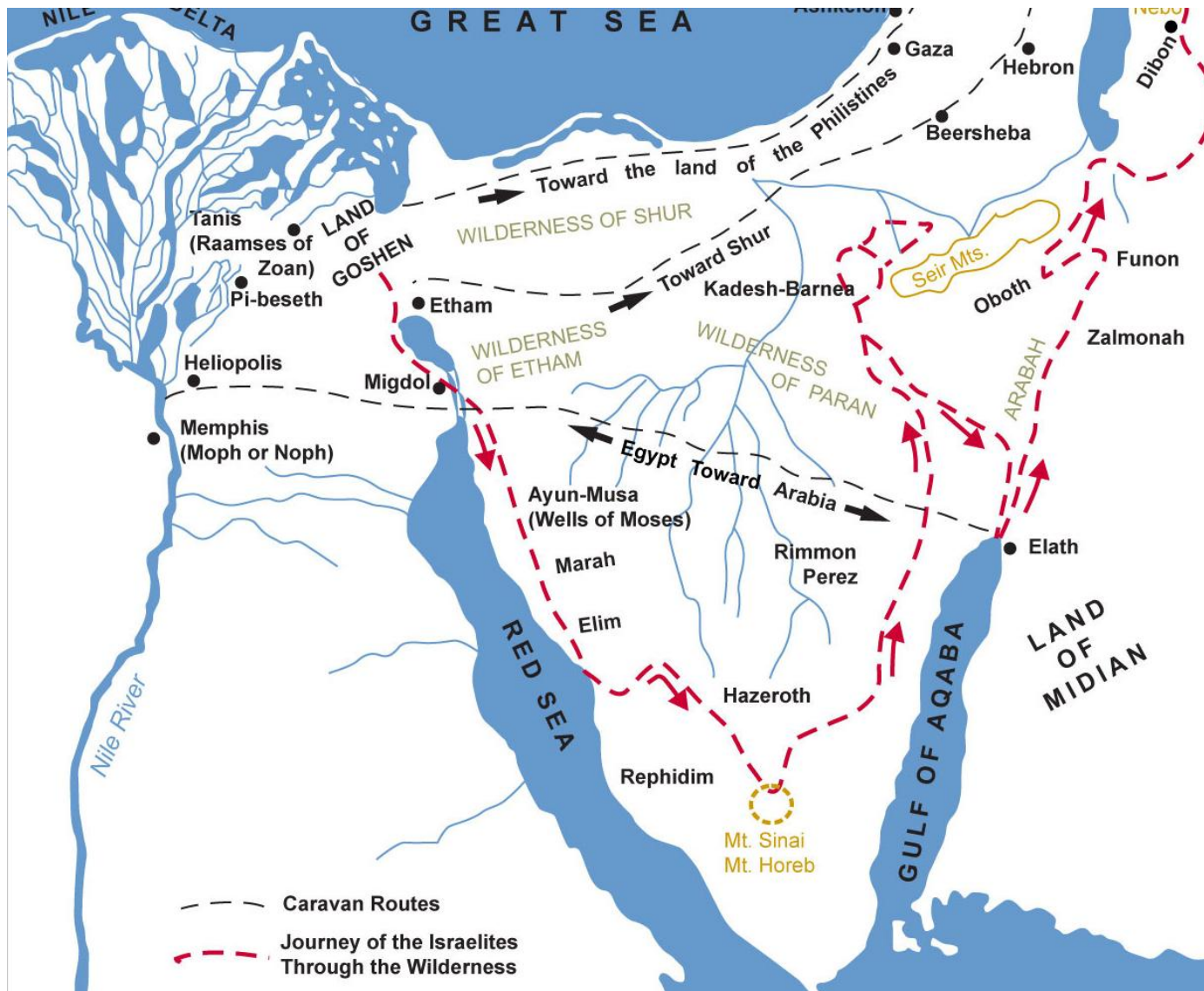


Exodus 1-12

I AM WHO I AM!

**God using Moses to reveal to All
He is the True, Just, Merciful,
Patient, All-Powerful, Promises
Keeping and Self-Existing God!**





Exodus Map

Key Characteristics of God Exodus 1-12

Faithful and Covenant-Keeping: God remembers His promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, driving the historical rescue of Israel out of slavery.

Attentive and Compassionate: He hears the groaning of the Israelites, sees their suffering as slaves in Egypt, and is fully aware of their situation.

Omnipotent (All-Powerful): God shows absolute power over nature and human empires through the plagues and signs sent upon Egypt, proving He is greater than any false god or earthly ruler like Pharaoh.

Self-Existing ("I AM"): At the burning bush, God identifies Himself as "I AM WHO I AM," showing He depends on nothing else and exists eternally.

Just Judge: The plagues serve as divine judgment against the systematic oppression and cruelty of Egypt.

