

The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible

The Book of Exodus

Introduction to Exodus

Author and Date

Does the book of Exodus mention or identify its author?

How does modern scholarship view the authorship of the Pentateuch?

What is the Catholic Church's position on the authorship and date of the Pentateuch?

What is the position of the Pontifical Biblical Commission on the origin of the Pentateuch?

Structure

What is the internal structure of the book of Exodus?

Title

What is the Greek meaning of the word exodus?

Themes

What are the two main themes of the book of Exodus?

Christian Perspective

How does Christian tradition interpret the historical events of the exodus?

Chapter 1

(Read 1:1-6) (Read Note 1:1-6)

(Read 1:8-22) (Read Note 1:8-22)

(Read 1:15-17) What was the job of midwives? (Note 1:15)

What does the term “fear God” mean? (Note 1:17)

Chapter 2

(Read 2:1-3) What is the parallel between Moses, Noah, and Jesus? (Note 2:3)

(Read 2:4-10) Did Moses become the son of Pharaoh's daughter? (Note 2:10)

(Read 2:11-15) How old was Moses when he had to flee Egypt? (Note 2:11)

Where is Midian? What is the significance of the water well? (Note 2:15)

(Read 2:16-18) Who is Jethro? (Note 2:16)

(Read 2:19-25) Does God fulfill his covenant promises? (Note 2:24).

Chapter 3

(Read 3:1) How old is Moses when he goes to deliver his people? (Note 3:1)

(Read 3:2) What is a theophany? How does St. Gregory of Nyssa interpret this verse? (Note 3:2)

(Read 3:3-8) What is the meaning of the term flowing with milk and honey? (Note 3:8)

(Read 3:9-12) Does Moses accept his calling? (Note 3:10-4:17)

(Read 3:13-14) Who is God? (Note 3:14)

(Read 3:15) How do the Hebrew's understand God's name? (Note 3:15)

(Read 3:16-18) What is the primary goal of the Exodus story? (Note 3:18)

(Read 3:19-22) What is meant by the term despoil the Egyptians? (Note 3:22)

Chapter 4

(Read 4:10) Does Moses have a speech impediment? (Note 4:10)

(Read 4:11-14) Does God get angry? (Note 4:14)

(Read 4:18-19) What is the parallel between Moses and Jesus? (Note 4:19)

(Read 4:21) Does God harden Pharaoh's heart? (Note 4:21)

(Read 4:22) Is Israel God's first born son? (Note 4:22)

(Read 4:23) Does God threaten Pharaoh? (Note 4:23)

(Read 4:24-26) How important is it to follow the rite of circumcision as prescribed by the covenant?
(Note 4:24-26)