

## Exodus

### Lesson #1, Chapters 1-2

*“Exodus stands at the heart of the Old Testament as the greatest example of the saving acts of God before Christ.”<sup>1</sup>*

*The climax of the entire Old Testament is recorded in chapters 12–14: the salvation of Israel through blood (the Passover) and through power (the Red Sea). The Exodus is the central event of the Old Testament as the Cross is of the New Testament.<sup>2</sup>*

As you embark on this study of the book as Exodus, ask the Lord for His help and insight into His Word.

1. List five facts about the book of Exodus you discovered in the introductory notes of a study Bible, commentary, Bible encyclopedia<sup>3</sup>, or online Bible study website.<sup>4</sup> Look for answers to the who, what, when, where, and why questions. You can start with questions like *who wrote the book, what is the book about, when did the events of the book take place, where do the events in the book take place, and why is this book important for today?* Record your cool five facts below!
2. What are some reasons to study the book of Exodus? See Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:6, 11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
3. Look up Genesis 12:1-3; 46:3, 26-27; 48:3-4 and Deuteronomy 26:5. Explain how the time in Egypt was significant for the descendants of Abraham.

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<sup>1</sup> Bruce Wilkinson and Kenneth Boa, *Talk Thru the Bible* (Nashville: T. Nelson, 1983), 15.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 14.

<sup>3</sup> Recommended resources: *Talk Thru the Bible* by Wilkinson and Boa; *The Expositor's Bible Commentary* by Walter Kaiser Jr.; *Moses and the God's of Egypt* by John J. Davis; *Exodus* by John L. Mackay.

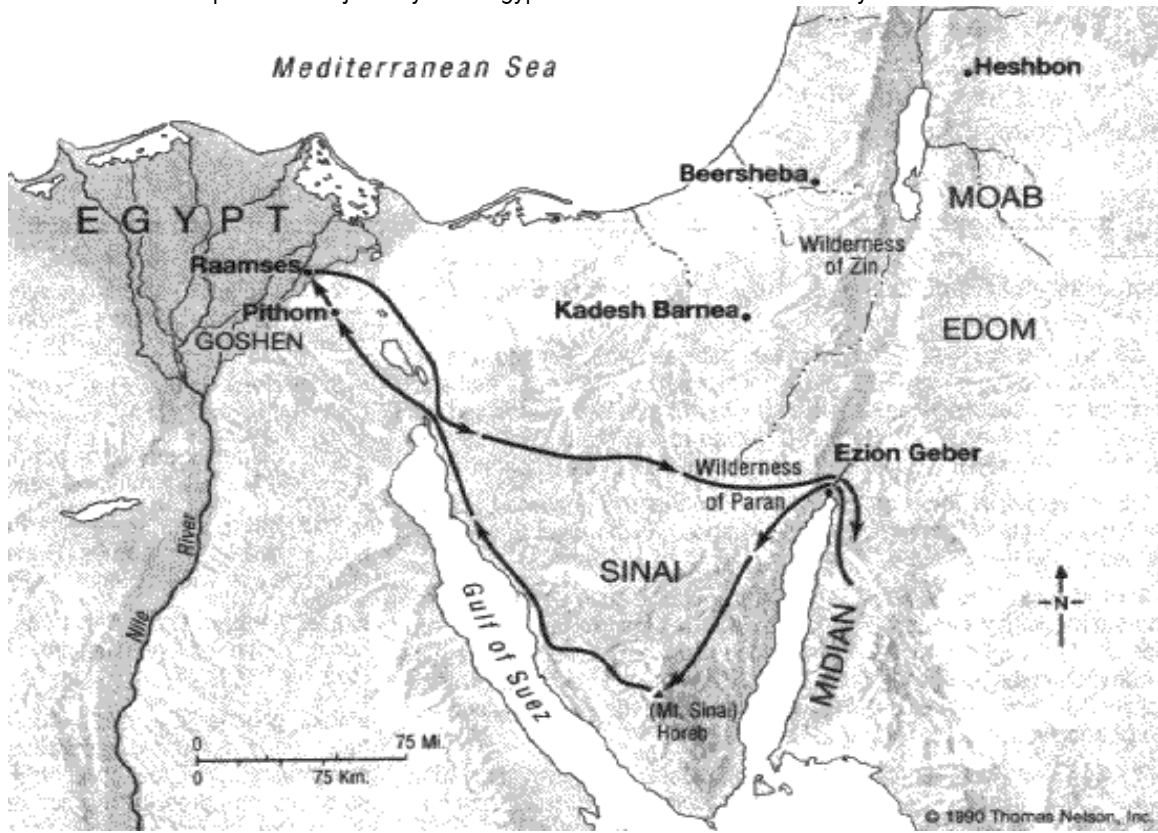
<sup>4</sup> You can find some great information about the book of Numbers on different Bible study websites. I would highly recommend [https://www.preceptaustin.org/exodus\\_commentaries](https://www.preceptaustin.org/exodus_commentaries). Check out these sites as well: <http://net.bible.org>, [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com), [www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com), or <http://preceptaustin.org>. There are other sites out there, but these are a good starting point.





