



The book of Exodus

DESCRIPTION SHEET

Author

The Book of Exodus is the second book in the Bible. This book is written as a continuation of the historical relationship between man and God. If in Genesis, we have the beginning of the Jacob family in the land of Egypt, the Exodus gives us a storyline about these same people in other circumstances. According to some, the Exodus constitutes the central base on which the rest of the Old Testament is based, given the history of the deliverance of the people of Israel who were in slavery for 400 years. It is also the book in which we find the 10 commandments. Undoubtedly, there is clear evidence that Moses is the author by whom God wrote this book.

Date

Moses likely wrote this book around 1450 – 1410 BC.

Main theme and Target audience

The book of Exodus is divided into two main parts: the first one provides details on the history of the circumstances of the people of Israel's deliverance (Ex. 1-19) and the second one outlines the law and the institutions that made of these people a holy nation and a kingdom of priests. This book is filled with miraculous events, starting from the people's exit from Egypt to the desert. Its main purpose is to demonstrate how God began to fulfill the promise he had made to the patriarchs by allowing the growth of the people from Egypt to the Promised Land, Canaan.

Plan of the Book of Exodus

1. The people of Israel in Egypt: Growth, oppression, and deliverance (1: 1-12: 36)
2. Israel on the road to Sinai: Departure and the Red Sea (12: 37-18: 27)
3. Israel at Sinai: God's Law, God's tabernacle built (19: 1-40: 38)