

# **EXODUS (“A Departure”) – An Overview**

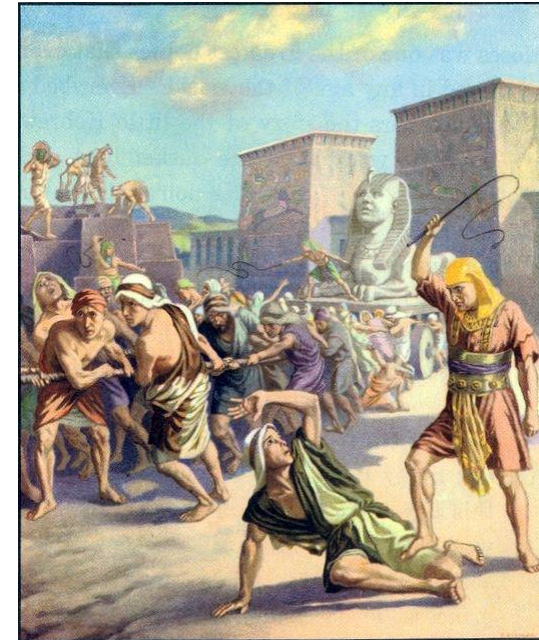
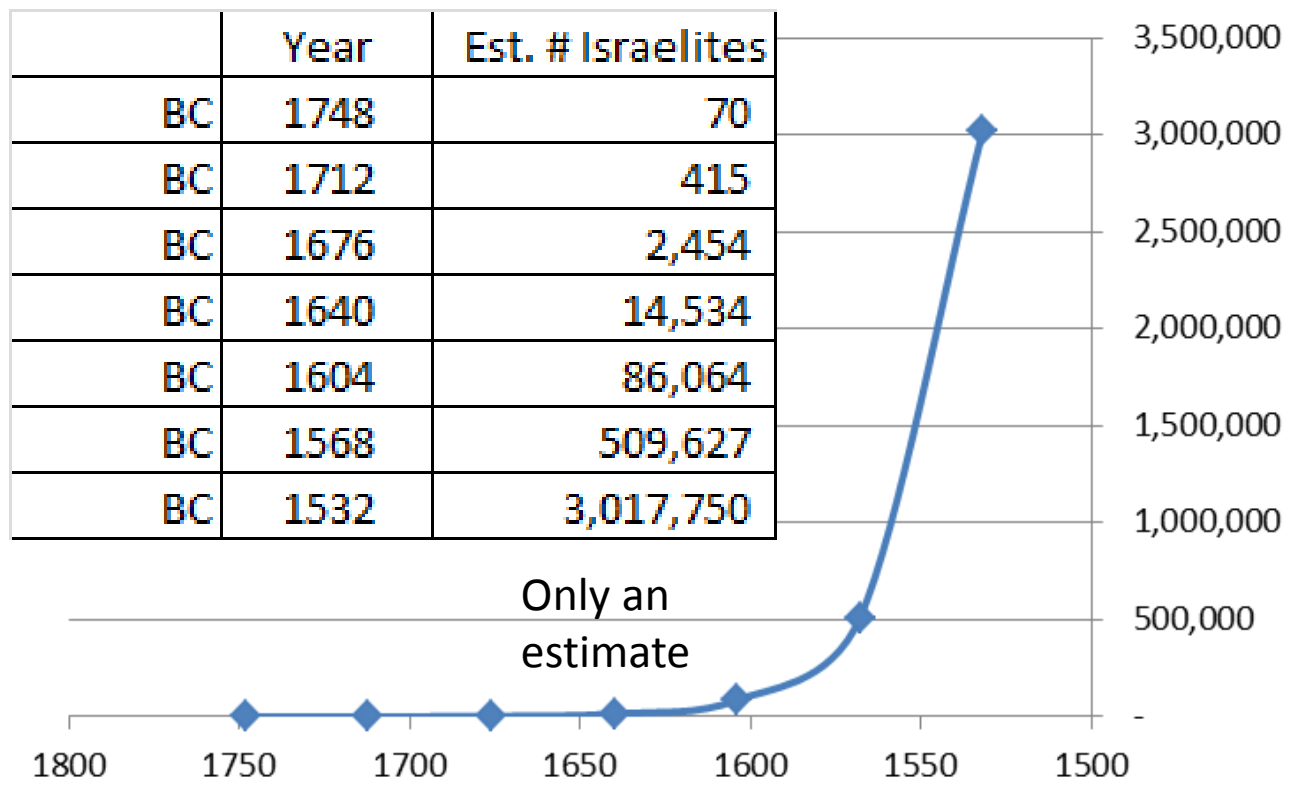
About 215 years covered

