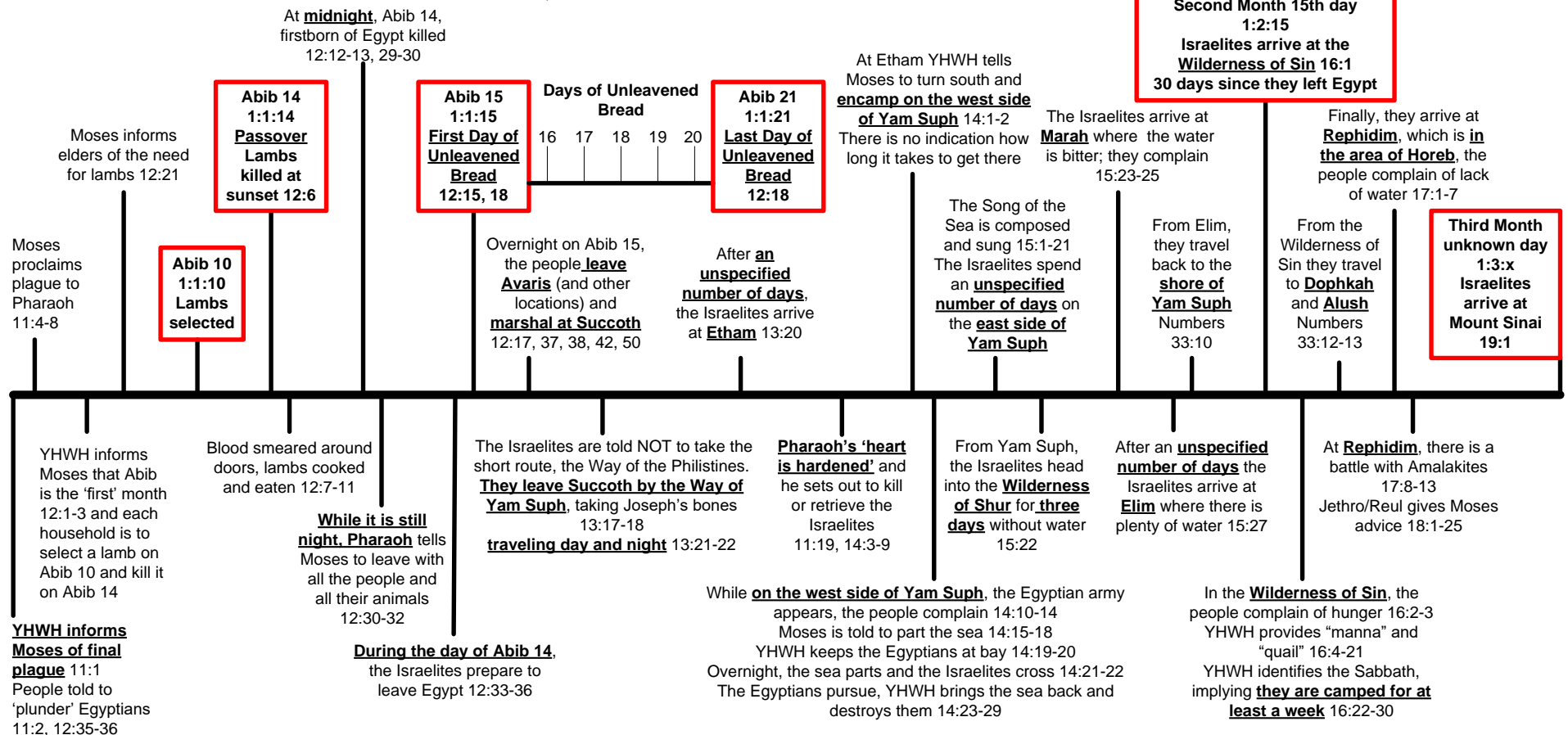


Exodus Timeline

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Note: all Biblical references are to The Book of Exodus, unless otherwise noted.



Date Formula: year:month:day
Example, 1:1:10 is year one of Exodus, month 1 (Abib), day 10

Instructions for Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread: Exodus chapters twelve and thirteen contain two sets of instructions. Exodus 12:1-13 and 21-27 contain the one-time instructions for the first Passover in the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:14-20 and 13:3-10 contain instructions for the Days of Unleavened Bread. Exodus 12:43-49 contain instructions regarding who can eat the Passover. Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16 contain instructions regarding firstborn animals and persons. The instructions on the first Passover clearly had to be given to Moses at the time of the first Passover. The other instructions would have had no meaning at that time. Almost certainly, the instructions for the Days of Unleavened Bread, eating the Passover, and firstborns were given later and included in the material which is now in the book of Exodus as the material was being compiled. Note that the Israelites did NOT observe the Days of Unleavened Bread as they were leaving Egypt. They ate unleavened bread, but the reason given is the haste with which they left.