

MAIN THEME: GOD COMING TO LIVE AMONGST HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE

1. AUTHOR

Q. What do you know about *Exodus* [Greek for 'departure']?

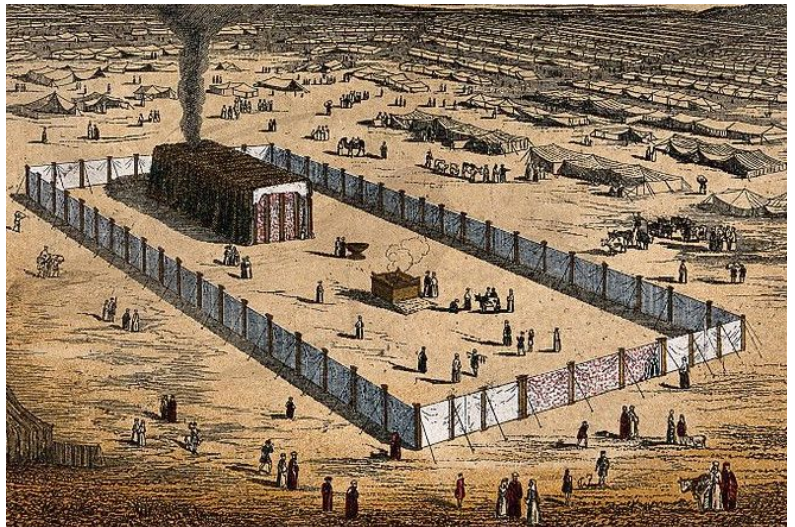
- *Mark 12:26 And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses [Gen-Deu], in the passage about the bush [Exodus 3], how God spoke to him, saying, ...*

A. Author: Moses. Exodus is the second part of the 'Book of Moses' ca. 1400 BC. The events take place about 400 years after the end of Genesis, in around 1447 BC, during perhaps the reign of Pharaoh Amenhotep II¹ (and one other?) →



2. WHERE IT'S ALL HEADING

Exodus 40:34-38 *Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶ Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.* ESV UK

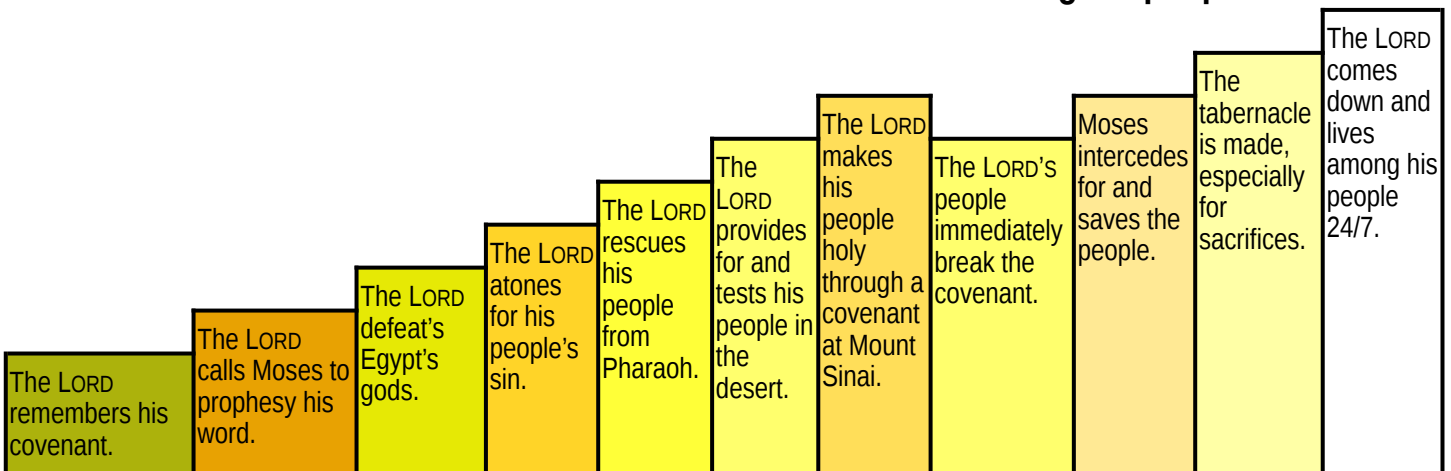


The Tabernacle in the Wilderness
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3. ONE SHAPE – 'IS THE LORD AMONG US OR NOT?' ^{17:7}

But what had to happen first, i.e. before God could live with his people (Exodus 17:7)?

