September 3 Exodus 3-4

Reluctance

Over 100x throughout the O.T.: "Yahweh ... the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage"

FBC Woodville Sunday School Class Michael G. Maness see PreciousHeart.net/SS



Moses, 1513-15, by Michelangelo Church of San Pietro in Vincoli, Rome

Exodus

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| X | | Sept | 3 | Reluctance | 3-4 | Moses at Burning Bush | |
| | Υ. | Sept | 10 | Confrontation | 7 | Moses before Pharaoh | |
| | 3. | Sept | 17 | Liberation | 12 | Passover – "When I see … blood" | |
| | 4. | Sept | 24 | Victory | 14 | Moses—Parting of Red Sea | |
| | 5. | Oct | 1 | Sufficient | 16 | Moses—Manna from Heaven | |
| | 6. | Oct | 8 | Commanded | 20 | Moses—Ten Commandments | |
| | 7. | Oct | 15 | Equipped | 25-31 | Moses—Building the Tabernacle | |
| 4 | 8. | Oct | 22 | Rebellion | 32 | Golden Calf & Moses' Prayer | |
| | 9. | Oct | 29 | His Presence | 39-40 | Glory of Lord Filled Tabernacle | |
| | Leviticus | | | | | | |
| 1 | 10. | Nov | 5 | Set Before | 1-3 | Burnt, Grain, Fellowship Offerings | |
| | 11. | Nov | 12 | Set Apart | 9-10 | Lord's Fire Consumes Offerings | |
| 4 | 12. | Nov | 19 | Set Free | 16 & 29 | Annual Day of Atonement | |
| - | 13. | Nov | 26 | Set Futures | 26 | If You Follow My Statutes | |
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Theme

God calls and empowers people to serve Him and His purposes

Exodus 3

verse

3:4-6 Approach –

- 7-10
- 11-14 Authority –

Moses, Moses! Assignment – I am sending YOU I AM WHO I AM



Key Verse Exodus 3:14 God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

Alternate Title



Being sent ...Having a Mission ...Given a Trust ...Task to Complete ...

Not everyone is called to Save a People! Each of us have a purpose in life Pray for those with the more dangerous



Most of the Old Testament is devoted to him No other seems greater in significance Given a Trust ... Seemingly Impossible Task Not everyone is called to Save a People!



Apparently affluent & alone first 40 yrs Apparently a content family man second 40 yrs Leader, Judge, Prophet, Savior third 40 yrs He BEGAN his best work at 80 years old

When God comes to you ...

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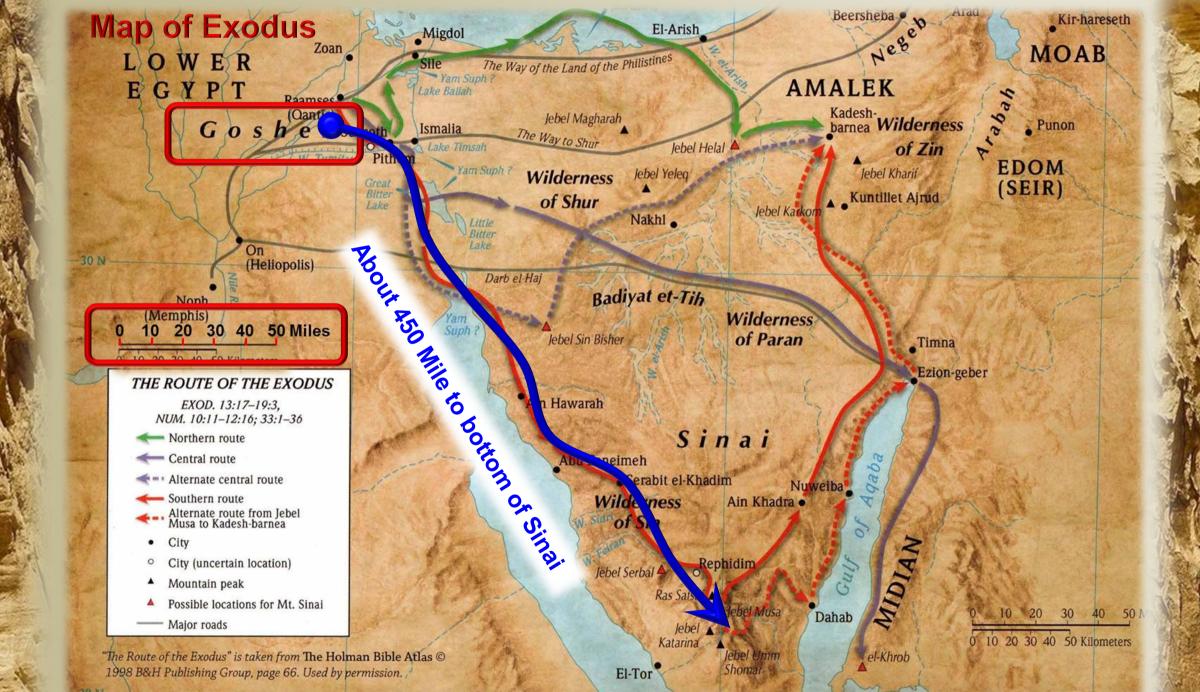
Sometimes I wish God would be that clear ...