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# Exodus 1: Egypt Enslaves Israel

Israel increased, and a new Pharaoh - who did not remember Joseph - grew fearful, and so brought the Israelites (or Hebrews) into slavery. Later on, the Egyptians tried to kill male Hebrew babies.



# Exodus 2: The Birth of Moses

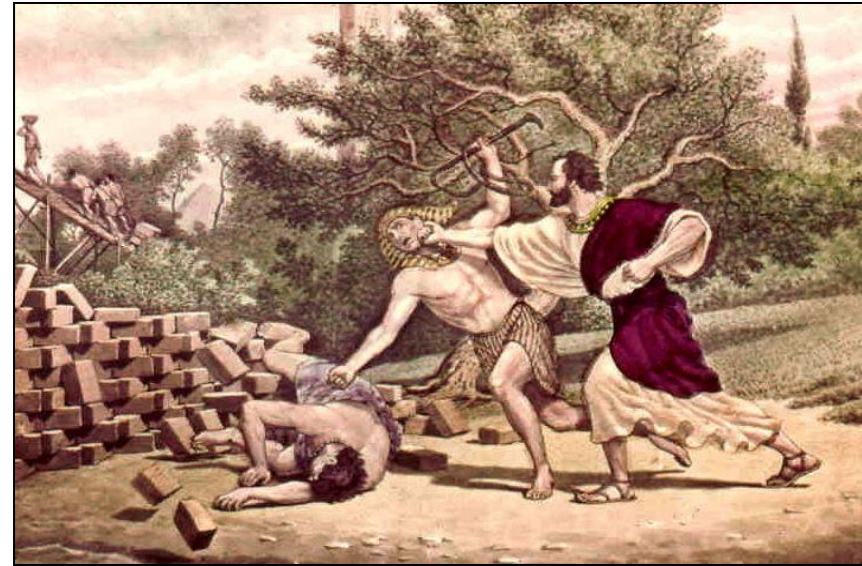


- Pharaoh issued a decree that his servants were to throw all boy babies of Hebrew slaves into the Nile river.
- During this time, a Hebrew couple from the tribe of Levi, named Amram and Jochebed, had their third child, a boy.
- Jochebed hid this boy from the Egyptians for three months, and then made a little waterproof basket, put her baby boy in it, and left it in the river among the water plants there.
- When Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe in the river, she opened the basket and the baby cried.
- She adopted this baby as her own, and named him Moses, and hired his own mother to nurse him!
- Moses grew up surrounded by the pleasures of Egypt.



# Exodus 2: Moses Flees Egypt

- Moses discovered he was Hebrew and chose to suffer affliction with them.
- When he saw an Egyptian striking a Hebrew, he slew the Egyptian.
- The killing did not remain secret, and Moses fled from Egypt into Midian.
- He defended some Midianite sisters from oppressive shepherds, and helped to water the sisters' flocks.
- Their father took Moses as a guest, and Moses married Zipporah, one of his daughters.
- Zipporah bore Moses two sons: Gershom and Eliezer.
- Pharaoh died, and another Pharaoh took his place, and the slavery and mistreatment of the Israelites continued.
- Moses kept the sheep of his father-in-law.



