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Topics for Today (10/5)

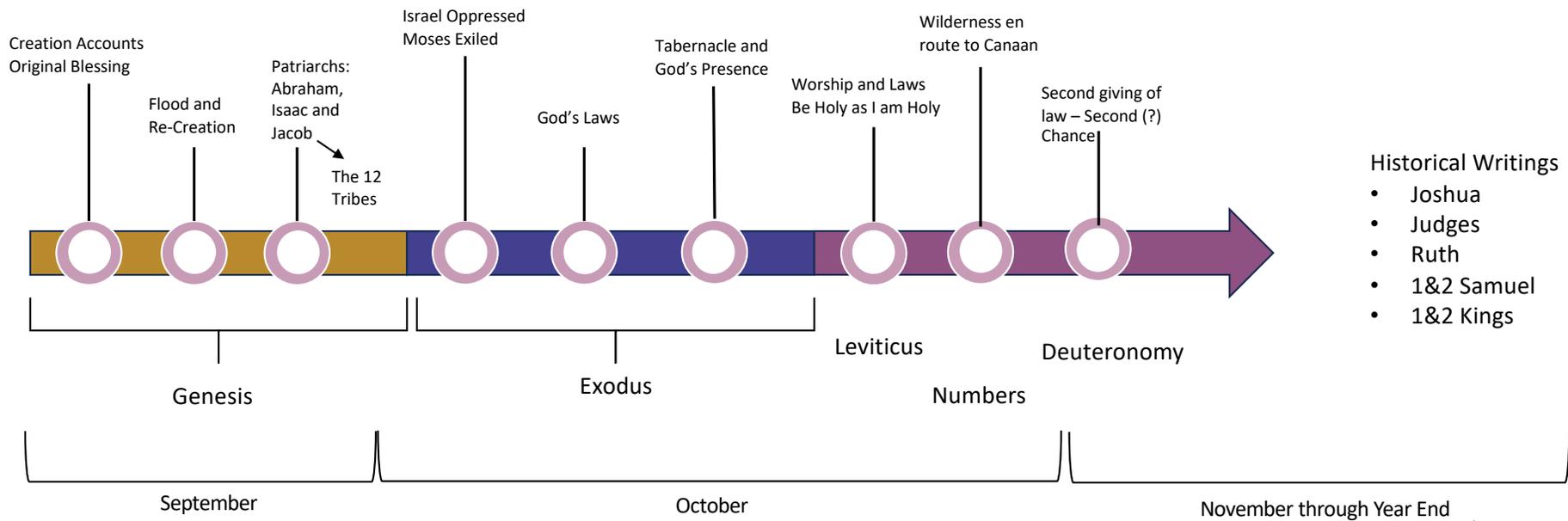
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Navigation

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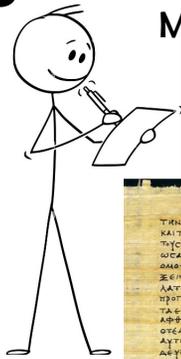


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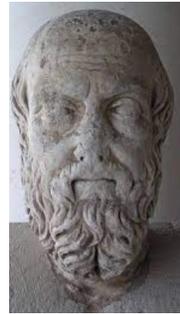
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Historicity: Exodus -Arguments for possible exodus

Can Exodus be found In History?



Manetho



Hecataeus

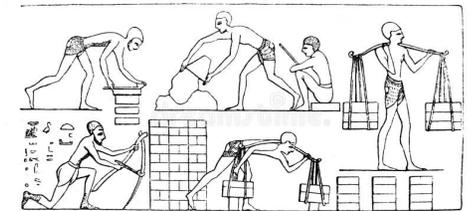


Papyrus Mentions



Is this Pharaoh?