17. Exodus 2:11 records an interesting turn of events. What do you learn from Exodus 2:11; Acts 7:23 and Hebrews 11:24-26? What insights do you gain from those passages about Moses' faith in the One, True God?
  
18. At the age of 40, Moses threw in his lot with the people of Israel. How do the events recorded in Exodus 2:11-15; Acts 7:23-29 and Hebrews 11:24-27 reveal Moses' motivations? What indication is there in the Acts 7 text that Moses knew God intended to use him to deliver his suffering brethren from their Egyptian bondage?
  
19. Though Moses *was* called to deliver the Israelites, the timing wasn't yet right. Rather than leaving Egypt with *all* the people in tow, at this point, the only one to leave Egypt was Moses. What does this teach us when we want to "help" God along by moving ahead of Him? See Exodus 12:41; Habakkuk 2:3; Romans 5:6; 1 Timothy 2:6; 6:15; Titus 1:3.
  - a. Also consider what it teaches us about our ability to "ruin" God's sovereign plans. See Genesis 50:20; Job 23:13; Proverbs 16:1, 9; 19:21; 21:1; Psalm 33:10-11; Isaiah 46:10; Acts 4:27-28.
  
20. In Exodus 2:15 we read, "When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well." And just like that, the next chapter of Moses' life begins. Where did Moses escape to? What information can you find about that place?

Map of Moses' journey from Egypt to Midian and the return 40 years later.<sup>5</sup>



21. Moses' new life begins when he sits down at the well. What happened next? See verses 16-22.
  
22. The prince of Egypt becomes a shepherd. Though the next 40 years of Moses' life are not remarked upon in the Word of God, we know God never wastes time or opportunity to teach and train His children. We do know that those years caring for sheep in the Midian desert prepared him for the next phase of his life. What did that next phase include? See Exodus 2:23-25; 3:10.

<sup>5</sup> John MacArthur Jr., ed., [The MacArthur Study Bible](#), electronic ed. (Nashville, TN: Word Pub., 1997), 95.

- a. Exodus 2:23-25 eloquently hints at changes soon to come. List what you learn about Israel and about God from verses 23-25.
23. The final verses of Exodus chapter 2 contain precious and encouraging truths that can strengthen us today. When we read that *God heard, God remembered, God saw, and God took notice*, we see our God at work. He is active to rescue and save His children. Write a prayer of hope, trust, and praise to the Lord as you meditate on Exodus 2:23-25; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 34:17-18; Romans 8:31-39; 1 Corinthians 1:8-9.

God's Promise

By Fanny Crosby

He who brought His ancient people,  
With a strong and mighty hand,  
Out of all their cruel bondage,  
Into Canaan's promised land.

He who led them through the desert,  
By the cloud that went before,  
He whose goodness never failed them,  
Though they grieved Him o'er and o'er.

God is faithful to His promise,  
He is mindful of His own;  
On our journey to His kingdom  
We shall never walk alone.

We shall have His kind protection  
And His love as in the past;  
Though our days be few or many,  
He will guide us to the last.

*He has said, and we believe it,  
'Tis a promise made of old,  
From the trusting and the loving  
No good thing will He withhold.*