

WATCH: 'Exodus: Gods and Kings' Trailer Released

The first official trailer for *Exodus: Gods and Kings* has surfaced.

Directed by Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*) and starring Christian Bale (*The Dark Knight Rises*) in the role of Moses, the film depicts the story of Israel's deliverance through the lens of the showdown between Egypt's gods and Moses' God.

Watch the trailer from 20th Century Fox below:

After the evangelical uproar over Darren Aronofsky's (*Black Swan*) *Noah*, many are wondering what to expect from the new adaptation of the Exodus story.

"What I thought I knew about Moses, I didn't really," Scott said in an interview with *Entertainment Weekly*. "Either I wasn't paying attention in Sunday school or I had forgotten. I was knocked out by who he was and the basics of the story—it has to be one of the greatest adventures and spiritual experiences that could ever have been."

Bale has a similar approach to the biblical story, according to some of his recent comments.

"It's an intriguing piece, because it's very few people that I've met that have actually read the Torah, the Pentateuch, the five books of Moses, all the way through," Bale told media. "Most people read snippets. If you read it all the way through, it's harsh. It's really 'Old Testament.' And violence in the extreme. He was not a man of any half measures whatsoever."

"There's a lot of shocking stuff about it."

Exodus is scheduled for release December 12, 2014.