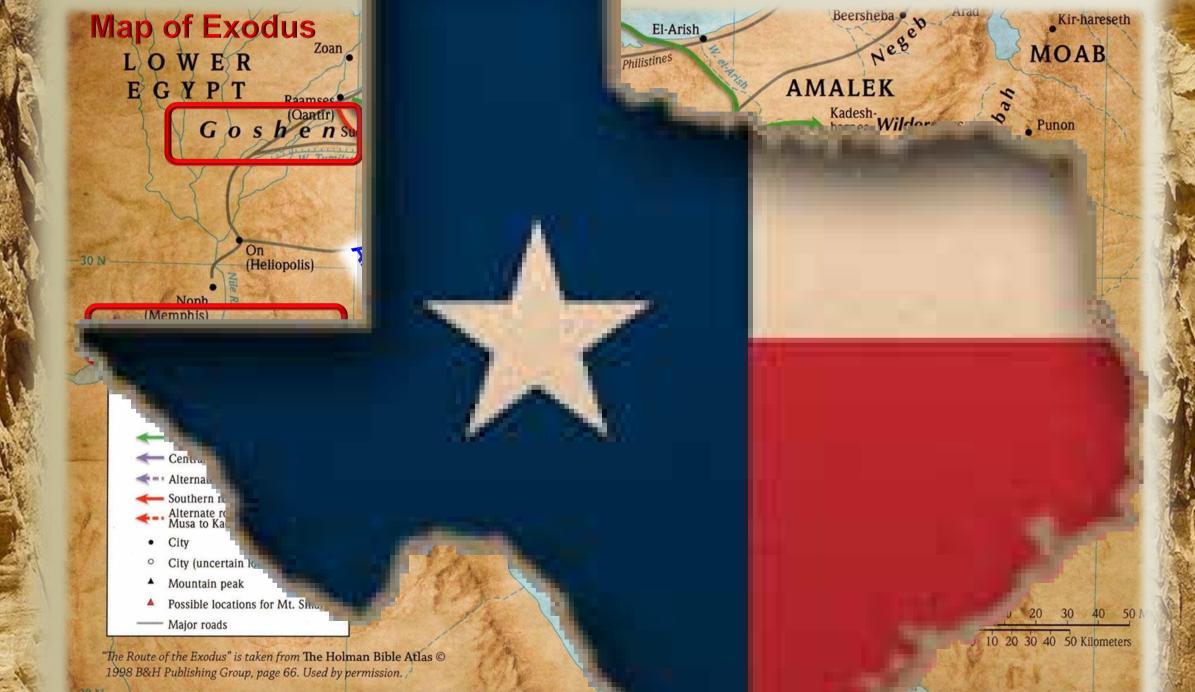
But God knows I do NOT want to be Moses.

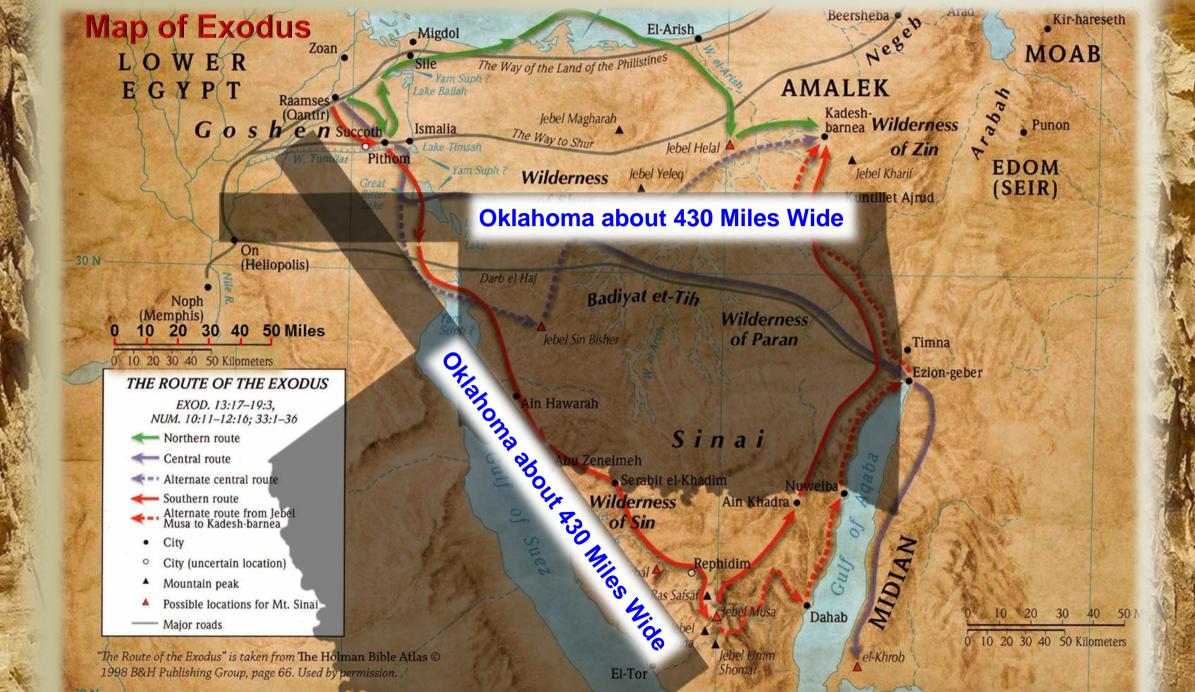
"Moses" from Hebrew Mosheh "Drawn out" as in Drawn out of water Likely Hebrew from Egyptian origin MOSES—no greater in Old Testament