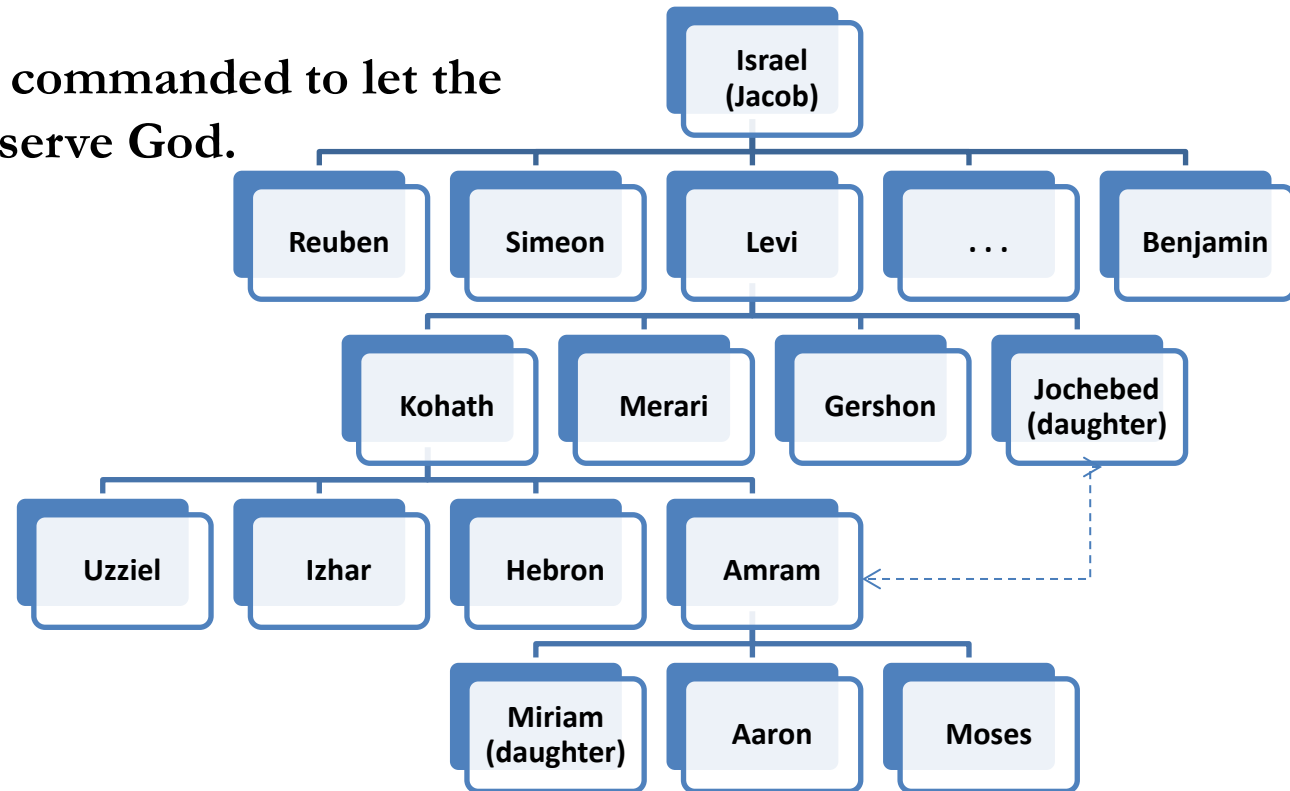
# Exodus 3-4: God Calls Moses



- Moses, while watching sheep, saw a bush burning on a mountain, but the bush did not burn up.
  - As he drew near, God spoke out of the bush, and told Moses to take off his shoes, for he was on holy ground.
  - God said he knew the sorrows of the Israelites, and that he would free them and give them the land of Canaan, and that Moses should return to Egypt to lead them.
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- Moses did not want to return to Egypt and bring forth the Israelites! He made the following excuses, and God overcame them:
    - Moses said, “Who am I?” God said He would be with Moses.
    - Moses said he didn’t know God’s name. God said, “I AM that I AM”.
    - Moses said the Israelites would not believe him. God gave him mighty signs to work in the presence of the Israelites.
    - Moses said he could not speak well. God said Aaron his brother would be his spokesman. Moses decided to obey God.

