



Exodus

AN INTRODUCTION

Exodus 1:1-7

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EXODUS

- In Hebrew, this book is titled, “Names” - derived from the opening sentence in Exodus 1:1
- The English title “Exodus” is derived from the Septuagint (LXX) - the Greek translation of the Old Testament. Exodus is a transliteration of the Greek word -exodos- which means, “the way out”.
- Authorship is traditionally assigned to Moses (Exodus 17:14; 24:4, 7; 34:27). Technically, the book is anonymous - but there are numerous references in the New Testament where Moses is referred to as the author: Mark 10:5; John 5:46.
- Dating the Exodus depends upon a number of factors regarding Biblical interpretation and historical research. Two different dates have been set forth as possibilities as we consider the actual time of the Exodus: 1450 BC or 1260 BC.

GRAND SWEEPING NARRATIVE

- Israel as slaves in Egypt
- Moses called to be God's deliverer
- Clash between God of Israel and gods of Egypt
- Passover
- Crossing of the Red Sea
- Moses' song of deliverance
- Mt. Sina.

- The Covenant - The nation of Israel is born
- Rebellion
- The Glory of God
- The Tabernacle

CHRISTIAN INTERPRETATION OF THE EXODUS

The Old Testament contains several deep and rich theological themes: Creation, Redemption, Exodus, Covenant, Exile, etc.

As Christians, we read and study the Old Testament through the lens of the completed work of Christ through the Cross, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus.

“The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God’s revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.”

-The Baptist Faith and Message, 1963