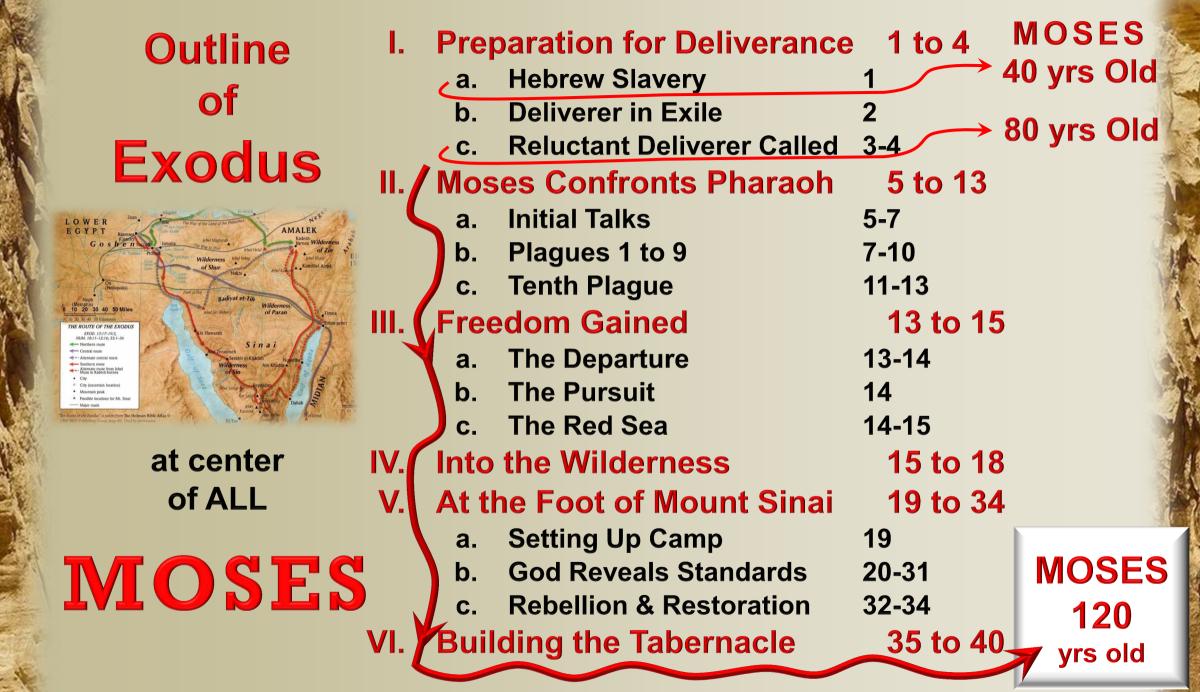


3-4 Assignment – *I am sending YOU* "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." Moses' LIFE is conveniently divided into three 40-year spans **40** Acts 7:23, When ... FORTY, it entered his mind to visit his brethren Acts 7:30, AFTER FORTY years had passed, an angel 80 appeared to him in the Wilderness of Sinai, in a the flame of a burning thorn bush 120 Acts 7:36, led them out ... wonders ... at the **Red Sea, and in the wilderness 40 YEARS.** Moses **MOSES** appeared w Christ @ Transfiguration Library of Congress









MOSES is at the Burning Thorn Bush We date this from 1 Kings 6:1 which precisely marks 480 years: In the 480th year after the Israelites came out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, the second month, HE BEGAN TO BUILD THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD. If Solomon reigned 971 to 931 B.C. His 4th yr of reign is 967 B.C. – began Temple That puts the Exodus c. 1447 B.C.

Moses was 40 when got in trouble and was exiled ... heads to Midian Moses was 80 yrs at Burning Bush Then they wandered for 40 more yrs



| 3-4 Assignment – I am sending YOU | | | | | | | |
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| Our study starts at the beginning of Israel calling | | | | | | | |
| The longest, most important narrative CORE of O.T | | | | | | | |
| Exodus 1 to Joshua 11 the Founding of Israel | | | | | | | |
| Genesis has the Creation and Promise Abraham CHAPTERS CHAPTERS CHAPTERS CHAPTERS CHAPTERS Exodus 40, Lev. 27, Num. 36, Deut. 34, Joshua 11 = 148 CHAPTERS | | | | | | | |
| TWO dates for the Exodus from Egypt – from Two Great Kingdoms | | | | | | | |
| First Second | | | | | | | |
| Thutmose III (1479-25)Son of Seti I, Rameses II (1279-13) | | | | | | | |
| Great Kingdom LOT of archaeology for settlements | | | | | | | |
| Lots of conquests in PalestineCecil B. DeMille's classic Ten Commandments | | | | | | | |

Exodus 1-3 ... all of Moses' life PRIOR to passage
⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."
⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said.

"Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 1 ... New Pharaoh rises that did NOT know Joseph

Exodus 1 ... New Pharaoh has NO REMEMBRANCE No gratitude to Joseph – could not care less **Exodus 1 ... New Pharaoh FEARS population of Hebrews New Pharaoh orders all first-born killed ... BAD VIDES Exodus 2** ... little Moses is saved, "Drawn from Nile" **MOSES** Ex. 2:5-10 – Moses FOUND & RAISED in Pharaoh's Court – 40 yrs old Ex. 2:11-15 – Moses an ADULT, kills Egyptian ... FLEES **Disconcerting** Ex. 2:16-22 – 7 vv – Moses saves 7 daughters of the Priest of Midian Moses is content ... given Zipporah ... has kids Ex. 2:23-25 – God hears the cry of His people in Egypt MOSES Ex. 3:1-22 – Moses talks to God at Burning Bush 80 yrs old

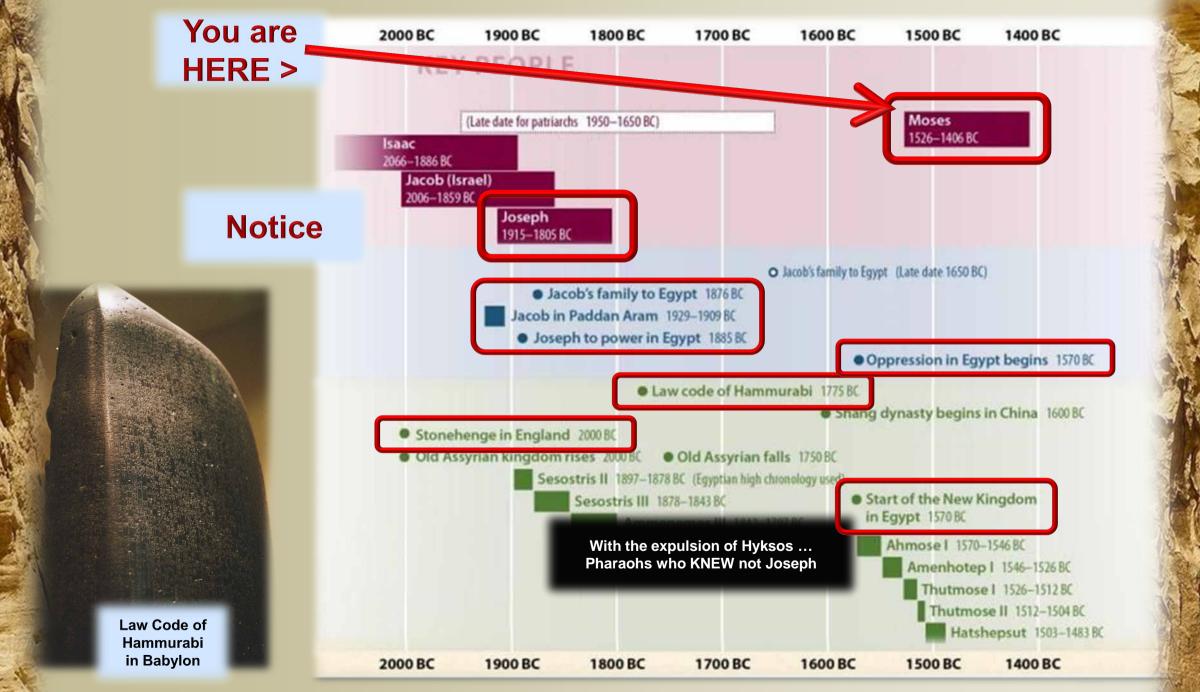
There is a VAST cultural context ... to Moses' Heart We all know he grew up in EGYPT ...
Think about that ... for our purposes ... DATE is moot
We looked briefly at TWO DATES ... will favor early one
But as you may know ... BOTH Dates were a time of grand
Even SUPERLATIVE

Egyptian Greatness

IOSES

rs old

BOTH eras – whatever – Moses grew up as Prince of Egypt BOTH eras – whatever – Moses knew INTIMATELY Egyptian customs BOTH eras – whatever – Moses came late to see his REAL heritage Let's look briefly at a few timelines and history ...



