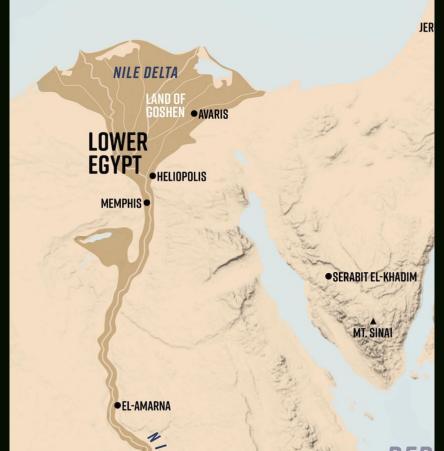
Ahmose I (1570-1546)

Week 3
9/19/2023
CCC Adult Bible
Study



- Who were these people?
- How had Israel come to be?
- What was/is the meaning of Israel?
- What was Israel to achieve as one member among the family of peoples and nations?
- What is the meaning of creation and how does Israel being God's sovereignly elected people mean in that?
- How was Israel's servanthood to be utilized in implementing the great saving purposes of God?

MEDITERRANEAN SEA



The exodus is the most significant historical and theological event of the Old Testament because it marks God's mightiest act in behalf of his people, an act which brought them from slavery to freedom, from fragmentation to solidarity, from a people of promise - the Hebrews - to a nation of fulfilment - Israel.

Eugene Merrill, <u>Kingdom of Priests</u>

Exodus Chapter 1

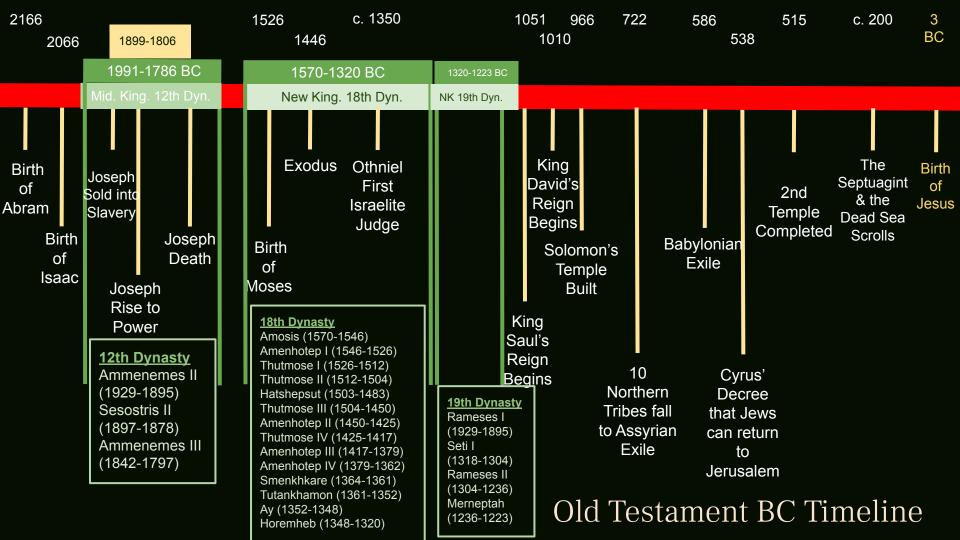
Now there arose a new King over Egypt, who did not know Joseph

Exodus 1:8

Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.

Exodus 1:10

Searching for Egypt in Israel, AIBI Christopher Eames, Article Searching for Egypt in Israel, AIBI Christopher Eames, Interview



Archeological & Historical Background

Is there Archeology that supports the Historical Record of the Exodus?

- Proto-Sinaitic Inscription from Serabit El-Khadim (18th Dynastic Turquoise mine)
 - Lecture by Douglas Petrovich
 - Discovered by Sir Flinders Petrie Canaanite Script
- The Brooklyn Papyrus 13 Dynasty document with over 40 Semitic names
- Archeological evidence of Canaanites (Asiatics) in Avaris (modern Tell el-Dab'a) c. 1900 BC
 - Amenhotep II had a palace unexplainably & suddenly abandon 15th Century
- Amenhotep II and his son Thutmose IV were both not first born sons
- Soleb Temple (modern day Sudan) built by Amenhotep III has the "Soleb Inscription"
 - > "Land of the Shasu (nomads) of Yahweh" (c. 1400 BC)
- The Berlin Pedestal (Egyptian Museum in Berlin) appears to have the name "Ishrael"
 - ➤ Most recent scholarship (2010) dates it to 15th Century BC
 - Lists Ashkalon, Canaan, and Ishrael so Egyptians recognize Israel as a nation
- ❖ The Merneptah Stele (c. 1208) or "Israel Stele"- points to a early Exodus date of 1446

We should not lock ourselves from the outset into an excessively rigid, year-by-year chronological reconstruction. Instead, we should maintain a sensible amount of flexibility when it comes to specific dates. While creating intricate and specific chronologies is fascinating, it's also fickle. This history occurred some 3,500 years ago; without an ancient text or artifact patently identifying inarguably specific dates, it can be virtually impossible to settle on absolute dates for many events. Plus, new discoveries constantly require scholars to tweak and refine chronologies.

Christopher Eames, "Who Was the Pharaoh of the Exodus?"

Ch. 1

- ***** 1:1-7
 - Family of Abraham fully settled in Egypt Gen 15:13-14
- ***** 1:8-22
 - "new King" who did not know Joseph
 - "they join our enemies and fight against us"
 - > Pithom and Raamses
 - More they were oppressed the more they multiplied
 - > Actions of the Midwives
 - Feared God
 - Pharaoh commands male genocide