

## Exodus Introduction Interesting Points

- Date of the Exodus is 1445 BC - ***Good Date, Biblically calculated***
- Date of writing of the book is between 1445 and 1405 (***Good Date***), the year Moses died. The actual completion of the book would have to be pushing the 1405 ***Good Date*** date for the events to be known and recorded.
- Jacob's move to Egypt is 1875 BC ***Good Date*** = 430 years prior to the Exodus
- Much had happened in the 430 years between Jacob's move and the Exodus.
  - Joseph was in the 12th dynasty
  - The Exodus was in the 18th ***???*** dynasty, meaning there were numerous changes in government and the ethnic positions of the leaders.
  - They had gone through periods of weakness and foreign oppression.
  - At the time of the Exodus Egypt was not weak, but very strong. They had expanded their government well outside of their borders. Thutmose III ***???*** was pharaoh at the time of the Exodus, and has been called by historians as the Napoleon of Egypt.
- Solomon will build the temple 480 years after the Exodus (1 Kings 6:1) This helps to affirm the date of the Exodus.
- The events surrounding the Exodus and conquest of Canaan is not significantly documented in historical documents of the time. This has created some questioning of the accuracy of the book. There are two reasons there is little collaboration outside of Scripture:
  - It was not the practice of the Egyptians of the time to document items embarrassing to their pharaoh. There are other items known from history that are not found in the Egyptian records, apparently for this reason.
  - Most historical wars are clearly seen in archeology through evidence of the destruction of the cities and burn evidence. This does not work for the Canaan conquest because with a few exceptions, the conquest was intended to leave the cities and property intact for the use of the Israelites.
  - ***With the adjustment of the timeline, there is much archeological evidence of Joseph, the Exodus, and all of the events as seen in the Bible account.***