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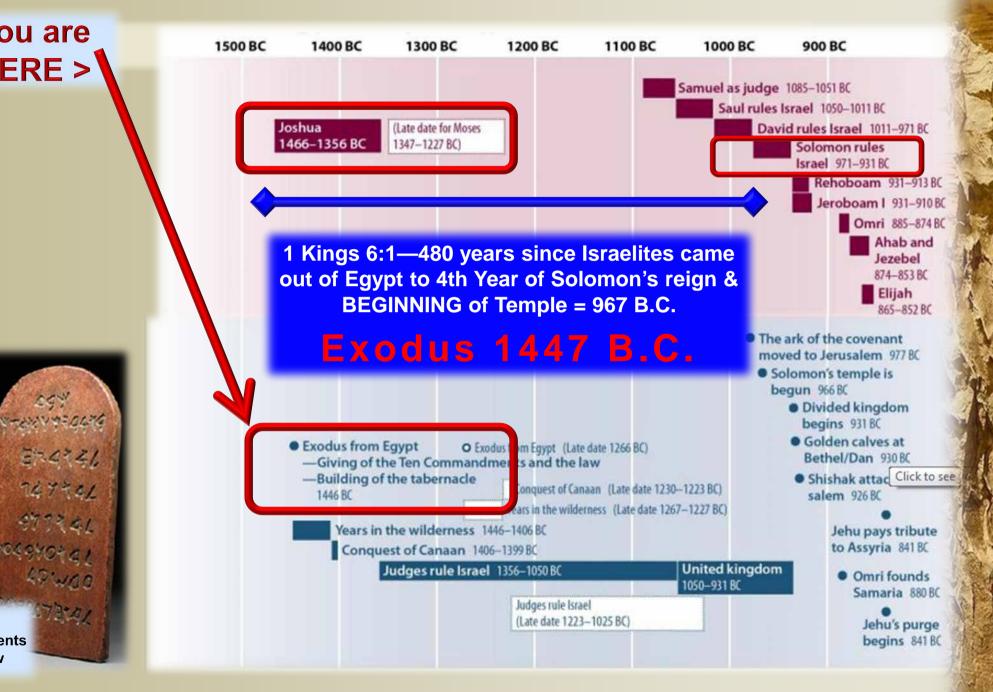
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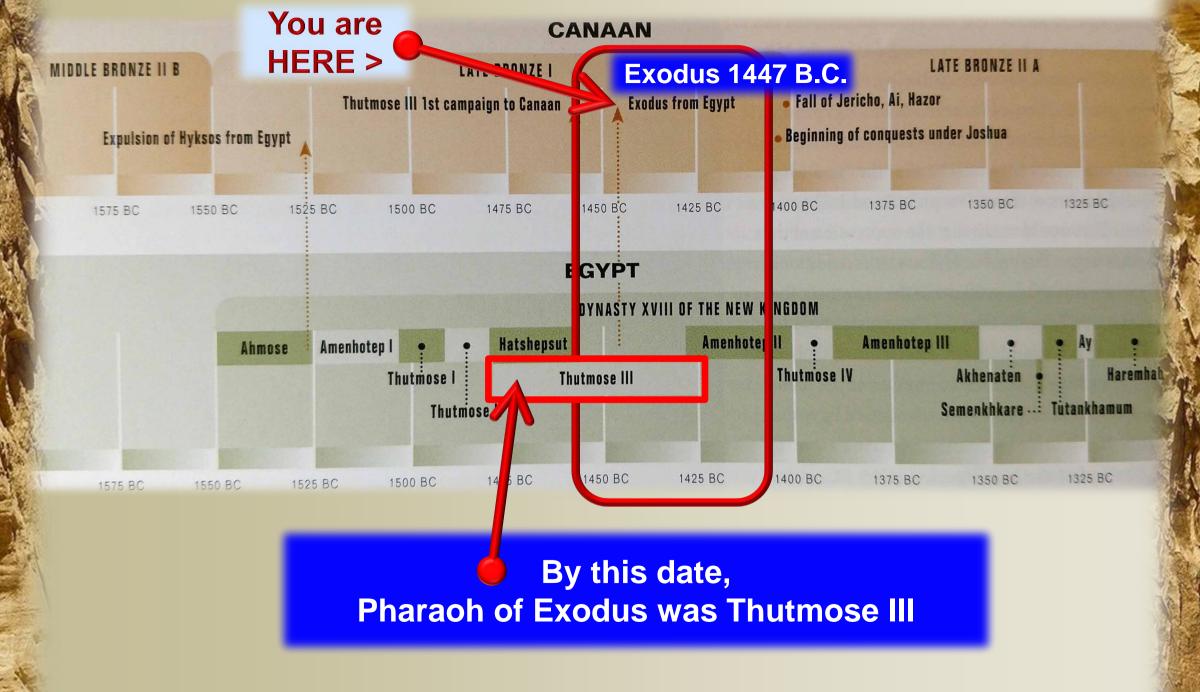