Hyksos People



Semitic Slaves

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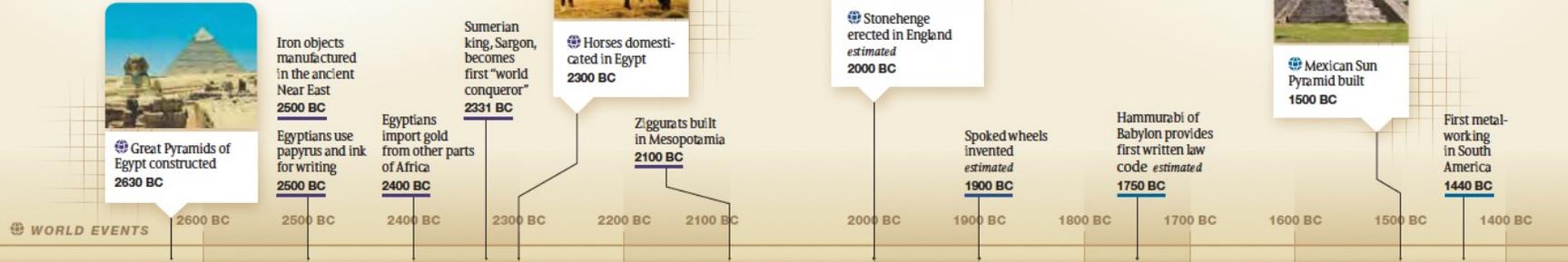
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Near East Timeline

COMPLETE BIBLICAL TIMELINE

Catch a glimpse of the whole sweep of biblical history. The ten historical eras outlined in the *Chronological Life Application Study Bible*, along with the books of the Bible you will find in each, are in the center bar. Significant world events are above the bar, and biblical events are below it.



Beginnings

undated–2100 BC

GENESIS, undated–1805 BC

God's Chosen Family

2100 BC–1800 BC

• JOB, around 1900 BC

The Birth of Israel

1800 BC–1406 BC

EXODUS, 1500–1445 BC

LEVITICUS, 1445–1444 BC

NUMBERS, 1445–1406 BC

DEUTERONOMY, 1406 BC

BIBLICAL EVENTS

undated
Creation

undated
Noah builds the ark



▲ **Early Accounts of Creation and the Flood**
Several ancient civilizations wrote down their own stories about origins. These tablets from Babylon record a creation myth and a story about an ancient flood.

2166 BC
Abraham is born

2091 BC
Abraham travels to Canaan

2066 BC
Isaac is born

2006 BC
Jacob and Esau are born

1915 BC
Joseph is born

1929 BC
Jacob flees to Haran

1896 BC
Joseph sold into slavery

1885 BC
Joseph rules Egypt

1876 BC
Jacob moves to Egypt

1805 BC
Joseph dies

around 1800–1446 BC
Slavery in Egypt



1526 BC
Moses is born

1446 BC
The Exodus



1443 BC
Israel refuses to enter Canaan

1445 BC
Ten Commandments given

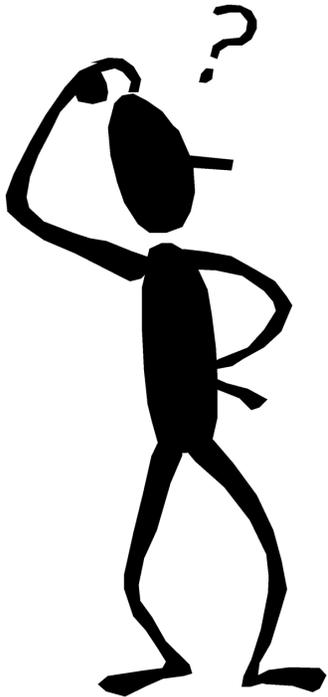
1445 BC
The second Passover

1406 BC
Moses dies

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But...



Scholars doubt

- We don't have extra-biblical records of the Exodus.
- Egyptians kept excellent records. There is no record of 600,000 men and their families wandering around in the desert.
- Hyksos people were rulers. The Hebrew people were not.

It is not possible to deny or affirm whatever may have been historically the case.

So, what does it all mean and why does it matter?

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How to Read Exodus

Paradigmatic History

See that any episode of the narrative can be read with reference to **any encounter with overwhelming, abusive power** – theme of “YHWH versus Pharaoh” functions not as a historical reportage, but as a retelling of a paradigmatic confrontation with reference to a particular tyranny and a particular or anticipated rescue.

