



## Exodus *the true story!*

The latest Hollywood Bible epic is **Exodus – Gods and Kings**. The film is a cross between *Spartacus* and the *Ten Commandments*, but has not proved a great box office success. This is due to the script playing fast and loose with the Bible record of how Israel escaped from Egypt in Exodus chapters 1-14. The transformation of Moses from an 80 year old shepherd returning to Egypt armed only with his staff and faith in God to a military leader of an Israelite uprising is one of a number of liberties taken with the text. The worst of these is misrepresentation of the role of God - in the Bible God is central, in the film it is the conflict between Pharaoh and his “adopted brother” Moses.

The Bible account is enthralling - you can read a summary of it in Acts 7. Joseph, Jacob’s favourite son, was sold by his jealous brothers to slave-traders going down to Egypt, where after many adventures he became

Pharaoh’s chief minister. During a time of great famine, his family moved to Egypt.

By the time of Moses the Israelites had become so numerous that the Egyptians made them slaves and then tried to kill all the baby boys. Moses was saved when he was hidden, then found and brought up by Pharaoh’s daughter. When he grew up he tried to help his people by killing an Egyptian, but was forced to flee. 40 years later he returned at God’s command and through ten miraculous plagues persuaded the Egyptians to let them go.

But there is more! The Exodus is also a great metaphor for the delivery of Christians from sin and death. Followers of Jesus set out from the darkness of sin (Egypt) through baptism (the Red Sea) and onwards to the Promised Land, (God’s coming kingdom). It is a story of salvation and of faith, so read it now!

# Interested in the Bible?

Join us for Bible Hour - Sundays at 10am  
Dorridge Village Hall - All Welcome!

February Bible Hour Topics:

Sun 1st *Why Should I be a Disciple of Christ?* *Youth Special*

Sun 8th *Morning Meditation - Personal Meditation*

Sun 15th *The Importance of the Resurrection of Jesus*

Sun 22nd *God's Call*

## Bible Mastermind

- 1 Who went with Moses to visit Pharaoh to demand the Israelites should be allowed to go and worship God?
  - 2 What was the first miracle Moses did to show Pharaoh God was with him?
  - 3 The first few plagues affected both the Israelites and the Egyptians. Which was the first plague which only affected the Egyptians?
  - 4 What was the last great plague which persuaded the Egyptians to let the Israelites leave?
  - 5 What did the Israelites have to do to escape this last plague, how is this remembered today and what has it got to do with Jesus?
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(or in the Bible!)

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