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The Exodus: The Narrative & Its Historicity

Directions: Use your notes to fill in the blanks below.

1. Scholars are divided as to when the events of the _____ took place. Some favor a date in the _____ century, based on the fact that the _____, a dynasty of Semitic _____, were expelled from Egypt by the _____ dynasty, established at that time. Some scholars suggest that this is why _____ was able to rise to power as recorded in the book of _____, because he was ethnically related to this dynasty. Also, a collection of tablets called the '_____ letters' written during this time reveal the presence of a group called the _____ living in the area of Palestine, a name which may be etymologically related to the word _____.
2. The 'inscription of _____,' the first female _____ of Egypt is also seen by scholars as evidence for this date, as it mentions a group of people of _____ ethnicity who were forced to work on _____ projects until they revolted and were allowed to leave. It has been suggested that she is why the _____ in the Exodus story is not _____.
3. One piece of evidence that has been used to support a date in both the _____ and _____ centuries is the _____, which celebrates the conquest of the pharaoh _____ over people in _____ and _____. Written in _____, its interpretation is complicated by the fact that it is actually an example of ancient _____, which is often characterized by _____, or the repetition of certain ideas or phrases using different wording. It also uses _____, or symbols that are used before proper nouns to classify them. In this case, those favoring a _____ century date point out that the _____ used before the word _____ indicates a _____, suggesting that region had been settled recently. But scholars favoring a _____ century date note that if the _____ is taken into consideration, then the word _____ may refer to the same thing as the word _____ mentioned earlier, which actually has the _____ for a _____ in front of it, suggesting that the region had been settled much earlier.
4. Other scholars who favor a date in the _____ century base their conclusion on the reference to the _____ cities of _____ and _____ in Ex 1:11. Neither of these cities has been identified with certainty, but some possibilities have been proposed. The name _____ means "_____ of _____," and may therefore be a reference to the city of _____, where this god was worshipped. But during the XIX dynasty, _____ was also worshipped in the same region where _____ is located, which is the place where _____'s family was invited to settle. The other city, _____, is just a shortened form of the name "_____ of _____," which could refer to a city started by _____ but finished by his son, _____. This city was located at _____, which had been the Egyptian capital during the reign of the _____.
5. Other scholars, called "Biblical _____" argue that the reason a date for the Exodus cannot be firmly established is because the event is a _____ with no _____ basis. While many scholars hold this position, in many cases this seems to have more to do with their sympathies in the contemporary conflict between _____ and _____ than with specific evidence.
6. The journey from _____ to _____ is actually described in four books of the Bible: _____, _____, _____, & _____. Throughout these books, there are three key events in Jewish history described:
7. The first is the revelation to _____ of the _____ name while he was living in the region of _____. The meaning of this name, called the '_____ ' (or 'four _____') is uncertain. In English it is usually spelled '_____ ' (without _____ because there were none in _____), and it is usually translated as '_____.' Because it is considered sacred, the name is almost never _____. Instead, most commonly, the word '_____ ' (meaning 'my _____') is substituted. Later scribes who copied the text '_____ ' the letters with dots and dashes to indicate _____ sounds, but when copying the name, they _____ it with the _____ for _____ to encourage the reader to speak this instead. Medieval Christian scribes were not aware of this practice, and mistakenly interpreted the name as '_____', but its correct spelling is more likely to be '_____.'

8. The second key event is the celebration of the first _____. There are no less than five descriptions in the Torah of the regulations surrounding this feast, first celebrated on the night of the tenth _____. According to these descriptions, the meal included a _____ roasted whole that had to be _____ year(s) old, _____, with no _____, and none of its _____ could be _____. It was eaten with _____ bread and bitter _____, the latter symbolizing the bitterness of _____. The _____ of the _____ was brushed onto the doorposts and lintel of each home with a sprig of _____.
9. The feast evolved over time, and in the _____ century, the sacrifice had to be carried out by _____. In the _____ century, (during the reigns of _____ or _____) the feast had to be celebrated in and around the city of _____, this making it one of the three major _____ festivals on the Jewish calendar. By Jesus' lifetime, a formal sequence for sharing the meal had developed, in the order _____ - _____ - _____, and the meal concluded with the singing of the _____, taken from the book of _____ in the OT.
10. The third key event is the reception of the _____ by _____ on Mt. _____. Christians often assume that when the Bible refers to "Law," it refers only to the _____. But in fact, there are over _____ laws in the OT, all of which can be found in the books of _____, _____, _____, & _____. If one includes the _____ requirement given to Abraham in _____, then all of the books of the _____ contain laws.
11. There are actually three versions of the _____ (or "_____") in the OT, and only one of them is actually called the _____ in the text itself- the one found in _____ (_____: _____). This list is sometimes called the '_____', because it emphasizes issues relevant to the Israelite _____. This is actually the list with which readers of the Bible are least familiar.
12. Another _____ is found in _____ (_____: _____). This list is considered by many to be the earliest, and it is the list most commonly used in _____ churches. The third list is found in _____ (_____: _____). It is most commonly used in _____ churches, and an argument can be made that it is earlier based on the explanation given in this list for observing the _____, which is that it recalls the _____. In the list in _____ (_____: _____), the better-known explanation related to the first _____ story in _____ is given, but this explanation is probably later because this story was written by the _____ source, which was the last to contribute to the Torah.
13. The commandments are examples of _____ law, meaning they are _____ principles upon which the specific _____ are based (called _____ laws).
14. The primary purpose of the law was NOT to _____, but to create sanctity. The law does this in three ways: The first is by creating 'sanctity of _____.' Examples of this include the three major _____ days, or the _____ day on which no labor was permitted. The law also created 'sanctity of _____.' Examples of this include the _____, which was divided into courts of increasing _____, with the _____ restricted to only the _____ (who could only enter it once a year on the Day of _____), and even the city of _____ itself. Finally, the law also created 'sanctity of _____.' Examples of this include the _____ Vow, and the extensive laws governing the tribe of _____, which was _____ to God in place of the Israelite _____.
15. The law is also concerned with the issue of _____ justice, which is why the rights of the _____, _____, and the _____ are often mentioned. For example, during the "_____ year," which took place every _____ years, _____ were forgiven and lands were returned to their _____ owners. During the "_____ year," which took place every _____ years, _____ were to be set free. These regulations have had a significant impact on Catholic teaching on _____ justice, so much that leading up to the year _____, Pope _____ called on first-world countries to forgive the _____ of third world countries because that year was the _____.