

Authorship of the Pentateuch

There is a lot of evidence in the Pentateuch itself that shows us Moses wrote the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or Pentateuch: Ex.17:14; Ex.24:4; Ex.34:27; Num.33:2; Deut.31:9+24.

Elsewhere in the Old Testament we find several passages relating back to the Pentateuch as the:

- a) Law of Moses: -1.Ki.2:3; 2.Ki.14:6; Dan.9:11-13
- b) Book of Moses: -Ezr.6:18; Neh.13:1
- c) Teaching of Moses: -Mal.4:4

Also in the New Testament:

- a) Law of Moses: -1.Cor.9:9
- b) Book of Moses: -Mark 12:26
- c) "Moses" metonymy: -Lk.16:29-31; Acts 26:22; 2.Cor.3:15
- d) Moses gave law: -Jn.1:17; Jn.7:19
- e) Moses spoke words of the Lord: -Mt.8:4; Mt.22:24; Mk.1:44; Rom.10:19.

Dating

There is a key passage for dating in the book of Kings: 1 Kings 6:1 "In the four hundred eightieth year after the Israelites came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, he began to build the house of the LORD."

Solomon began to build the temple in his 4th year of reign which was 480 years after the Exodus. So if we calculate the date of the Exodus, we will be able to determine when exodus occurred.

970 B.C. Solomon began to reign

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966 B.C. begins to build temple 4 years later

+480 yrs.

1446 B.C date of Exodus

Conclusion: Moses began to write the Pentateuch in 1446 B.C. and finished before his death around 1406 B.C.