# Exodus 5-6: Pharaoh's Answer; Moses' Ancestors

- Moses and Aaron appeared before Pharaoh as God commanded.
- They told him that God commanded to let the children of Israel go to serve God.



- Pharaoh claimed the children of Israel were lazy and needed more work, so he commanded them to gather their own straw, but make the same quantity of bricks per day.
- The children of Israel's leaders were beaten when they could not make the same quantity, and they rebuked Moses.
- Moses complained to God. God revealed His name, Jehovah, and said to go again; He would deal with Pharaoh.

# Exodus 7-10: Signs and Wonders in Egypt

Sign or Wonder	Affected	Reaction
Rods turned into Serpents	Aaron & Magicians	Aaron's rod swallowed the serpents of the magicians and turned back to a rod.
River water becomes Blood	All	Replicated by magicians. Pharaoh's heart hard.
Plague of Frogs	All	Replicated by magicians. Pharaoh's heart hard.
Plague of Lice	All	Magicians could not replicate. Pharaoh hard.
Plague of Flies	Egyptians Only	Pharaoh said Israel could worship nearby, then he changed his mind and hardened his heart.
Plague of Murrain on Cattle	Egyptians	Pharaoh's heart hardened.
Plague of Boils on People	Egyptians	Pharaoh's heart hardened.
Hail and Fire	Egyptians	Pharaoh promised freedom, then hardened.
Locusts	Egyptians	When warned, Pharaoh said Israel's males could go, but none else. Then he hardened heart.
Thick Darkness	Egyptians	Pharaoh said people could go, but no flocks. Then he hardened heart, threatened Moses.



# Exodus 11-13: **Passover, Freedom!**



- God told Moses that the last plague would indeed free the children of Israel; God would slay the firstborn of all Egypt.
  - The children of Israel would be spared, and were to put the blood of a spotless lamb or kid on their doorposts and lintels.
  - The lamb was to be kept on the 10<sup>th</sup> day, killed on the 14<sup>th</sup>, roasted with fire with no bones broken, and eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
  - God told Israel to make this month the beginning of their calendar, to keep this feast through their generations, followed by 7 days of unleavened bread, starting and ending with a sabbath of rest.
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- On the night of Passover, God slew the firstborn of the Egyptians, and Pharaoh told the Israelites to leave, and they spoiled the Egyptians.
  - God claimed the firstborn of Israel's children and beasts for Himself. He led the Israelites out of Egypt with a pillar of cloud by day, and fire by night. <sup>50</sup>

