

# **Overview of the book of Exodus**

**Exodus 1-40**

# **Author, date and historical background**

Exodus means exit or departure.

This book tells the story of Israel's exit from the land of Egypt to the promise land as promised by God to Abraham in the book of Genesis

**Chapter 15:12-16.**

# Author

The book is written by Moses in the wilderness.

There is enough internal evidence to this claim.

*Exodus 17:14; 24:4 and 34:4, 27-29.*

He might have done this during 38 years of wandering in the desert.

# Date

Moses lived from 1525 to 1405 B.C.  
Most scholars agree that exodus  
happened in 1445 B.C .

He must have written the book of  
Exodus between 1445 and 1405 B.C

# Historical Background

Exodus embraces about 431 years of history, from the arrival of Jacob's family in Egypt (1876 B.C) to the erection of tabernacle in the wilderness of Sinai(1445 B.C).

After the death of Joseph, Israelites lived approximately 364 years in Egypt.

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New Egyptian king was not friendly to the Hebrews.

He started persecuting them, to the point that he gave the order to kill all the male Hebrew children **Exodus 1.**

They cried unto the LORD. He heard their cry and sent them a deliverer.

# Purpose Statement

Purpose of the book of Exodus is to give us the historical account of the redemption of Israelite's from Egypt and reveal to us the character of God and conditions of his covenantal relationship with the redeemed people.

# **Main teachings of Exodus**

The main teaching of the boog are followings:

1. God is covenant keeping God.

*Ex 15:12-16; Ex 2:24-25 and 3:7-8*

2. God is all powerful to redeem his People.



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3. Hardness of the heart will bring total destruction. **Exodus 6-14**
4. God redeems us to make us the kingdom of priests and holy nation. **Exodus 19:5-6**
5. Covenant people have to keep the conditions of the covenants in order to receive covenantal blessings. **Exodus 19-40**

# Conclusion

The book of Exodus tells us the story of freedom of children of Abraham from Egyptian slavery. It reveals to us the name, attributes of God, purpose of redemption and conditions of the covenant.