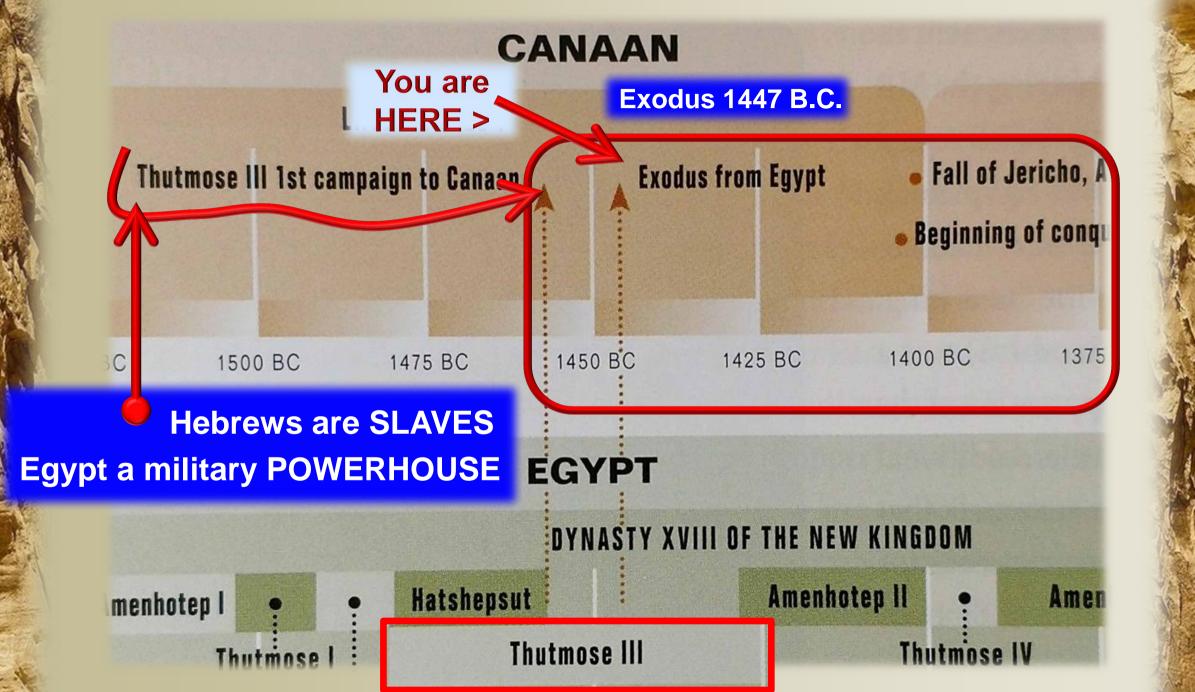
Ten Commandments in Hebrew

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Would you care to go back to the old days? At least with me, to my college days? **Biblical Backgrounds – circa 1980** Mid-term Given an outline of Israel with only bodies of water & rivers **ONE POINT** a piece **Place and name Cities, Rivers,** Mountains, geographic regions 93-100 correctly placed = A Not all ... we had maps ... to do

Section 4-6 Thut Most III Canaanite (MB/LB) Period

Site of war council

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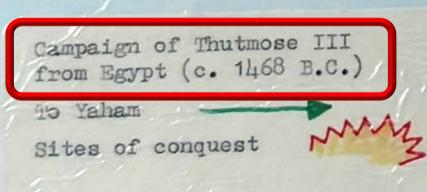
Zorah te 7 Beth-shemash

• Timnah

ID Historical Source Names Background Names Lines of Communication-Internation Lines of Communication-Local • Jericho

Biblical Backgrounds class Circa 1980 ... Crazy Teacher 1 Class ... we had to do 34 Maps Fortunately, we did have texts Bible & Near Eastern Literature





BEULIOIT Canaanite (MB/LB) Period

Sea of

Galilee

Shemesh edom ?

Hannathon

Background Names Lines of Communication-International

Anaharath

Shuner

Ophel

Lykye Xs

Japhia

Helkath ? Jokneam

Shimor

Geba-sheme

Achshaph

On LATE date ... Seti I ... Father of Ramses II **Pharaoh by Yul Brynner DeMille Ten Commandments**

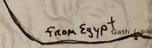
> CAMPAIGN OF SETI I FROM EGYPT (First armies of Amon, Re, Seth victorious c. 1318 B.C.)

Egyptian armies

Canaanites who made an alliance Towns of Canaanite siege

Sites of conflict between Egypt

and rebellious Canaanites NOTICE ... ahhh Manual Typewriter Long before computers