Merciful and Patient: Even while executing judgment, God gives Pharaoh and the Egyptians multiple chances to humble themselves and acknowledge His authority.

Key Chronological Milestones

1806 BC: Death of Joseph marks the final event recorded in Genesis 50.

1700 BC – 1600 BC: The descendants of Jacob multiply rapidly, eventually facing oppression from a new Egyptian king who did not know Joseph (Exodus 1).

1526 BC: Birth of Moses and Pharaoh daughter taking Moses as son (Exodus 2).

1486 BC: Moses Flees into Midian (Exodus 2).

1446 BC: Moses sent to free/deliver Israelites and the 10 plagues (Exodus 3-12)

Exodus 1-6 Summarize

Enslavement and the Birth of Moses (Chapters 1–2)

- **Growing Israelite Population:** A new Pharaoh forces the descendants of Jacob into harsh slavery because he fears their large numbers.
- **Infant Execution Order:** Pharaoh orders Hebrew baby boys killed, but brave midwives defy him.
- **Rescue of Moses:** Pharaoh's daughter finds baby Moses in a basket on the Nile River and raises him as an Egyptian royal.
- **Flight to Midian:** Moses kills an Egyptian taskmaster who is beating a Hebrew, then flees into the desert of Midian where he lives as a shepherd.

The Burning Bush and Return to Egypt (Chapters 3–6)

- **The Burning Bush:** God calls Moses from a burning bush that is not consumed, revealing His name as "I AM WHO I AM".
- **Mission to Pharaoh:** God sends Moses back to Egypt to free His people, giving him miraculous signs and appointing his brother Aaron as his spokesperson.
- **Increased Hardship:** Pharaoh responds to Moses's demand by making the Israelite slaves gather their own straw while maintaining the same brick quota.

Exodus 7-12 Summarized

The Ten Plagues of Egypt (Chapters 7-11)

- **Confronting Egypt:** Moses and Aaron perform signs, turning the Nile to blood, but Pharaoh's heart remains hardened.
- **Succession of Plagues:** God sends plagues across Egypt, including frogs, gnats, flies, diseased livestock, boils, hail, locusts, and three days of total darkness.
- **Warning of the Final Plague:** God announces the final, most severe plague: the death of every firstborn in Egypt.

The Passover and the Exodus (Chapter 12)

- **The First Passover:** Israelites paint the blood of a spotless lamb on their door frames, so the destroyer passes over their homes.
- **Death of the Firstborn:** At midnight, God strikes down every firstborn in Egypt, prompting Pharaoh to finally drive the Israelites out.
- **Plundering the Egyptians:** The Israelites leave Egypt with wealth from their neighbors, accompanied by a massive crowd of 600,000 men plus families and livestock.

YHWH

- It derives from the Hebrew verb *hayah*, meaning "to be" or "to exist," emphasizing self-existence and eternal being. It is the personal, proper name of the God of the Israelites in the Hebrew Bible, translating roughly to "He brings into existence whatever exists" or "I AM WHO I AM".



Exodus 3:14-15

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

God, furthermore, said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.



Pharaoh questions/does not know the God of Israelite's Exodus 5:1-3

1 And afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.'"

2 But Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and besides, I will not let Israel go."

3 Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God, otherwise He will fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."



“Let My People Go”.

Lord said:

“Let My people go, **that they may serve Me in the wilderness.**” Exodus 7:16 – Water turned to blood

“Let My people go, **that they may serve Me.**” Exodus 8:1 (Frogs), 8:20 (swarm of flies), 9:1 (pestilence on livestock), 9:13 (boils)

Moses & Aaron said:

“Let My people go **that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.**” Exodus 5:1 – Pharaoh increased labor

“Let My people go, **that they may serve Me.**” Exodus 10:3 (locusts)

Pharaoh said:

Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, “Entreat the LORD that He remove the frogs from me and from **my people**; and I will **let the people go**, that they may sacrifice to the LORD.” Exodus 8:8 (bargains with Moses if frogs will let people go)

10 Plagues

#	PLAGUE	EGYPTIAN DEITY TARGETED
1	WATER TURNED TO BLOOD Ex 7:14-25	Hapi — god of the Nile Osiris — Nile was his bloodstream Khnum — guardian of the Nile
2	FROGS Ex 8:1-15	Heqet — goddess of birth, with a frog head Hapi — frog goddess of Egypt
3	GNATS/MOSQUITOES Ex 8:16-19	Seb — god of the desert
4	FLIES Ex 8:20-32	Uatchit — the fly god of Egypt
5	LIVESTOCK EPIDEMIC Ex 9:1-7	Hathor — goddess with a cow head Apis — the bull god, symbol of fertility Mnevis — sacred bull of Heliopolis
6	BOILS Ex 9:8-12	Sekhmet — goddess with power over disease Sunu — the pestilence god Isis — goddess of healing
7	HAIL Ex 9:13-35	Nut — a sky goddess Osiris — god of crops and fertility Set — god of storms Seth — protector of crops
8	LOCUSTS Ex 10:1-20	Nut — a sky goddess Osiris — god of crops and fertility Seth — protector of crops
9	DARKNESS Ex 10:21-29	Re, Aten, Atum, Horus — all sun gods Nut, Hathor — sky goddesses
10	DEATH OF THE FIRST BORN Ex 11:1-12:30	Min — god of reproduction Isis — goddess who protected children Heqet — goddess of birth Pharaoh's first born son — a god