Tyranny and Deliverance

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How to Read Exodus – What is the Point

Paradigmatic History

- Relevant in any time and place
- People use imaginative remembering to tell the story
- Liturgic Reiteration –remembered, represented, and re-enacted

Generative Memory

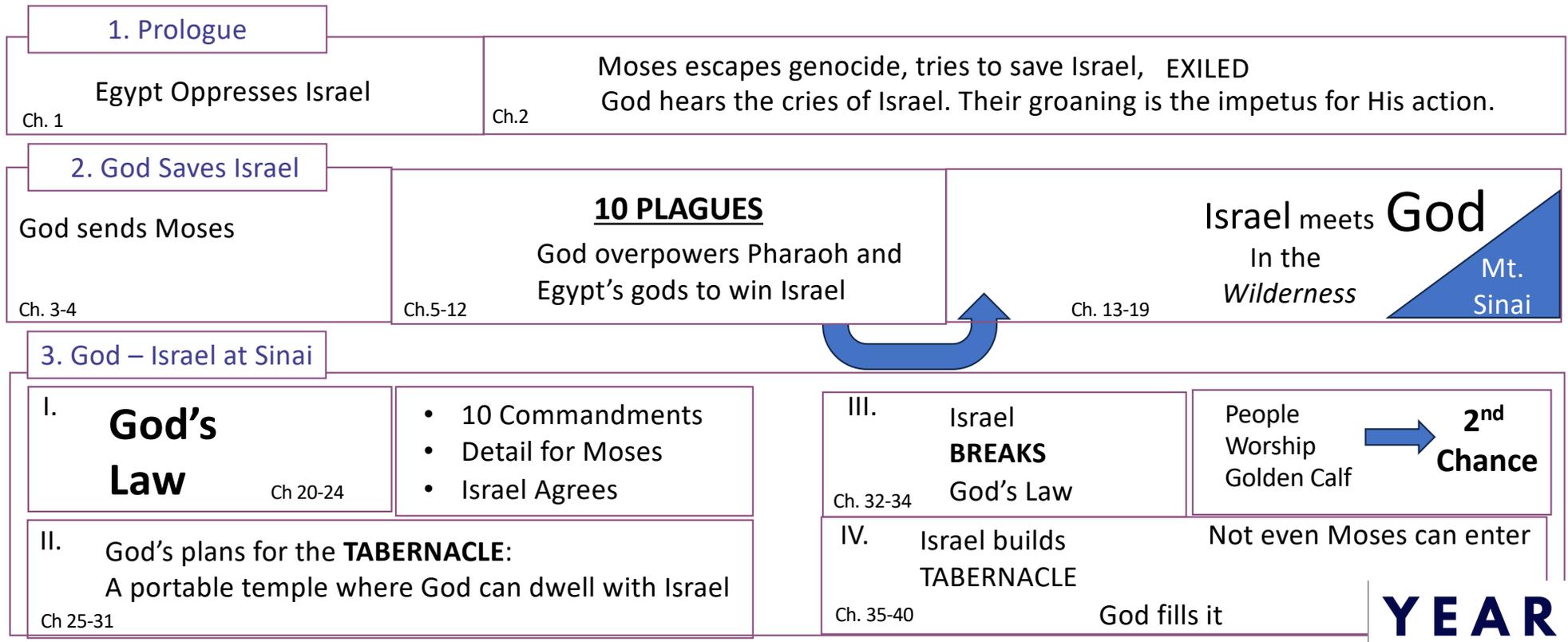
- Memory is a generative event in the future generations of Israel
- Narrative generative of energy and courage for the times that God's people will face oppression, and again cry out in pain, and will appeal to the God of all departures.

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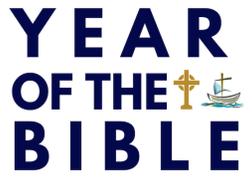
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Exodus: Narrative Review



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Exodus: Themes

Deliverance

- God hears the cries of his people and is enticed to act on their behalf.

- The God who defeats the oppressive power and emancipates.

- The God readiness to deliver is not confined to Israel.

Covenant

- God makes a covenant with a whole people and not just an individual.

- I am your God and you are my people.

- Traded harsh governance of Pharaoh for governance of YHWH.

Presence

- God dwells with the people in the Tabernacle.

- Symmetry, order, discipline, and beauty are essential to the reality of God's presence.

- God's presence requires a response.

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Women in Exodus

- Women mattered in the Exodus account.
- They were the vectors of deliverance and safety:
 - Midwives (Shiphrah and Puah) protected the Hebrew boys
 - Jochebed hides Moses
 - Miriam put Moses in the River
 - Pharaoh's daughter rescued Moses
 - Zipporah circumcises her son to show oneness with Hebrew identity for family.

Why are women considered so central in this account?

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Take Aways

What are your thoughts and take aways from Exodus.

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