

EXODUS

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To record the events of the children of Israel's deliverance from bondage in Egypt and their development as a nation.

Author

Moses

Date

Exodus was written 1446-1400 BC (at approximately the same time as Genesis) during the wanderings of the Israelites in the Sinai.

Audience

To the people of Israel.

Setting

Egypt. The children of Israel, once highly favored in Goshen, are now slaves of the Egyptians. God is about to set them free.

Special Features

The Birth of Moses, the Burning Bush, the Ten Plagues, the Crossing of the Red Sea, Mt. Sinai, the Ten Commandments, the Tabernacle, and the Wilderness Wanderings. Exodus relates more miracles than any other Old Testament book.



Key Verses

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings . . . Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." (3:7, 10 ESV)

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" (3:14 ESV)

Key People

Yahweh, Moses, Miriam, Pharaoh, Pharaoh's daughter, Jethro, Aaron, Joshua, Bezalel.

Key Places

Egypt, Goshen, Nile River, Midian, Red Sea, Sinai Peninsula, Mount Sinai.