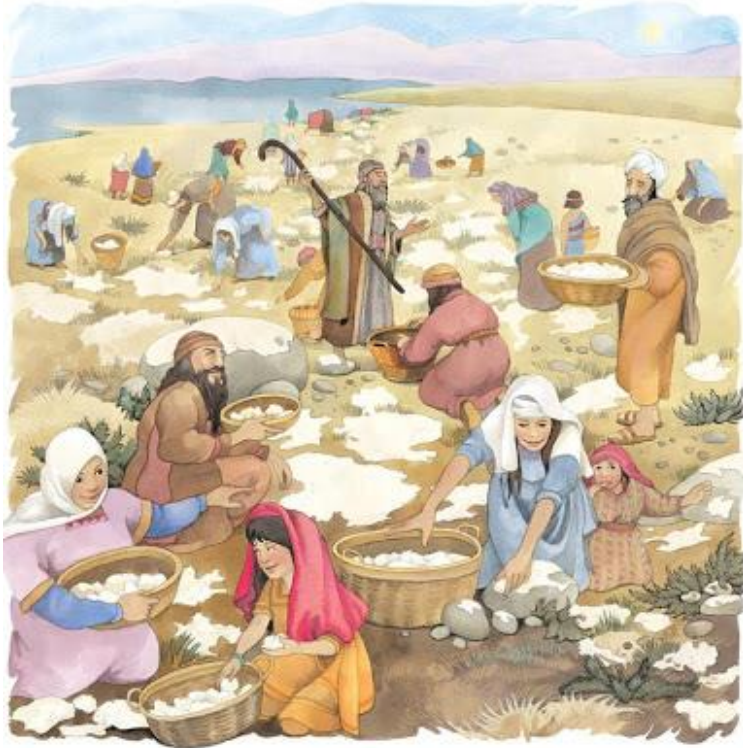


# Exodus 13-15: The Red Sea

- The children of Israel took the bones of Joseph with them when they left Egypt.
- God deliberately led them to the Red Sea, so that they would not pass through the land of the Philistines and see war.
- God hardened Pharaoh's heart, and Pharaoh gathered his chariots to pursue the Israelites, encamped by the Red Sea.
- When the Israelites saw the chariots, they wished they had remained slaves.
- God told Moses to lift up his rod, and stretch his hand over the Red Sea. He caused the pillar of cloud to go between the Israelites and Egyptians.
- Moses did as God commanded, and the sea parted, allowing Israel to cross.
- The Egyptians chased the Israelites into the sea, but the Lord troubled them.
- When Israel had crossed, Moses stretched out his hand, and the waters returned.
- Seeing their enemies destroyed, the Israelites sang in praise of God – the 1<sup>st</sup> mention of singing in the Bible! God turned bitter waters sweet for Israel.



# Exodus 16-17: Bread and Water



- About a month after leaving Egypt, the Israelites began to murmur for food.
- God rained down a special bread from heaven, called “manna”.
- The children of Israel were to gather enough for each day, except on the next-to-the-last day of the week they were to gather enough for that day and the next –the sabbath.
- They were also told to keep a golden pot of manna to store up for the generations.

- Later, the children of Israel began to murmur about water.
- God commanded Moses to strike the rock in Horeb (Mt. Sinai).
- When Moses obeyed and struck the rock, water came forth from the rock so that Israel might drink.





# Exodus 17-18: Battle and Reunion

- The Amalekites came out and attacked the Israelites among their weaker folk.
- Joshua led the Israelites to battle.
- When Moses held up the rod of God, Israel won, but when he grew weary and the rod came down, Amalek won.
- Aaron and Hur stood beside Moses to strengthen his arms.
- God promised to have war against the Amalekites for generations to come, and to eventually destroy them.
- Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, came to meet Moses and to reunite him with his wife and two sons.
- When Jethro saw how Moses sat to make decisions all day for Israel, he advised Moses to delegate lesser decisions to other good men. Moses did so, and this is mentioned in Numbers chapter 11.





# Exodus 19: Around Mount Sinai



- In the 3<sup>rd</sup> month after leaving Egypt, the Israelites came to Mount Sinai.
- God told them that if they would obey Him, they would be His treasure, and a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.
- God told Moses to tell the children of Israel that He would come down on the mountain on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, and they must wash their clothes, abstain from sex, *and* to not touch the mountain lest they die. Only those God called could come up.

# Exodus 20: The Ten Commandments

*God spoke these commandments with His own voice from Mt. Sinai. The Israelites were afraid, and asked to not hear God's voice directly again, but asked Moses to intercede.*

[One] I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

[Two] Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

[Three] Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

[Four] Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

[Four continued] For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

[Five] Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

[Six] Thou shalt not kill.

