

Exploring the Exodus Evidence

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With every turn of the archeologist's spade, more history as recorded in the Bible is proven. While much has been proven, some biblical accounts remain a mystery. According to popular chronology determined by well-respected Egyptologists, the claims of the Exodus where six hundred thousand men, besides children, flocks, herds and livestock (Ex 12:37-38) left Egypt and entered Canaan, has vastly insufficient archeological evidence.

The Exodus is an epic miraculous event the Bible records, which if not true, would completely obliterate the faith of both Jews and Christians. So, the claims many archeologists and historians have made, shedding doubt about the Exodus based on their research, must be examined.

Egyptologists generally accepted date for the Hebrews entrance into Canaan is 12340-1220 BC. However the Scriptures teach in three different texts (1 Ki 6:1; Judg. 11:26; Act 13:19-20) that the Exodus occurred in the 1400s BC with entrance into Canaan forty years later.

While the debate will rage on, there is no longer any reason to accept the 1200 date. Assumptions have been made that the city "Rameses" in Exodus 1:11 was named after Rameses the Great, that there had been no buildings project in the Nile Delta before 1300, and that there was no great civilization in Canaan from the nineteenth to the thirteenth centuries However the name Rameses is common in Egyptian history. Rameses the Great is Rameses II. Nothing is known about Rameses I. Also, the name might not refer to a city but to an area. In Genesis 47:11, the name Rameses describes the Nile Delta area where Jacob and his sons settled"ⁱ

David Rohl, is a modern-day Egyptologist and author of numerous books including *Exodus: Myth or History?* He's appeared in numerous documentaries including the recent *Patterns of Evidence* series produced by award-winning filmmaker, Timothy Mahoney of Thinking Man's Films.

Even though Rohl is an agnostic, after years of research he concluded the biblical account of the Exodus was based on real historical personalities and real events. We learn from Rohl for the past 200 years scholars have been searching for the biblical stories in what podcaster Shane Rosenthal of White Horse Inn, explains have been all the right places but exploring the wrong time in history. Rohl's archeological research has led him to the conclusion that the Old Testament is not, in fact, a work of pious fiction, but is a genuine source of history.

In the words of Rohl: "If you open your eyes to the evidence coming out of the ground, you will see that my conviction is based on a massive detail and cogent argument to corroborate the basic truths of the biblical stories. Though I continue to regard myself as an agnostic, that is, as a person still undecided on matters of faith, I am convinced that the stories in the Bible are based on real events and real personalities."

Many archaeologists today claim that the ancient Israelites were never actually in Egypt, and that the entire story of the Exodus is just an old legend. But is this really the case? What can we learn about the Exodus from history and archaeology? Have there been any discoveries that corroborate the Bible's account of this monumentally significant event?

I had the pleasure of interviewing Timothy Mahoney, of Thinking Man's Films. Mahoney is another individual who has been focused on finding the truth about the Exodus with his excellent series called *Patterns of Evidence*. He has created a most impressive DVD and book series to show that simply by reconsidering the date of the Exodus, mounds of archeological evidence provide support that the Exodus actually occurred.

During my interview of Mahoney, we explored the conclusions of Rohl based on his interview by Shane Rosenthal, which you can hear using the following links.

https://whitehorseinn.org/resource-library/shows/exodus-myth-or-history/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwuL_8BRCXARIsAGiC51BwSOHgLxJKFsHu-jL9zT_SVh0kXg5YWYGmiLzRtl2BR49gXS7zM1saAsGaEALw_wcB
and <http://realmountsinai.com/new-egyptian-chronology-david-rohl>

Also, specific to the Exodus, I had the pleasure of meeting Ryan Mauro of <https://doubtingthomasresearch.com/>. His research on the Exodus brought him to Saudi Arabia where there seems to be a preponderance of evidence in support of the biblical account.

My interviews with Mahoney and Mauro were published early in my *Faith to Live By* podcast series. You can hear these episodes using the following links.

[https://www.charismapodcastnetwork.com/show/faithtoliveby/224f03f3-1c83-482d-b032-acd9bb9be4c36/Proof-in-History-and-Archeology---Exploring-Evidence%2C-Part-1-\(Ep.-19\)](https://www.charismapodcastnetwork.com/show/faithtoliveby/224f03f3-1c83-482d-b032-acd9bb9be4c36/Proof-in-History-and-Archeology---Exploring-Evidence%2C-Part-1-(Ep.-19)) and [https://www.charismapodcastnetwork.com/show/faithtoliveby/e5c35429-df74-4be9-a9ba-7722e9733036/Proof-in-Miracles---Exploring-Evidence%2C-Part-2-\(Ep-20\)](https://www.charismapodcastnetwork.com/show/faithtoliveby/e5c35429-df74-4be9-a9ba-7722e9733036/Proof-in-Miracles---Exploring-Evidence%2C-Part-2-(Ep-20))

For further study:

PATTERNS OF EVIDENCE: THE EXODUS

You never know where a crisis of faith will lead you.

DESCRIPTION

A debate rages over the credibility of the Bible. Most archaeologists today have concluded that there's no evidence that the Exodus of Israelite slaves from Egypt ever happened. Filmmaker Timothy Mahoney faces a crisis of faith, "Is this foundational event of the Bible really just a myth?" He embarks on a 12-year journey around the world to search for answers.

Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus unlocks the mystery of this ancient saga, combining a scientific investigation with a retelling of the Exodus story to reveal an amazing pattern of evidence matching the biblical account that may challenge our understanding of history. Featuring stunning animations and a cast including Narrator, Kevin Sorbo (*God's Not Dead*, *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*), interviews with leading archaeologists including Israel Finkelstein, Kent Weeks, and David Rohl, and guest appearances by Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu and Shimon Peres.

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Kindle Book: <https://amzn.to/3mSN6b9>

DVD: <https://amzn.to/42sNqxU> and Director's Choice: <https://amzn.to/3FBhfSP>

Blue-Ray: <https://amzn.to/42rYFXI> and Directors Choice: <https://amzn.to/3K17NLr>

Prime Video to rent: <https://amzn.to/3JlAweE>

PATTERNS OF EVIDENCE: THE RED SEA MIRACLE I & II
What secrets will be revealed?

DESCRIPTION

Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Miracle, is the first in a two-part film series by Patterns of Evidence's award-winning filmmaker, Timothy Mahoney. In this investigation he examines the journey to the crossing location, looking at two competing views of the Red Sea Miracle. One he calls the "Egyptian Approach," which looks near Egypt. The other he calls the "Hebrew Approach," which looks far from Egypt to the Gulf of Aqaba where divers have been searching for the remains of Pharaoh's army on the seafloor. The investigation raises giant questions about the real location for the crossing site and its implications on your view of God. The answers to these questions point to one of two very different realities.

Join Timothy Mahoney as he retraces the steps of Moses and the Israelites, looking for answers. As he investigates the possible locations he interviews top-level secular and biblical scholars in search for clues that support the Bible's timeline for this pivotal event in history. Now, see the evidence as the Bible comes alive with dramatic recreations, 3D animations and never seen before footage.

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DVD: <https://amzn.to/3ICyIsR>

PATTERNS OF EVIDENCE: THE RED SEA MIRACLE II

DVD: <https://amzn.to/3LNvojY>

¹ Geisler, Norman L., *Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*, (Baker Books, 1999) p. 51