



# Exodus

**Old  
Testament**

β 2nd book of the Bible (out of 66)

β 3.90% of the verses in the Bible

β Moses is thought to have written it.

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A famine had led Jacob and his family to go to Egypt (Joseph, his second youngest son was already there). Several hundred years later Jacob's descendants (now over 2 million in number) aren't at all happy living there. They've become slaves to the Egyptians and they cry out to God for deliverance. It comes supernaturally! God has rescued them miraculously, now they are to continue to follow Him wholeheartedly and to follow His laws - many of which are included in this book. As you read through this book you will find that the Israelites don't always do this. As a consequence a journey that should have taken just a few days took forty years.

Exodus is a very important book as in it God reveals His name, His attributes, His law and how He is to be worshipped. The Covenant

**Facts:** 'Exodus' is from a Greek word meaning 'going out' or 'exit.' The Hebrew Bible calls it 'Names' (from the first verse). The biggest theme is the rescue of God's people from slavery in Egypt. Moses is the main character.

is established. There are more miracles recorded in this book than any other Old Testament book. Highlights include the Burning Bush (Chap 3), the Plagues (Chaps 7-11), the Passover (Chap 12), the crossing of the Red Sea (Chaps 13,14), the Ten Commandments (Chap 20), meticulous descriptions of how to worship God (Chaps 24-30) and Moses' face (Chap 34).

Traditionally scholars have fixed the year of the Exodus as 1446BC.

**Aim to read the whole book over the next two weeks.**