Amon

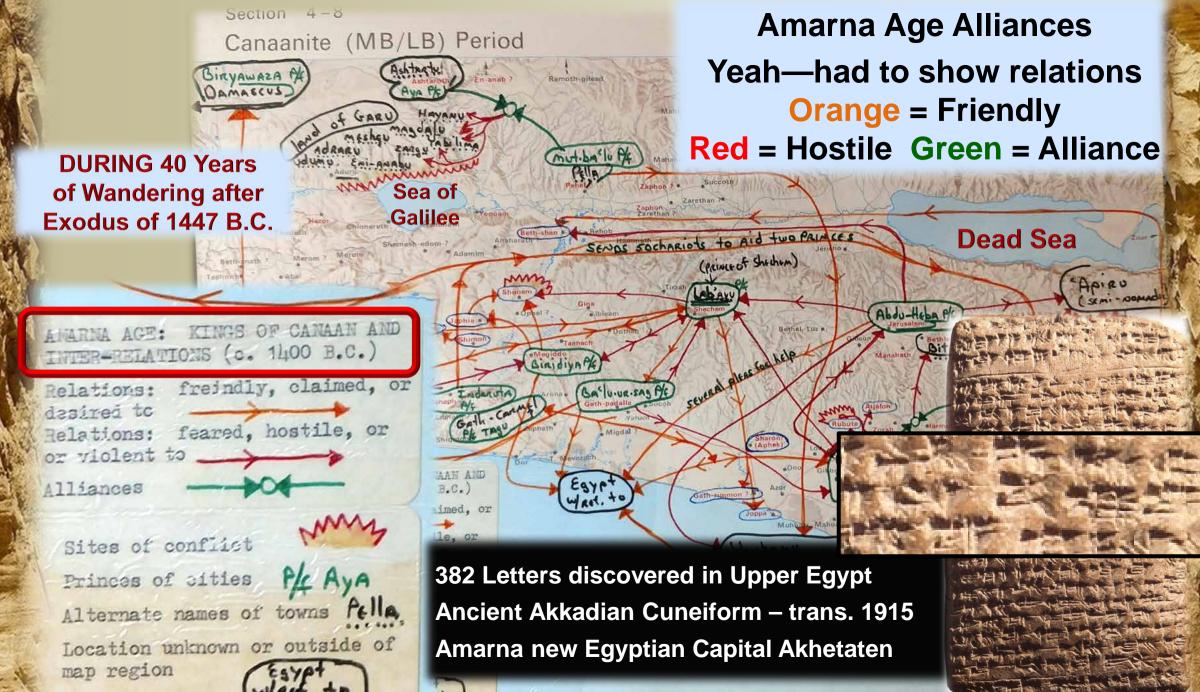
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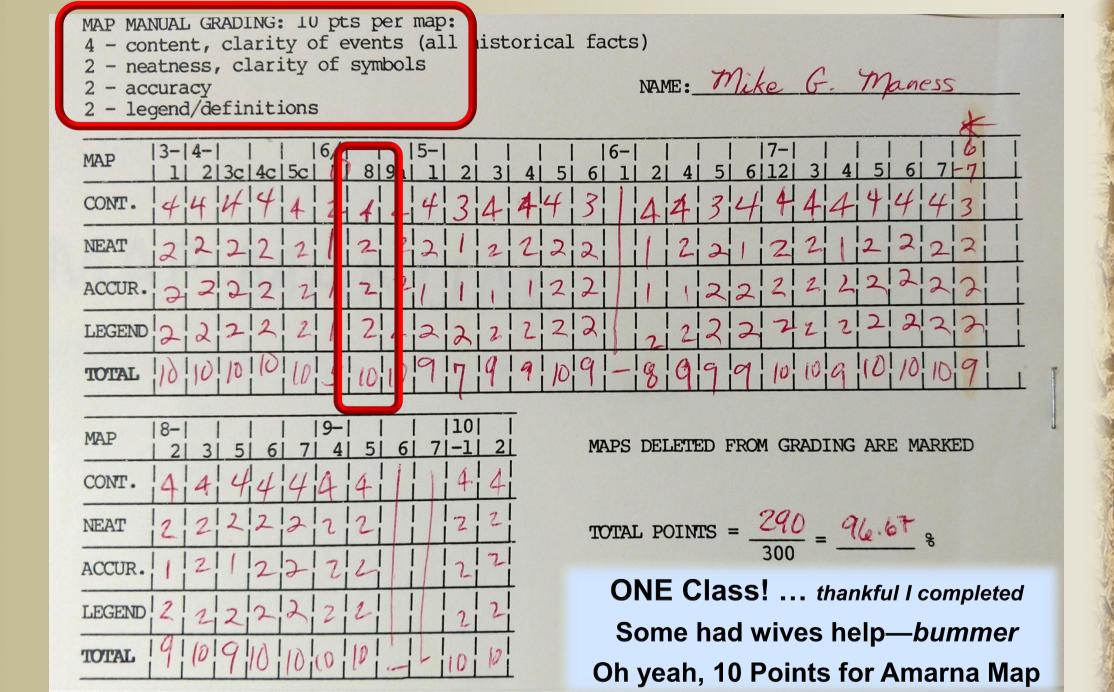
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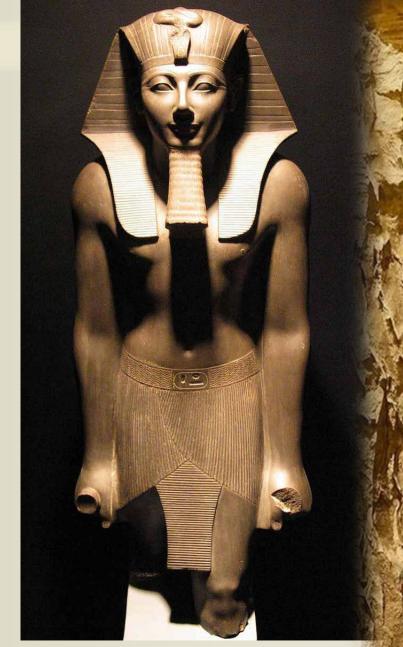


