

# EXODUS

**AUTHOR:**

Exodus is the second book within the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. While nowhere within the book does it say Moses is the author, it is believed he was. There are quite a few reasons for this, among those being that Jesus speaks of the Law (the first five books of the Bible) as being the words of Moses.

**DATE:**

As was with Genesis, if Moses wrote the Pentateuch, then it would have been recorded during his lifetime, which is from 1527 B.C. to 1406 B.C.

**AUDIENCE:**

Exodus is a part of the Jewish Torah—the books of the Law given to the Israelites. Therefore, the intended audience was the Hebrew people.

**CONTEXT:**

Exodus is a continuation of the story of the Israelites that began in Genesis. Some time has passed and the Israelites have become a strong nation. However, they are now slaves in Egypt and in desperate need of rescue.

**PURPOSE:**

Exodus was written to tell how God delivered His people out of slavery. It also illustrates how He is fulfilling His promise to Abraham to make him a great nation and to lead him to the land God had promised him. Exodus illustrates the importance of being obedient to God through God's deliverance and the wandering in the wilderness. This book tells of God's calling of Moses and of His redemption of His people—the greatest act of salvation in the Old Testament.