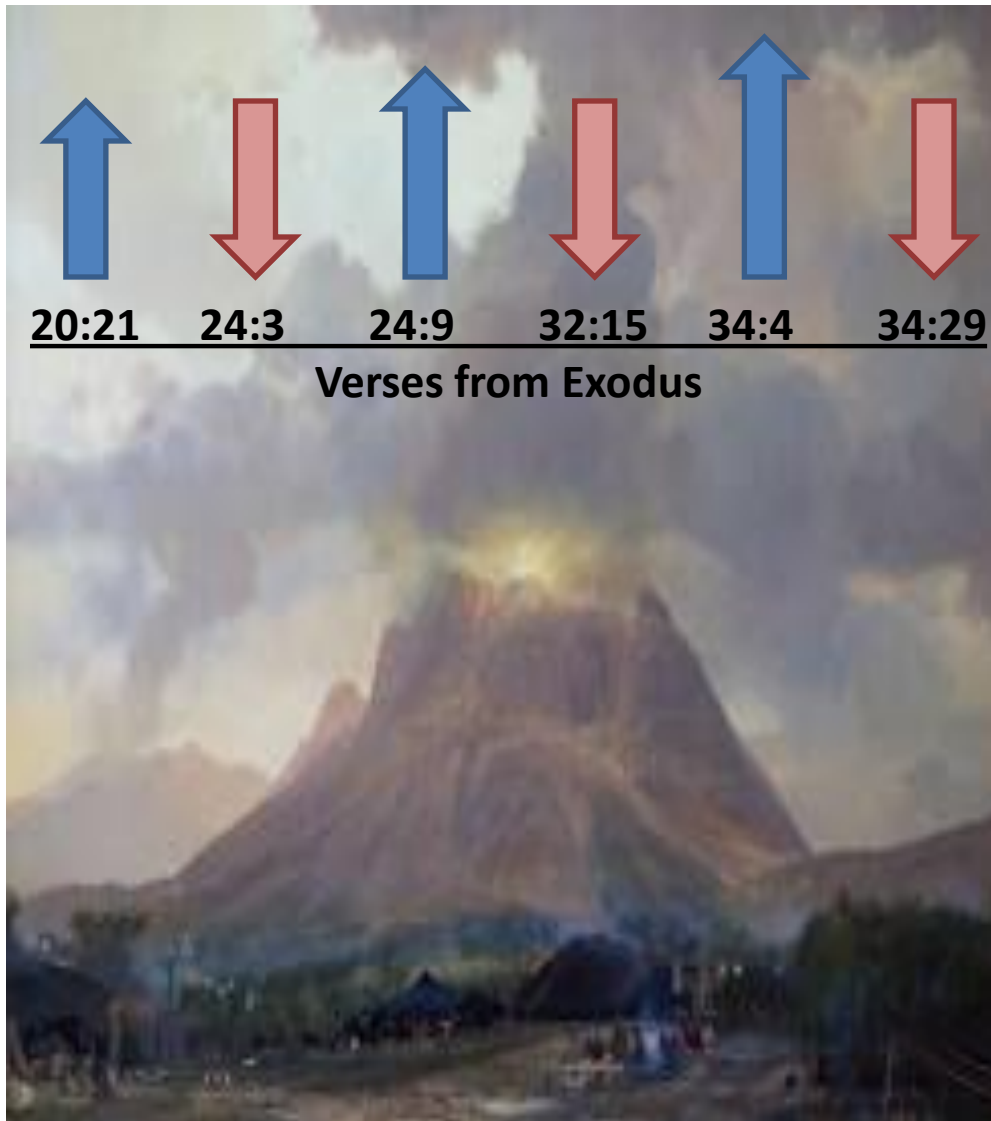
[Seven] Thou shalt not commit adultery.

[Eight] Thou shalt not steal.

[Nine] Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

[Ten] Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

# Exodus 20:21-34:29: Up and Down Sinai



- Moses went up Mt. Sinai in Exodus 20:21.
- Moses came down in Exodus 24:3.
- Moses went up in Exodus 24:9 with Aaron, his two oldest sons, and 70 of the elders of Israel, and they ate in the presence of God.
- Moses and Joshua went further up, Moses even further up, in Exodus 24:13, and stayed 40 days & nights.
- Moses and Joshua came down in Exodus 32:15 to find the golden calf idol, and Israel worshiping it.
- Moses went up in Exodus 34:4 to see God's glory.
- Moses stayed another 40 days & nights, fasting, and came down in Exodus 34:29 with his face shining, and stayed with Israel.