Egypt

Thutmose III, 1479–1425 B.C. ... (18th Dynasty)... extraordinary prosperity 1st 22 yrs co-regent with **Step-mother Hatshepsut's** 54 yrs in all ... expanding Egypt's Empire to unprecedented heights – 17 campaigns Hatshepsut's mortuary temple complex at Deir el-Bahri, designed by Senemut

part of the larger Theban Necropolis





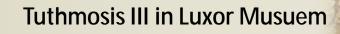
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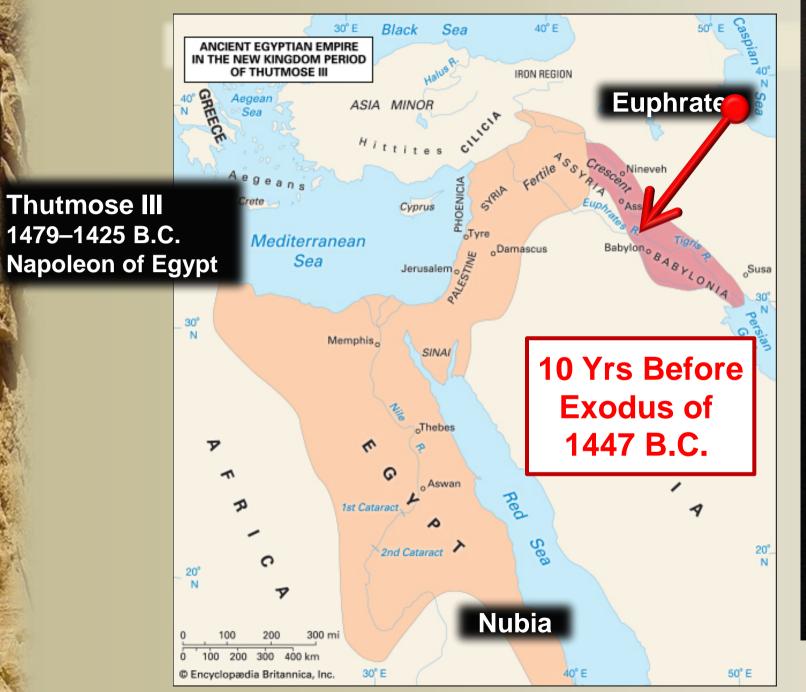
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10 Yrs Before Exodus of 1447 B.C.







Tuthmosis III in Luxor Musuem



Egypt

So many monuments of Egypt's greatness Obelisk of Thutmosis III – 100 ft – above a base Theodosius the Great (Roman Emperor, 379–395) moved it to Istanbul, Turkey

Thuthmosis III Luxor Musuem

> Another Obelisk to Thutmose III called Lateran Obelisk, in ROME

moved by Constantine the Great (Roman Emperor, 324–337) in 326

But he died before move complete

His son finished move ...

455 tons and 105 feet high



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When God comes to you ...

⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "MOSES! MOSES!" And Moses said, "HERE I AM."

Many sermons have been struck from that STONE Many a good moral story has been ANCHORED there George! ... Here I am. Deborah! ... Here I am. Be Ready ... Be Available ... "HERE I AM."



3-4 Assignment – I am sending YOU But this was a Bush Burning ... Holy Ground "MOSES! MOSES!" Moses said, "HERE I AM." **Moses was curious ... the ex-Prince of Egypt** Moses ... who whipped a bunch of shepherds Won the hearts of Seven Daughters ... and Priest of Midian More importantly ... to grapple with Moses' HEART ... Here was COSMOPOLITAN Moses in exile to the country



3-4 Assignment – I am sending YOU "READY" – nothing to do with it ... NOTHING! Moses—he had NEVER been on Holy Ground ... that we know "MOSES! MOSES!" Moses said, "HERE I AM." Moses was 80 years old ... old then too ... LISTEN TO THIS! **Moses was CONTENT** Moses was RETIRED Moses was at PEACE

"Here I AM" ... just a simple answer to the VOICE in the Bush

3-4 Assignment – I am sending YOU Moses – he did NOT know the God Calling ⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. Ah ... Moses was schooled ... Ah ... to be instructed by God Almighty Himself ...

Moses ... was AFRAID to look at God.

This was the real deal ... an encounter very few have

3:7-10 Approach – Moses, Moses!

God explains what has been on His mind ...

⁷ The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

The Hebrews ... descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob God's People ... are suffering ... *Moses KNOWS THIS*

3:7-10 Approach – Moses, Moses!

God then says something extraordinary ... **Earthshaking to Retired, Relaxed, Content MOSES MOSES was not expecting this ... of ALL things ...** And at the very SECOND God said it ... The VERY SECOND ... Moses, schooled at the Harvard & Yale Universities of Egypt ... schooled by their military **MOSES knew and the implications FLOODED his heart & soul:** ¹⁰ So now, GO. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." LAST thing Moses was expecting.

Farthest from his mind.

11-14 Authority – I AM WHO I AM

So Moses ... was reluctant.

Any reasonable person would be reluctant ...

¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

Now ... Moses was—likely—the best educated man in Midian. Here was Ph.D. MOSES in the Outback ...

And you see this with Moses' response to God.

3:11-14 Authority – I AM WHO I AM

So Moses ... was reluctant.

¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?'

Then what shall I tell them?"

Moses did NOT know ... Moses was not certain WHAT to say ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God goes to great lengths to help Moses in the rest of Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 ... and gives him Aaron

let's ponder this together

