

PREPARATION OF MOSES

Introduction: Exodus begins where Genesis ends. It begins with Israel's prosperity and progresses to Israel's poverty in Egypt. God did not forget Israel, so He prepared Moses to deliver Israel from Egypt.

Lesson Aim: Know that God is willing to prepare you for the work that He wants you to do.

Bible Verse: "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Phil 2:13).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Israel's Disaster in Egypt -- Ex 1:1-22****A. Israel's Presence in Egypt -- Ex 1:1-6**

1. How many were in Jacob's family when he began to live in Egypt? 1:5
2. Who is the prominent son of Jacob when he took residence in Egypt? 1:6

B. Israel's Prosperity in Egypt -- Ex 1:7

3. How did God bless the Israelites in Egypt? 1:7

C. Israel's Persecution in Egypt -- Ex 1:8-22

4. What made the new rulers in Egypt afraid of the Israelites? 1:8-10
5. What did these rulers make the Israelites do? 1:11
6. In spite of their hard labor, what did the Israelites do? 1:12
7. How did the king of Egypt try to reduce Israel's power? 1:15-16
8. Why did his plan fail? 1:17-20
9. How did Pharaoh try to destroy Israel as a nation? 1:22

II. God's Deliverer for Israel -- Ex 2:1-25**A. God's Protection of Moses -- Ex 2:1-9**

10. Into which tribe was Moses born? 2:1-2
11. How did Moses' parents show their faith in God when he was born? 2:2; Heb 11:23
12. How did Moses' mother cast her son into the Nile River? 2:3
13. Who found baby Moses in the river? 2:5
14. Why did she show compassion for baby Moses? 2:6
15. Why was Moses returned to his mother? 2:7-9

B. God's Preparation of Moses -- 2:10-22

16. How did Moses get his name? 2:10
17. How did Moses show his faith in God? 2:11-14; Heb 11:24-25
18. How can Ex 2:15 be reconciled to Heb 11:27?
19. How did Moses find a faithful friend in Midian? 2:16-20

C. God's Purpose for Moses -- 2:23-25

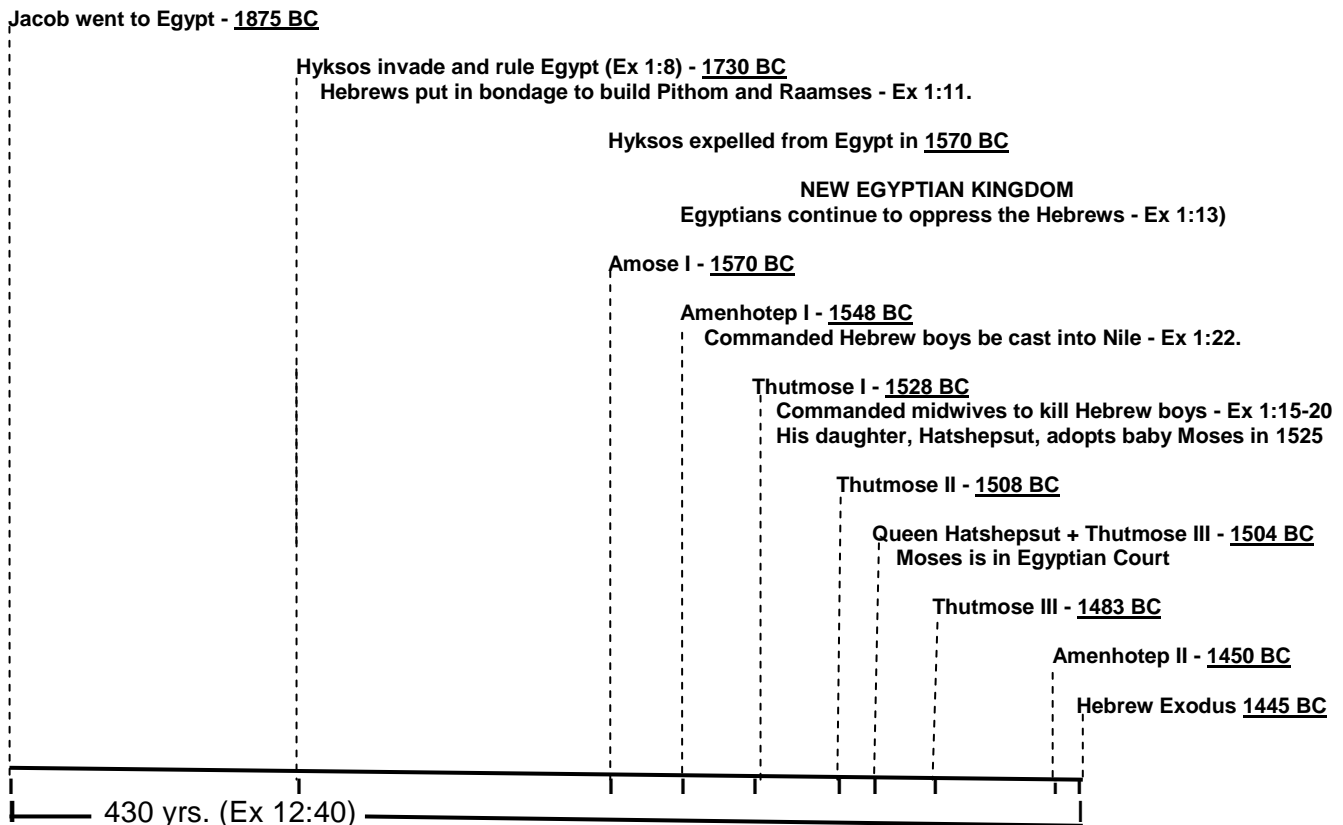
20. What happened that opened the door for Moses to return to Egypt? 2:23
21. What did Israel do that opened the door for God to send Moses back to Egypt? 2:23-24
22. What covenant did God remember to save the Israelites from bondage to Pharaoh? 2:24-25

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STUDENT LESSON

EXODUS 1-2

NOTE: It is necessary to establish a historical setting for the oppression and the exodus of Israel. Two factors make positive identification of historical data difficult: 1) Although Moses knew the Pharaohs by name, their identities were not crucial to the narrative since God's role was the predominant one. 2) The recording of Egyptian history was intended to eulogize the Pharaoh. Therefore, any mention of a nation like Israel, who successfully rebelled and escaped from Egypt, was stricken from the record. Liberal scholars, most of whom deny the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, date the exodus at c. 1290 B.C. Much more consistent with other biblical chronology is the date c. 1445 B.C. supported by conservative scholarship. The graph below follows the early date for the exodus of Israel from Egypt (1445 B.C. instead of 1290 B.C.)



The principle evidence for the early date is found in two biblical texts along with coinciding Egyptian history. (1) According to 1 Kings 6:1, Israel's exodus from Egypt took place 480 years prior to the 4th year of Solomon's reign (966 B.C.). (2) In approaching Canaan after 40 years of wandering, Israel requested permission from the Amorites to pass through their land. Instead of consenting, the Amorites attacked them, were defeated and Israel took their land. In Jephthah's day, the Ammonites claimed Israel took away their land. Jephthah denied their claim and said Israel took the land from the Amorites, but he asked them why they had not claimed this land in the last 300 years, if it had been taken from them (Judges 11:26). Those who hold to the late date must explain away both of these concrete historical references. The following graph illustrates the position of these two Scriptures, which refute a late date for the exodus.

