**The Book of Exodus**

**Introduction**

**Background**

The name *Exodus* is a Greek word which means exit or departure and occurs in Lk. 9:31 (Heb. 11:22; II Pet. 1:15) referring to the Lord’s *“decease”* (*exodon* [3x]). The *Book of Exodus* received its name from the *LXX* and its name continued in the Vulgate and into English translations. The Hebrew name is *Shemoth* meaning *“names,”* and connects to the *shemoth* or *“the* ***names*** *of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt”* (Gen. 46:8). The Hebrew conjunction *“now”* (*KJV*) or *“and”* connects Exodus with Genesis as its continuation.

**The Author**

The author was *“Moses”* (766x), the one “drawn out” (*mashah*) of the water (Ex. 2:10), as Scripture revealed. He was told to write certain sections of it (Ex. 17:14; 20:22-23; 24:4; 34:4, 27-29). OT writers alluded to the Mosaic authorship (Josh. 1:7; 8:31-32; I Ki. 2:3; Mal. 4:4). NT writers as well attributed Exodus to Moses. For instance Mark attributed Ex. 3:6 to *“the book of Moses”* (Mk. 12:26). See also other writers (Lk. 2:22-23; Jn. 5:46-47; 7:19; Acts 3:22; Rom. 10:5).

**The Date of Writing and the Exodus**

The date of the writing of Exodus occurred obviously during the lifetime of Moses, sometime between his eightieth birthday (Ex. 7:7) and the end of his life at one hundred and twenty (Dt. 34:7).

The biblical date for the Exodus was about 1447/6 BC, based on receiving literally Jeremiah’s statement, saying, *“And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD”* (I Ki. 6:1).Therefore, since Saul and David had forty-year reigns each, Solomon began his reign about 967/6 BC and began building the Temple in 963/2 BC, which harmonizes with 42 generations (about 50 years each = 2100 years (Mt. 1:1-17) from the time of Abraham (2100 BC) to the time of Christ, and allows for the literal times of the Judges (Jdg. 11:26) and of the reigns of the kings of Judah and Israel (967-40 = 927- 586 = 341 years).

**The Perspective of Exodus**

After the Noachic Flood, the LORD chose a son of Noah to be His peculiar people, namely *Shem* (“name”) to bear His special name *Jehovah.* He called Abraham and made an unconditional covenant with him that his physical and spiritual descendants would ultimately live in the Promised Land during the Millennium and throughout eternity in the New Jerusalem. The LORD gave him the special piece of prized real estate in Canaan for the descendents to dwell with the LORD in the greatest city Jebus (Jerusalem = “city of peace”) in time and in eternity (Gen. 12:1-3; Rev. 21:1 ff.). The *Book of Exodus* prepared the Jews for their new home!

**The Chiasmus of Exodus**

A. The Presentation of the Person (1-6)

B. The Deliverance by Moses (7-15:21)

C. The Need for Worship (15:22-18:27)

D. The Ten Commandments (19-24:18)

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B.’ The Deliverance of Moses (32-34)

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**Chapter One**

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