

# God of the Exodus

*Exodus 1:1 – 15:21*

The exodus started centuries before  
Moses met God at the burning bush.  
God's plan was already in motion  
when He called Abraham to  
leave his homeland and  
start off for a land God would show him.

He relayed some of the details to Abraham  
500 years before they happened:

*"Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions."* (Genesis 15:13-14, NASB)

God was working when  
Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery,  
only for God to exalt him to  
rulership in Egypt.

Then from the beginning of the exodus process,  
God told Moses plainly that  
the exodus would not happen quickly nor painlessly:

*"But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except under compulsion. So I will reach out with My hand and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go."*  
(Exodus 3:19-20, NASB)

God was in charge from the outset.  
He intentionally prolonged the process  
by repeatedly hardening Pharaoh's heart.

His intent was to  
fully,  
undeniably,  
unforgettably  
act out His saving power  
on the world stage.

And His plan worked.  
God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt became  
a touchstone for their entire relationship.  
The memorial celebration of the Exodus,  
the Passover,  
is still at the heart of Israel's worship.

Over 40 years later and far away from Egypt,  
we are given a tiny glimpse of  
the impression the Exodus had made on the entire world.  
In the conquering of Jericho, Rahab the prostitute gave  
this explanation for why she turned against her own city  
to aid the invading Israelites:

*“I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have despaired because of you. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt...When we heard these reports, our hearts melted and no courage remained in anyone any longer because of you; for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth below.”* (Joshua 2:9-11, NASB)

Then when Jesus came,  
He fulfilled the Passover  
in the Lord’s Supper and  
made it a celebration of salvation for all believers.

The Exodus is a dramatic demonstration of the unchanging  
power and  
love of  
the sovereign God who is  
determined to deliver His people completely  
from all that oppresses them.

**Hymn: [God of the Exodus](#)**

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