Encamped at Sinai (19:1-40:38)

Outline #2: Major Events

I. Birth and Oppression of a Nation (1-4)

II. Moses Before Pharaoh: 10 Plagues (5-11)

III. The Exodus (12-15)

IV. Wilderness (16-19)

V. The 10 Commandments (20)

VI. Various Laws (21-23)

VII. The Tabernacle (24-31)

VIII. Preparation for Worship (32-40)

Major Themes

Deliverance

_____ Keeping

Law

God's Character in Exodus

1. Wisdom (3:7)
2. Wrath (ten plagues)
3. Glory (15, 33:18-23)
4. Holiness (15:11)
5. All-Powerful (ten plagues)
6. Merciful and long-suffering (34:6-7)
7. Providence (2:1-10)

Jesus in Exodus

1. Moses as a type of Jesus, in delivering people from bondage
2. The Passover Lamb is clearly a "shadow" that Jesus brought light to.

Key Words in Exodus

"Delivered" (Hebrew: *natsal*) (3:8; 5:18; 21:13; 22:7; 22:10; 22:26; 23:31)

"Consecrate" (Hebrew *qadash*) (28:3; 28:41; 29:9; 29:33; 29:35; 30:30; 32:29)

"Washing" (Hebrew *rachats*) (2:5; 19:10; 29:4; 29:17; 30:18; 30:21; 40:12; 40:30)

Elsewhere in the World...

What historians call the "Iron Age" began in parts of the Middle East, such as Palestine and Syria, as weapons and other goods were made from that metal. People had spread all the way to Scandinavia, and certain nations along the seas began to perfect the art of building various types of ships.

Elsewhere in Scripture...

Exodus stands alone chronologically. There is no other book that overlaps with its contents.