





The Gospel  
According to  
**St. Moses**  
a study of exodus

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The Early Date ~ a 15th century date (1440 BC)

The Late Date ~ a 13th century date (1290 BC)

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## John 5:45-47

<sup>45</sup> “But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. <sup>46</sup> If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup> But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”



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Moses had nearly thirty-nine years to write Exodus. When he did so during that time period between the Israelites' departure from Sinai and his death and exactly how many days or weeks he spent doing so is impossible to reconstruct. We may reasonably conjecture that the first audience for whom he wrote was the second postexodus

generation, the one that had grown up in the wilderness during the days described in the book of Numbers. He would have written the book for them as that generation was preparing to enter the promised land as a reminder of who they were and what their origins



(i.e., the events and instructions their parents had experienced) had been and what was required of them in the covenant God had made with their parents. If these conjectures are correct, Exodus would have been produced in writing sometime near the end of the forty-year period after the Israelites left Egypt and before they entered

Canaan, that is, when Moses himself was nearing the end of his life.



~ Douglas K. Stuart, *Exodus*, vol. 2, *The New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2006), 28.

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## **A little backstory**

### **Exodus 1:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with Jacob, each with his family: <sup>2</sup>Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; <sup>3</sup>Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; <sup>4</sup>Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher. <sup>5</sup>The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all; Joseph was already in Egypt.











**Simon de Myle**  
*Noah's ark on the Mount Ararat*  
1570, oil on panel  
114 × 142 cm  
Collection privée du sud-ouest  
de la France









## Genesis 15:12-21

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. <sup>14</sup>But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup>You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age.



## Genesis 15:12-21

<sup>16</sup>In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates – <sup>19</sup>the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup>Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, <sup>21</sup>Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.”











**Gerrit Willemsz Horst**  
(c.1612 – 1652)  
*Isaac blessing Jacob*  
1637





# The 12 Sons of Jacob



1. Reuben



2. Simeon



3. Levi



4. Judah



5. Dan



6. Naphtali



7. Gad



8. Asher



9. Issachar



10. Zebulun



11. Joseph



12. Benjamin



## Genesis 50:18-26

<sup>18</sup>His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said.

<sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup>So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.



## Genesis 50:18-26

<sup>22</sup>Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years <sup>23</sup>and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.

<sup>24</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

## Genesis 50:18-26

<sup>25</sup>And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said,  
“God will surely come to your aid, and then you must  
carry my bones up from this place.”

<sup>26</sup>So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And  
after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in  
Egypt.







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## **The promise is being fulfilled (part 1)**

### **Exodus 1:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, <sup>7</sup>but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.

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## **The promise is being fulfilled (part 2)**

### **Exodus 1:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. <sup>9</sup>“Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. <sup>10</sup>Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

## Exodus 1:8-14

<sup>11</sup>So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites <sup>13</sup>and worked them ruthlessly. <sup>14</sup>They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

# The cruelty of Pharoah

## Exodus 1:15-16

<sup>15</sup>The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, <sup>16</sup>“When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.”

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**God's hand in the midst of calamity**

**Exodus 1:17-21**

<sup>17</sup>The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup>Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”

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<sup>19</sup>The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.”

<sup>20</sup>So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. <sup>21</sup>And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

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**Not to be outdone, Pharaoh ups the ante**

