## **Exodus Timeline**

leave Egypt 12:33-36

Note: all Biblical references are to The Book of Exodus, unless otherwise noted. Second Month 15th day At midnight. Abib 14. 1:2:15 firstborn of Egypt killed Israelites arrive at the 12:12-13, 29-30 At Etham YHWH tells Wilderness of Sin 16:1 Moses to turn south and 30 days since they left Egypt **Days of Unleavened** Abib 14 Abib 15 Abib 21 encamp on the west side Bread Finally, they arrive at 1:1:14 1:1:15 1:1:21 of Yam Suph 14:1-2 The Israelites arrive at Marah where the water Moses informs **Passover** First Day of 16 17 18 19 20 Last Day of Rephidim, which is in There is no indication how elders of the need the area of Horeb, the Lambs Unleavened Unleavened is bitter; they complain long it takes to get there for lambs 12:21 killed at **Bread** Bread 15:23-25 people complain of lack of water 17:1-7 sunset 12:6 12:15, 18 12:18 The Song of the Third Month Sea is composed From Elim. From the Overnight on Abib 15, and sung 15:1-21 they travel Wilderness of unknown day Moses After an Abib 10 proclaims the people leave The Israelites spend back to the Sin they travel 1:3:x unspecified 1:1:10 Avaris (and other shore of to **Dophkah** Israelites plague to an unspecified number of days. Pharaoh Lambs locations) and number of days on Yam Suph and Alush arrive at the Israelites arrive 11:4-8 marshal at Succoth selected the east side of Numbers Numbers **Mount Sinai** at Etham 13:20 12:17, 37, 38, 42, 50 33:12-13 Yam Suph 33:10 19:1 The Israelites are told NOT to take the Pharaoh's 'heart From Yam Suph. At Rephidim, there is a After an unspecified Blood smeared around YHWH informs doors. lambs cooked short route, the Way of the Philistines. is hardened' and the Israelites head number of days the battle with Amalakites Moses that Abib They leave Succoth by the Way of he sets out to kill into the Wilderness Israelites arrive at 17:8-13 and eaten 12:7-11 is the 'first' month Yam Suph, taking Joseph's bones of Shur for three Jethro/Reul gives Moses or retrieve the Elim where there is 12:1-3 and each While it is still 13:17-18 Israelites days without water plenty of water 15:27 advice 18:1-25 household is to night, Pharaoh tells traveling day and night 13:21-22 11:19. 14:3-9 15:22 select a lamb on Moses to leave with Abib 10 and kill it all the people and on Abib 14 While on the west side of Yam Suph, the Egyptian army In the Wilderness of Sin, the all their animals appears, the people complain 14:10-14 people complain of hunger 16:2-3 12:30-32 YHWH informs Moses is told to part the sea 14:15-18 YHWH provides "manna" and Moses of final During the day of Abib 14, YHWH keeps the Egyptians at bay 14:19-20 "quail" 16:4-21 plague 11:1 the Israelites prepare to Overnight, the sea parts and the Israelites cross 14:21-22 YHWH identifies the Sabbath,

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

People told to

11:2, 12:35-36

'plunder' Egyptians

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 Egyptians pursue, YHWH brings the sea back and

destroys them 14:23-29

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implying they are camped for at

least a week 16:22-30

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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 are unleavened bread, but the reason given is the haste with which they left.