



Pastor's Bible Study
Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Exodus 1 – 5

Review

Literary Period Covered: roughly 1950 B.C.E. to 1400 B.C.E.

Review and Introduction

- Joseph reconciled with his family in Egypt
- His father, Jacob/Israel and his family moved to Goshen. 73 in all.
- Jacob (Israel) and Joseph have passed

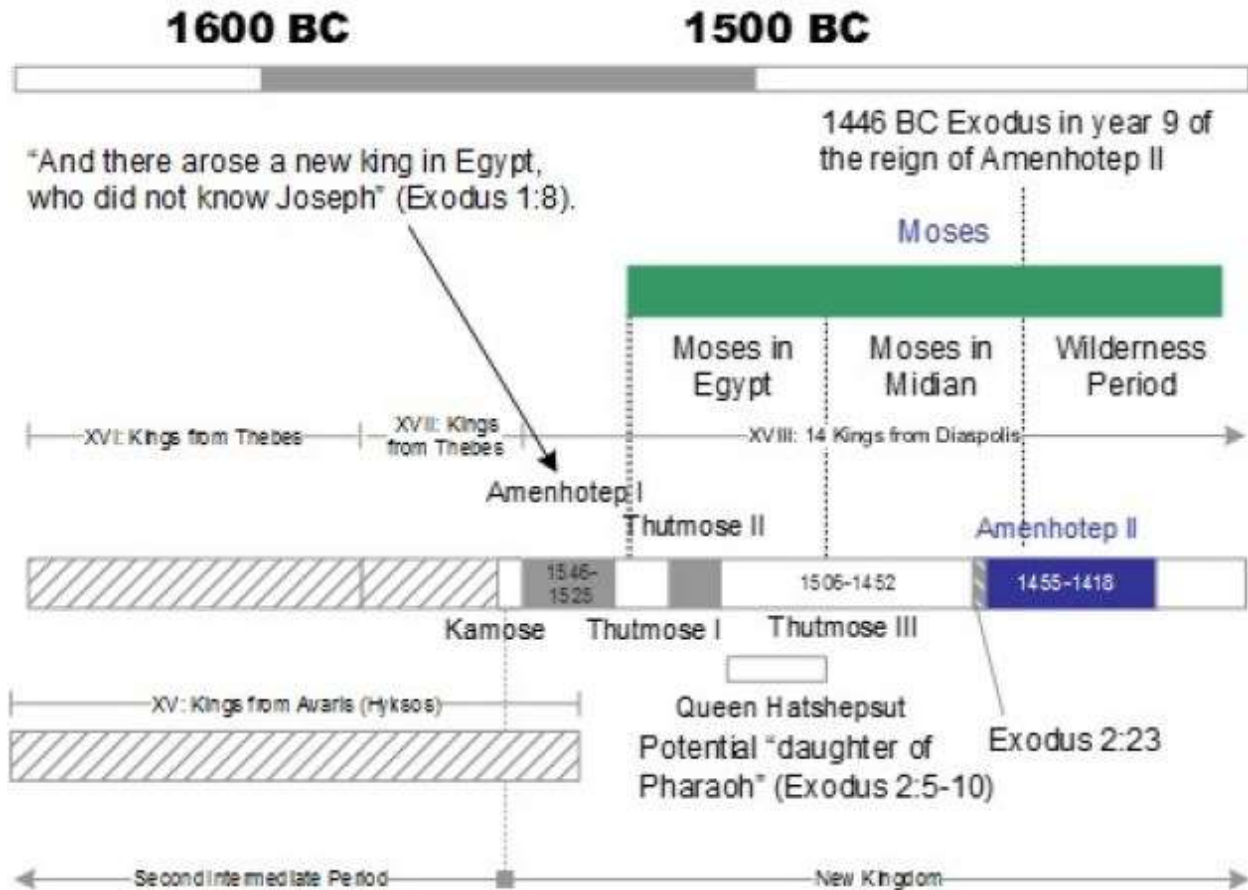
Lecture Segment

Exodus tells how they became a nation through the action of their God. It is Israel's foundation story, their identity document, telling them where they have come from and showing them their place in the world under God's sovereignty.

- 400 years have passed since the conclusion of Genesis and the beginning of Exodus.
- The 73 now number approximately 2,000,000
 - Actuaries using the following assumptions have determined over 400 years this number is feasible. A man would be married between 16-17 years of age. His wife would have an average of 10 children of which 7 would survive. Half of them would be female.
 - The Book of Numbers tells us in Chapter 1 verse 46: “the total number was 603,550” men of fighting age (20 to 50 years old). Based upon our understanding of human birth there would be approximately 603,550 women bringing the total to 1,206,000. Adding on those that are 19 and younger and 51 and older we approximate the number over 2,000,000.
- The Israelites have been permanently enslaved by the conquering Hyksos empire who ruled Egypt for 108 years after the death of Joseph and the Pharaoh.
- The ruling dynasties have forgotten about Joseph

How old was Moses when he fled Egypt? _____

At the burning bush? _____



Moses 5 Excuses

Excuse 1: I'm not good enough "But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"-Exodus 3:11

Excuse 2: I don't have all the answers "Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"-Exodus 3:13

Excuse 3: People won't believe me "Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'" -Exodus 4:1

Excuse 4: I'm a terrible public speaker "Then Moses said to the LORD, "Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."-Exodus 4:10

Excuse 5: I'm not qualified "But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." -Exodus 4:13



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Encounter the Word Lecture Segment

Read Exodus 5 – 15

How is Moses and Arron going to convince the Pharaoh to let God's people go?
As you read think reflect and answer the following questions:

1. Why didn't the Israelites listen to Moses? (Exodus 6:9)

2. Who would God bring out of Egypt, according to this verse? (Exodus 7:4)

3. What name is given to God in 9:1? (Exodus 9:1)

4. Why was Pharaoh's heart hardened, according to verse one? (Exodus 10:1)

5. How did this event start the Hebrews time measurement? (Exodus 12:2)

6. How were they guided and when could they travel? (Exodus 13:21)

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