	THE PLAGUE	INITIATED BY	PHARAOH'S HEART	DISQUALIFICATION OF EGYPTIAN GOD	TYPE OF CHAOS IN CREATION	OUTCOME OF THE DESTRUCTION
1	Blood	Aaron	Pharaoh hardened	Hapi - god of the Nile	Contamination of water in the Nile	Fish died; the water was undrinkable
2	Frogs	Aaron	Pharaoh hardened	Heket - goddess of fertility, head of a frog	Reproduction of frogs	Frogs were sacred to the Egyptians and could not be killed. Frogs invaded houses and fields; dying everywhere. The land reeked.
3	Gnats	Aaron, no warning	Was hard	Geb - god over the dust of the earth	Conversion of dust to gnats	Gnats covered the land, people, and livestock.
4	Flies	Moses	Pharaoh hardened	Khepri - god of creation, head of a fly	Reproduction of flies	First distinction: Israelites were protected from flies. The palace, houses of officials, and land were infested.
5	Livestock	Moses	Was hard	Hathor - goddess of protection, head of a cow	Disease or pestilence on livestock	Distinction: Israelites' livestock was protected, Egyptian livestock infested or died.
6	Boils	Moses, no warning	God hardened Pharaoh's heart	Isis - goddess of medicine Sekhmet - goddess over disease	Disease for people and animals	Distinction: Israelites unscathed. Boils covered the Egyptian people and animals. Egyptian culture placed emphasis on cleanliness and the boils made them unclean.
7	Hail	Moses	Pharaoh's heart was hardened	Nut - goddess of the sky	Weather	Distinction: Israelites unscathed. Hail struck Egyptians, beating down everything alive.
8	Locust	Moses	God hardened Pharaoh's heart	Seth - god of disorder	Reproduction and organization of locusts	Moses negotiates to take women and children. Pharaoh refuses. Locusts destroyed everything left after the hail. Filled homes.
9	Darkness	Moses	God hardened Pharaoh's heart	Ra - god of the sun, most worshiped God other than pharaoh	The sun	Distinction: Israelites had light. The Egyptians had 3 days of darkness. Darkness represented death, judgment, and hopelessness.
10	Firstborn	Moses	God hardened Pharaoh's heart	Pharaoh - the ultimate power. Human but descended from the gods	Life of firstborn human and animal	Distinction: Israelites protected by the blood of the lamb, and Egyptians without protection.

Key things to remember about God

The God Who Remembers and Hears

- He hears suffering: God hears the groaning of the enslaved Israelites in Egypt.
- He keeps promises: He remembers His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to make Israel a great nation.
- He is personal: He notices individuals, from the Hebrew midwives who fear Him to a baby named Moses floating in a basket.

The Sovereign Ruler and Judge

- He is supreme over earthly powers: God shows that Pharaoh is not the ultimate authority; He is the true "boss" over nations.
- He judges injustice: The ten plagues are God's judgment on Egypt and a direct challenge to the false gods and idols of Egypt.
- He displays power and signs: He uses mighty acts so both Egyptians and Israelites know He is the Lord

The Savior and Redeemer

- He provides a way to escape: God initiates rescue through the burning bush call to Moses and coordinates the dramatic exodus.
- He establishes the Passover: He introduces the blood of the spotless lamb to "pass over" and spare his people from the final plague.
- He provides for the journey: He ensures the Israelites leave with provisions and compensation for their unpaid labor

Seven I am statements Jesus said He Is.

I am the bread of life (John 6:35) – He satisfies our deepest spiritual hunger.

I am the light of the world (John 8:12) – He guides people out of spiritual darkness.

I am the door / gate of the sheep (John 10:7, 9) – He provides safety and access to God.

I am the good shepherd (John 10:11) – He protects and lays down His life for His followers.

I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25) – He has ultimate authority over death.

I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6) – He is the exclusive path to the Father.

I am the true vine (John 15:1) – He is the source of spiritual strength and fruitfulness.

Two other I am statements Jesus said

"Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58) – Claiming eternal existence before Abraham, leading the crowd to pick up stones to kill Him for blasphemy.

"I am he" (John 18:5–6) – Spoken to the arresting mob in Gethsemane, causing the soldiers to draw back and fall to the ground by the sheer power of the divine name.

Jesus is the Great I AM!

Revelation 1

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 22

¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."