

# Exodus



**Author:** Moses



**Date:** Between 1446 - 1406 B.C.



**Audience:** God's chosen people,  
the Israelites



**Written in:** Hebrew as  
W'elleh sh'mot

## Introduction & Purpose of Exodus

Exodus means "These are the names" in Hebrew or "a going out" in Greek. These meanings capture Israel's journey from a named family in Egypt (Gen. 46:8) to a redeemed and rescued nation brought out of slavery by God's mighty hand. This book reveals God as knowing His people, hearing their cries, rescuing them from slavery, and forming them into a covenantal community that is set apart for His purposes and His glory.

## About the Author

Moses was well-suited to author the Pentateuch due to his elite education in Egypt, time to write during Israel's desert journey, and commitment to God's mission. He is recognized as the chief prophet, leader of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, a miracle-worker, and the "lawgiver" of the Ten Commandments. His life spans three 40-year periods: living in Pharaoh's household (0-40), living as a fugitive in Midian (40-80), and leading the Israelites to the Promised Land (80-120). Moses died at 120 years old.

## Structure & Themes of Exodus

Exodus is organized into three main sections:

1. *Israel's Call Out of Egypt (Ex. 1-19):* Chronicles Israel's oppression in Egypt and God's miraculous rescue.
2. *Israel's Consecration at Mt. Sinai (Ex. 20-24):* God reveals His Law and calls His people to live holy lives.
3. *Israel's Construction of the Tabernacle (Ex. 25-40):* Illustrates God's desire for a relationship with His people through detailed instructions for the tabernacle, emphasizing His mercy even amid idolatry.

Key theological themes about God, including:  
*Redemption:* God saves Israel from slavery to fulfill His promises.

*Revelation:* God reveals His name as Yahweh, showcasing His power as the 'I AM'.

*Presence:* God's presence is constantly with the Israelites to lead and to guide.

## Exodus helps us KNOW, LIVE, & LOVE like Jesus

Exodus invites you to see a God who notices suffering, hears the cries of His people, and steps in to rescue them. He reveals Himself as the faithful “I AM,” a God who keeps His promises and draws near to His people. As you read Exodus, you are invited to trust this same God and truly **KNOW Jesus**.

Exodus reminds you that obedience always follows grace; God rescues His people before He ever gives them a Law to obey. You are called to leave old patterns of slavery to sin behind and allow your life to be reshaped around worship, holiness, and trust in God. This is how God forms you to **LIVE like Jesus**.

Exodus shows that God saves people for a purpose, forming them into a kingdom of priests who reflect His character to the world. As someone redeemed by Jesus, you are sent to build relationships, share burdens, and share Jesus to others. This is what it looks like to **LOVE like Jesus**.

### Notable Verses in Exodus

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”  
- Exodus 3:14 (NIV)

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites. - Exodus 19:5–6 (NIV)

Moses proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; ...’ - Exodus 34:6–7 (NIV)

### Resources to Dive Deep into Exodus

- *Exodus Series* - The Bible Project
- *Exodus: Saved for God’s Glory* – Skip Keitzig
- *Exodus for Everyone* – John Goldingay
- *Exodus* – Peter Enns (NIV Application Commentary)
- *Exodus* - Carol Meyers

### Question to Ponder from Exodus

*What areas of my life am I still enslaved to, and how might God be calling me to trust Him for His deliverance and how He wants to reshape my life around worship of Him instead of false masters?*