**Exodus 1:22**

<sup>22</sup>Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

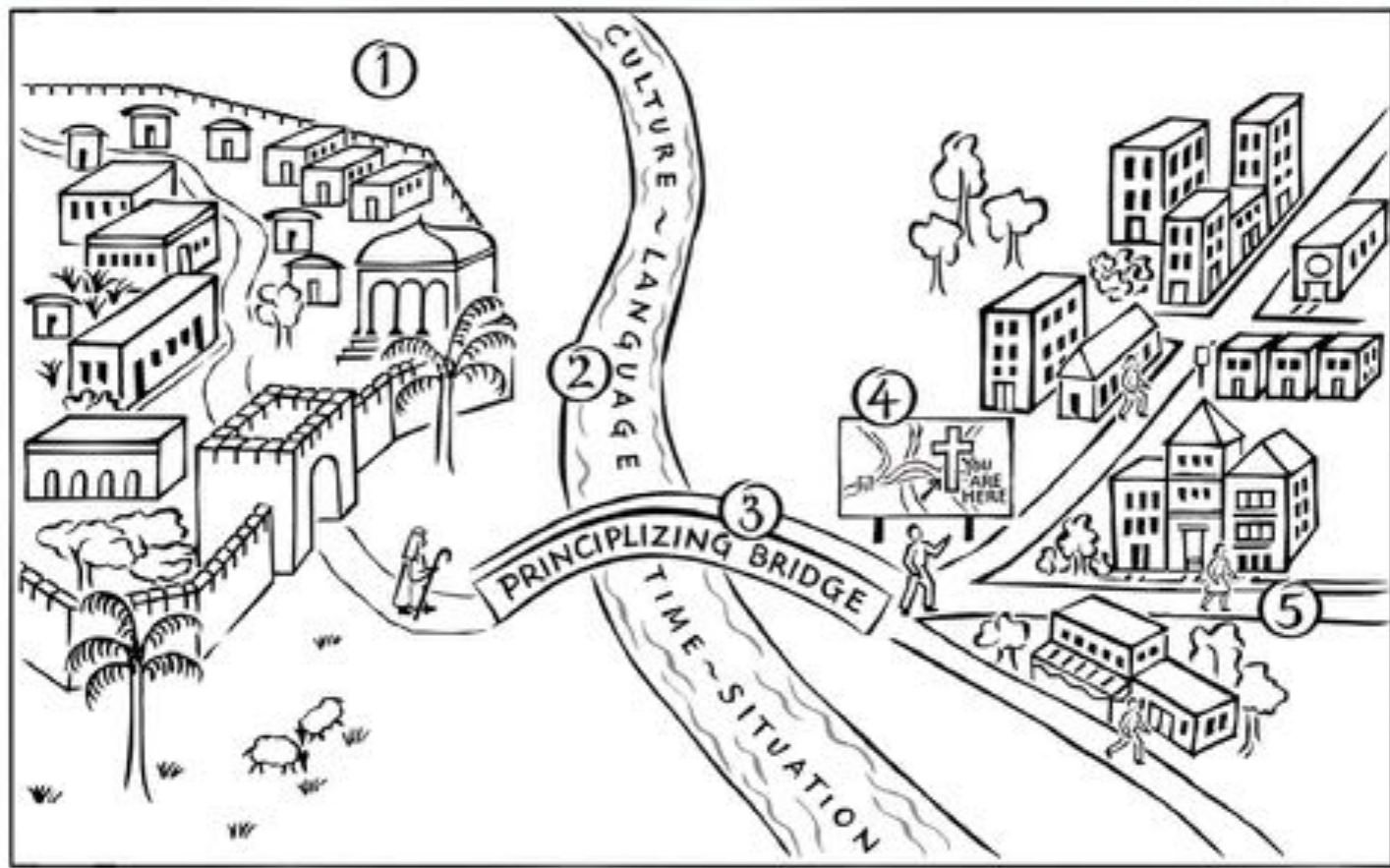


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**Sound Familiar?**

# THE INTERPRETIVE JOURNEY



## Matthew 2:1-18

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

## Matthew 2:1-18

<sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child.

## Matthew 2:1-18

As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

## Matthew 2:1-18

<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

<sup>13</sup> When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

<sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,



## **Matthew 2:1-18**

<sup>15</sup> where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet:  
“Out of Egypt I called my son.”

## Hosea 11:1

“When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

## **Matthew 2:1-18**

<sup>16</sup> When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

## Matthew 2:1-18

<sup>17</sup> Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> “A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more.”

# Gospel Application:

*Someone greater than Moses has already come!*

*God is in Control!*