# Exodus 20 - 23: Laws to Govern Israel

*In addition to the Ten Commandments, God spoke these laws for Moses to give to Israel:*

## Exodus 20-21

God gave laws about:

- Servitude
- Murder
- Parental disrespect
- Kidnapping
- Injury to pregnant women or their children
- Abuse of servants
- Animal control

## Exodus 22

God gave laws about:

- Theft
- Care of others' property
- Premarital sex
- Witchcraft
- Treatment of:
  - Strangers
  - Widows
  - Orphans
- Loans
- Respect of civil authority
- Giving

## Exodus 23

God gave laws about:

- Perjury
- Rioting
- Helping others
- Bribery
- Fallow Land
- Sabbath days & holy days
- Respect for God's word and messenger

# Exodus 25-31: Laws for Worship in Israel

## Exodus 25

God gave laws about:

- Tabernacle material
- Design of the Tabernacle furniture:
  - Ark of testimony (with mercy seat and cherubim)
  - Table of shewbread
  - Golden stand of candlesticks

## Exodus 31

- God spoke of the importance of the sabbath unto Israel.
- God gave Moses two tablets of the ten commandments.

## Exodus 26

God gave laws about:

- Tabernacle structure
  - Holiest of holies
  - Holy place
  - Coverings

## Exodus 30

God gave laws about:

- The incense altar
- The ransom, and numbering Israel
- Design of brass laver for washing
- Recipe for priests anointing oil.

## Exodus 27

God gave laws about:

- Design of brass altar
- Design of the Tabernacle courtyard

## Exodus 28

God gave laws about:

- Priests' garments

## Exodus 29

God gave laws about:

- Sanctifying priests
- Daily sacrifices

*God also spoke these laws for Moses to give to Israel, so they would know how to worship:*

# Exodus 32-33: The Golden Calf



- Exo 32:1-6 Israel made an idol – a golden calf – and worshipped it.
- Exo 32:7-18 God told Moses of the golden calf, and Moses descended.
- Exo 32:19 Moses smashed the tablets.
- Exo 32:20-30 Israel was punished.
- Exo 32:31-35 Moses pleaded with God to have mercy on Israel.
- Exo 33:1-6 Israel mourned.
- Exo 33:7-10 Moses set up a “tabernacle of the congregation” (not the tabernacle of the Lord) and entered into it to speak more with God.
- Exo 33:11-17 Moses again interceded with God for Israel, and God had mercy on them.
- Exo 33:18-23 Moses begged to see God’s glory.

