

# “LET MY PEOPLE GO”

## The Book of Exodus

**Who wrote The Book of Exodus?**

Moses was probably an important contributor to The Book of Exodus.

**How did The Book of Exodus get its name and/or what does that name mean?**

The word Exodus means “departure.”

**When did these events take place?**

The Book of Exodus covers a 400-year time period from approximately 1700 to 1300 B.C.

**For more about The Book of Exodus:**

See page 58 in the [Fireside Catholic Youth Bible](#).

The Hebrew people flourished at first in the land of Egypt. Then, like the class bully, Pharaoh became determined to cut the Hebrew people down to size - even to punish them. As a result of this jealousy and fear, for hundreds of years they were enslaved and oppressed. The Israelites were forced into work camps making bricks out of mud and straw. Through it all, they never lost their faith. They prayed to God to be delivered from slavery at the hands of the Egyptians.

The Book of Exodus is the story of how God answered that prayer. Then, God creates a very special relationship (a covenant) with the Hebrew people and reveals the Laws that will define that relationship. The Covenant story in Exodus is the centerpiece of the first five books of the Bible. Every story before Exodus shows how God was preparing man for this event. The details in the next three books of the Bible are added only because of God's providence and power as it was revealed in this book.

**Interesting Fact:** The exodus out of Egypt was the greatest migration of people the world had ever seen.

**Bonus Point:** Name two notable men in Exodus who didn't start working until they were 80 years old.