

The Bible

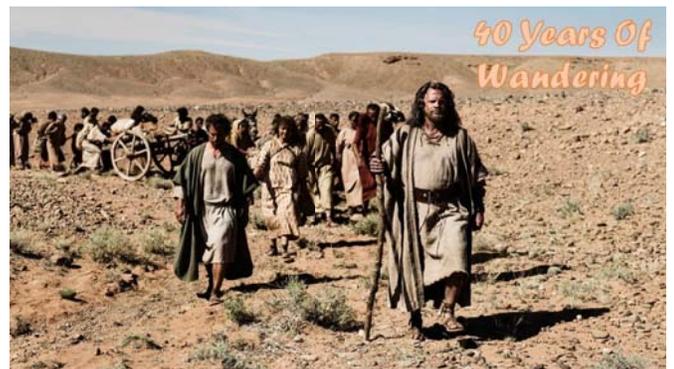
The Book of Exodus picks up the story of Scripture. In this period, God’s covenant family will continue to increase from a couple (Adam and Eve) to a family (Noah) to a tribe (Abraham) to a nation (Moses and Israel).



Exodus, written by the prophet Moses, tells how the Israelites escape 400 years of slavery in Egypt through the strength of “Yahweh,” the name for God by His chosen people of Israel. The Egyptian ruler, the Pharaoh stubbornly refuses to set the Israelites free. God punishes him by sending ten plagues on to Egypt. Moses warns Pharaoh the final plague will be the direct result of the Pharaoh’s evil intentions. The ruler plans to kill the first born children of all Israeli slaves. God sends the Angel of Death throughout the land of Egypt (on the first PASSOVER) to turn the punishment on the Egyptian people, including the Pharaoh’s only son. The Israelites are ordered out of Egypt, but the Pharaoh changes his mind and seeks revenge by chasing the Israelites across the desert to the Red Sea. God parts the waters allowing the Israelites to cross safely, but destroys the Egyptian army by drowning them in the sea. The Israelites go on to search for the promised “land of milk and honey,” but eventually grow impatient, and turn away from God. When Moses goes up the mount to receive God’s law, the Israelites commit a great sin by worshipping a golden calf. Their punishment is to wander in the desert the next forty years.

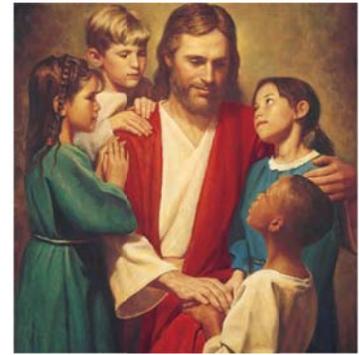
The First Passover

• “For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.” (Ex. 12:12-13)





"IN *Happy* MOMENTS, PRAISE GOD. IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS, SEEK *God.* IN QUIET MOMENTS, *trust* GOD. IN EVERY MOMENT, THANK *God.*"



The Word of God Offers Guidance On How To Live

In The Old Testament - [Proverbs 20:22](#)

Do not say, "I will repay evil"; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.

[Leviticus 19:18](#)

"You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD."

In the New Testament - St. Paul says in the Letter to the [Romans 12:19](#)

"Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY THEM," says the Lord.

[Romans 12:17](#)

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Carefully consider what is right in the eyes of everybody."