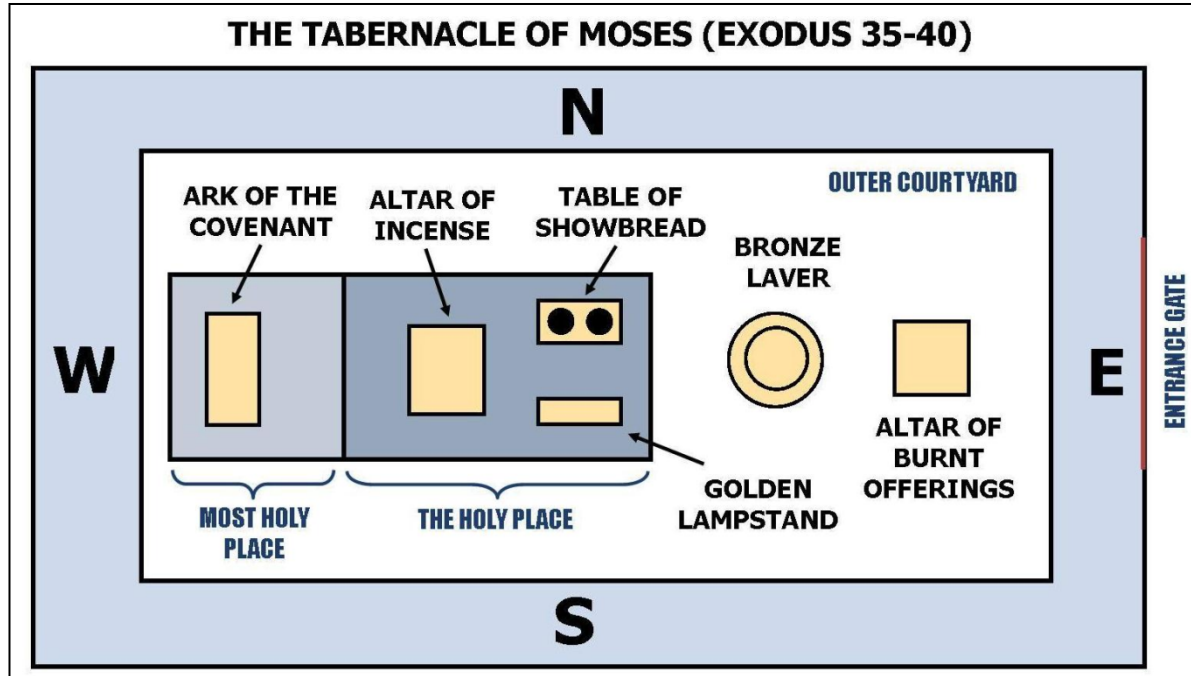
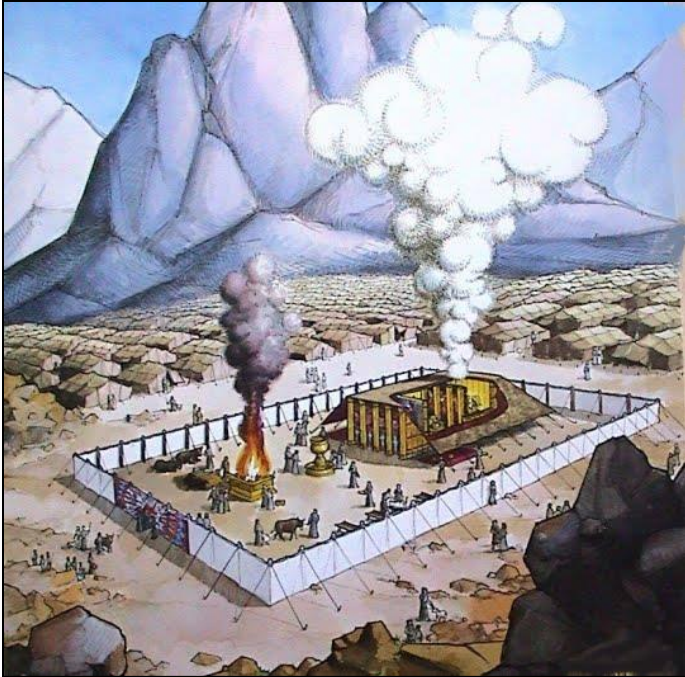


# Exodus 34: In the Clift of the Rock

- Exo 34:1-28 Moses cut 2 more tablets. God put him in a clift (or cleft) of the rock beside him, covered him with his hand, and showed Moses the goodness of the Lord. God gave Moses commands for Israel, and wrote upon the second set of tablets. Moses was with God another 40 days and 40 nights, fasting.
- Exo 34:29-35 Moses came down Mt. Sinai with his face shining. When he spoke with Israel, he put a veil on his face. When he went before God in the “tabernacle of the congregation”, he would remove the veil.



# Exodus 35-40: Building the Tabernacle



- Exo 35:1-35 Moses told Israel the design of the tabernacle, and who was to build it.
- Exodus 36:1 – 39:43 Israel built the tabernacle according to the pattern Moses gave them – the pattern God gave to Moses.
- Exodus 40:1-33 Israel finished building the tabernacle after God's pattern, and dedicated it to God.
- Exodus 40:34-38 A cloud descended, and God's glory filled the tabernacle. At night, a fire was upon it, and Israel stayed in their camping place until the cloud or fire was lifted, and then they would travel.