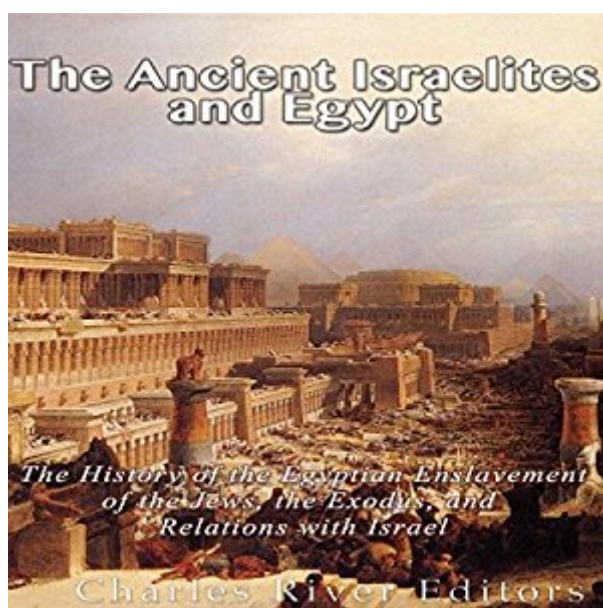


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# The Ancient Israelites And Egypt: The History Of The Egyptian Enslavement Of The Jews, The Exodus, And Relations With Israel



## Synopsis

The story of the ancient Israelites in Egypt is one of the most famous stories in the world, and one of the most contentious from a historical standpoint. Today, most people know about the relationship between the ancient Israelites and the Egyptians from the Old Testament book of Exodus, and the numerous feature films that often depict the dealings between the two peoples in contentious ways. The deadly plagues, the crossing of the Red Sea, the arduous 40 years the Israelites spent in the desert, and the Ten Commandments all make the Exodus unforgettable, but they've also left generations of scholars wondering just how accurate the scripture is, with some seeking to prove the historicity of the account and others trying to tie it to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites in the 7th century BCE.

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The book *The Ancient Israelites and Egypt: The History of the Egyptian Enslavement of the Jews, the Exodus, and Relations With Israel* is quite interesting. The book clearly indicates "that its objective is not to prove that historical accuracy of the Old Testament but instead to demonstrate the historical relationship between the Israelites and Egyptians". Nevertheless, the first part of the book attempts to use various ancient sources to connect the Bible to the Exodus. The author of the book noted that the ancient Egyptians never noted when they lost battles in any of their inscriptions. Still the author noted that many of the plagues listed in Exodus probably happened at one time or another during Egyptian history. Thereafter, the book demonstrates that Israel or individual groups of Jews continuously interacted with Egypt starting approximately 200 years after the Exodus. I

actually found the description of the later interactions between Israel and Egypt to be most interesting. The book provides a great deal of information in a brief and concise manner. There is also an extensive reference list. I recommend this writing.

This book looks at the historical record of the Israelites in Egypt and attempts to reconcile this to the narrative depicted in the Old Testament. Accordingly, the author sites ancient sources, scholars, and archaeological evidence. Unfortunately for me, I found this tedious and an unnecessary distraction to the narrative. The author sites the continuing relationship between Israel and Egypt, even after "the Exodus", and at times they battled together against other nations, notably the Babylonians and Assyrians. However, I didn't find this particularly enlightening or insightful. Stiff prose added to my ambivalence.

All through the Old Testament, there was always some relationship between Egypt and Israel. This book is about the relationship between Egypt and Israel throughout the Bible. There are some interesting extra-Biblical sources used herein that I have never heard of. If you are interested in the historical relations between Egypt and Israel I suggest you read this book.

Informative and well written. Told a friend of mine who is Jewish about the book and was shocked at how much he learned. His opinion was all Muslims and Jews should read it to have a better understanding of their heritage. Designed for the layman, it's easy to understand. I couldn't put it down but I am an admitted history buff.

This is an overview, a thought provoking insight for any student of history. May need to be read more than once. The reference to other material is understandable but a little annoying for the reader.

A good History, of the Pharaohs especially, without getting so in-depth as to bog down. Tries to explain The Bible's History and reconcile it with other sources.

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