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# Character of God

The book of exodus is the God story of rescuing the Israel children from Egypt. This is the second book of the Pentateuch in which there are stories from the first Passover, parting of the red sea, Ten Plagues, the first Passover, and the Ten Commandments. It is a book in which instruction of God for his people is mentioned, and these are term as 10 commandments2. In the Hebrew language, the 10 commandments of God are also known as 'ten words.' The God in his commandment says that a person should be loyal to his God. In this, the responsibilities of a person towards his family are also told by God. In the 6-10 commandment number, people are instructed how to behave with others, what are their duties towards other people, and how one person should act. It is also described in the 6-10 commandment number of how a person should behave towards other people in society. God also wants his people to live in a peaceful way that Gods wants from his people, to give honor to him by worshipping and by not considering anyone more important than him1. For those who worship images, God ordered them not to make any image to worship, and do not worship such images. According to God, these people are wasting their time. It is also mentioned in this book that people should not commit any type of crime and should not disobey their God. God wants his people not to do robbery and does not commit adultery3. It is the responsibility of people to respect other people. In the book of exodus, God wants his people to speak about his mighty power and proclaim the name of God to all the earth. God wants people to surrender their lives to Him. God wants his people to be obedient to Him4. In the book of exodus, God has instructed people on how to live a life with freedom. God also gave instructions to people to take care of the animal. In the book of exodus, people are instructed by God not to commit adultery.

**Who is God?**

In this book of exodus, God means “Lord”[[1]](#footnote-1). He deserves that people worship him. There is no other God besides him. God is merciful and compassionate. God is one who shows loyalty to thousands of generations and forgives people who ask for forgiveness. According to the book of exodus, God is one who is always concerned to save the people's lives in a way that no one can ever imagine. According to the book, words of God are true, and whatever he says, he will do, and he does. God over and over tell Moses to go and tell pharaoh about the upcoming plagues. According to this book, God knows about the likes and dislikes of a person. The mighty work of God cannot be reproduced by any person, such as pharaoh summoned the magician and sorcerers of Egypt to recreate the plagues. All the magician recreated the water into the blood and makes the frog comes upon the land, but they couldn't turn the blood into the water and make the frogs disappear. According to the book of exodus, God is the one who has unlimited power to accomplish anything. There is nothing difficult for God. God is one who is not unjust and not unfair. God also gives some strict instructions to those who ignored his teachings. God is the one who raises as well as bring us down. According to the book of exodus, God is eternal; He has no beginning and no end. God is constant, and he does not grow, and he doesn't change.

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