Barriers to be overcome before the LORD can live among his people



¹ *Cambridge Ancient History*, Vol. 2, Part 1, 3rd Ed, 1973; cited in Exodus, commentary by John L. Mackay, CF, 2001. 18th dynasty dates are all rather uncertain. The 1984 *NIV Study Bible* thinks it was Thutmose III.

4. TEXTUAL STRUCTURE OF EXODUS

EXODUS	
Chapters	Content
1	The LORD remembers his covenant with his people (in Egypt about 400 years, enslaved but multiplying rapidly, despite Pharaoh's attempt at genocide!) →
2-4	The LORD remembers his people, and calls Moses and Aaron, reveals his covenant name Yahweh='the LORD'.
5-11	The LORD defeats Egypt's gods →
12	The LORD 'passes over' his people (Passover)
13-15	The LORD rescues from, and defeats, Pharaoh
16-18	The LORD provides for and tests his people
19-24	The Book of the Covenant
25-31	The Tabernacle
32	The covenant broken
32:30-33	Moses saves the people
34	The covenant renewed
35-40:33	The Tabernacle again
40:34- ...	The LORD lives with his chosen people...



Brick made *with* straw.
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The Nile (god) Marc Ryckaert - wikipedia

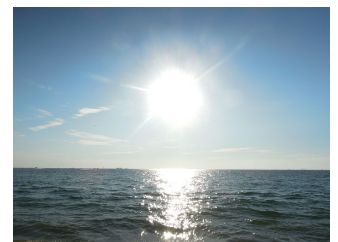


'Heqt' the frog goddess (on the right)

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4. TEN? GREAT PEOPLE

- Pharaoh, king of Egypt
- Shiphrah, Puah,
- Moses, Miriam, Aaron
- Zipporah, Jethro (AKA Reuel priest of Midian: Exo. 18)
- Gershom ('foreigner'), Eliezer ('my God is my help')



'Ra' The Sun (god)

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5. TEN GREAT EVENTS?

- 1st genocide?
- Burning bush
- 10 Plagues
- Passover
- Red Sea crossing
- Mount Sinai →
- Golden calf



- Moses' intercession
- The tabernacle plans repeated
- The tabernacle built and lived in by the LORD.

6. A NEW COVENANT CALLED 'THE OLD COVENANT' OR SINAITIC COVENANT

A covenant that turned out to be temporary for when Israel lived in the promised land. Main summary was *the ten commandments*.

7. JESUS IN EXODUS?

Q. Why might we expect to find Jesus in Exodus?

A. Luke 24:27 *And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

Q. Where is Jesus in Exodus? **A.** Everywhere.



- The LORD* revealing himself to Moses in Exodus 3:15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. Compare with², for example: John 21:7 ... "It is the Lord."
- Moses feeding the people with 'manna' bread prefigures Jesus feeding the 5,000, and generally him giving life to people. Also, "*I am the bread of life*" (John 6:30-35).
- Moses striking the rock with *the LORD* standing by/on it (17:6) prefiguring Jesus being struck literally with a stick (Matthew 27:30?) as part of his voluntary humiliation.
- Perhaps especially as the Passover lamb:
1 Corinthians 5:7 ... *Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.*
- Moses is a 'type' of Christ as prophet and saviour, especially as he intercedes for the sinful people:
Exodus 32:30 ... *And now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for*

² But please bear in mind that there is hidden complexity here to do with NT writers quoting the Greek version of the OT in which *the LORD's* name, *Yahweh*, is rendered as the Greek equivalent of 'the Lord' (deliberately).

your sin.”³¹ So Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold.³² But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.”

8. ONE KEY THEME

God coming to live amongst his chosen people

9. KEY VERSE?

- Exodus 29:45 I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God.⁴⁶ And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

Note the repeated emphases in the above verses.

10. AND NOWADAYS?

- John 14:18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” - Jesus
- Luke 17:20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed,²¹ nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.” [or within you, ESV margin]
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ... do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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