

Exodus: Out of Egypt

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Exodus Bible study

Exodus is a book exploding with the glory of God. God is introducing himself to men. He explains to them the truth of redemption by allowing them the graphic experience of being redeemed out of Egypt. Their redemption is full of joy, sorrow, victory of God and agony of self. They leave with the reality of God's presence leadership and a living reality of their end goal. However, the reality of God and their end goal becomes very nebulous and hazy. The memories of Egypt cause it to be overwhelmingly real and the promise of God fades. What about redemption? How far does it go? What did God expect from the Hebrews? What does he expect from us?

In our study of Exodus, we will want to concentrate upon God revealing himself to man. What is going to call himself by many names in this book?

In preparing for the study together please give some thought and study to the following areas:

1. Why was the book written?
2. Redemption: what did it mean to the Hebrews? What did it mean to Moses, the person God chose to lead the people?
3. God moving in human history. Why did you wait? Does God harden hearts? Do men have a choice?
4. Exodus seems to tell us that God establishes his work by establishing his honor. Is this true? If so, how do we generate a leader who does not misuse his position? What did God do with Moses? What are the qualities needed in effective Christian leadership? Please note that leadership speaks about the principles of godly leading, not the personality characteristics or gifting of a specific leader.

In our study of Exodus we will be spending the majority of our time in chapters 1 through 20. However, please do read the entire book.

Looking forward to our study together,

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Jehovah God is revealed in Exodus. Jesus is Jehovah according to Revelation 1:3, 21. The Jehovah's Witnesses often put us to shame! Are we talking about the God of the Bible, the God of redemption. Exodus is the book of redemption. What does Exodus say that no other book says? How many preach from Exodus? Jesus often did. How many are interested in going to heaven? Heaven will contain things mentioned in Exodus.

When Genesis opens with Jacob and his family going into Egypt, Exodus begins with the family leaving Egypt. Leviticus is a book about worship and sacrifice. Exodus is the story of coming out of Egypt.

Exodus is the story of bringing people out of slavery into freedom. The word Exodus means to go out or to exit.

In Hebrew Exodus is called the book of names. It begins with a list of names but also contains many names of God. It's a very good book for personal evangelism. If you, a friend and God were sitting at coffee, how would you introduce God to your friend?

Deliverance from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son is spoken about in Colossians 1:13-14. The book of Exodus is an historical picture of that spiritual fact.

In redemption there are two questions 1. Who am I? 2. Who is God?

The letter to the Hebrews is a commentary on Exodus. One of the questions dealt with is How much is life worth? Moses, his mother saw he was beautiful. In Hebrews it says that they disobeyed Pharaoh seeing that Moses was beautiful.

Who is God? What is his kingdom like? In the Gospel it's expressed as a mustard seed, which grows and permeates all, and treasure given up in order to get.

Themes

Redemption

Leadership. God prepares the world for an individual. What do you do when people you are leading the same? God says I'll wipe them out and start with you. No, said Moses.

What do you do when God changes the job description?

How do you help people believe, both believers and nonbelievers?

Passover

10 commandments and laws for living together? How do you get slavery out of the former slave?

The tabernacle, its structure, colors, etc.

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Authorship

Moses is accepted as author. Date is probably between 1290 and 1440 BC. There are two basic schools concerning this.

How do you get people to go on?

How do you get people to trust leaders?

They spent 400 years in Egypt.

Exodus 12:40 – 42, 430 years to the day.

Exodus 1

God blesses his people and puts them on a collision course with the leaders of society, Hebrews and Pharaoh.

Pharaoh has the Hebrews building his treasure cities with them and Ramses.

Midwives: Shippora means brightness and Puah means glittering. They were God's treasure.

What is the purpose of work? Society makes work drudgery. Pharaoh made work hard. And what is real wealth? Ephesians in chapter 1 tells us about the riches of glory of our inheritance in Christ.

Notice the boldness of Moses's sister.

Chapter 2 verses 11 through 15, here we find Moses as an adult. As an adult he goes out and looks around and makes decisions. He killed one man and allowed another to live.

You can tell how mature your child is by the decisions he or she makes.

In chapter 2 verse 16 and following, Moses is described as an Egyptian in chapter 2. God had to change him. People couldn't tell whether he was a Hebrew or an Egyptian.

In chapters 3 and 4, we find Moses's meeting God.

Leadership: two questions are involved 1. How do I introduce God?

2. What if they don't believe?

God says that his name is Jehovah who keeps his covenant. He is going to redeem Israel so he is the God of redemption and keeps that covenant with them.

His memorial name is Jehovah the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The name Jehovah has two roots. One of those means combustion, like striking a match. He brings to life.

But what if they don't believe? Question: What if McAllister prepared a threefold bag of tricks for love Europe? 1. Changing a staff to a snake, 2. The hand which became leprous, 3. Water changed to blood? When the Israelites saw these things they believed.

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God told Moses to pick up the snake by the tail, which would be dangerous! The hand would turn leprous and the water to blood and not to revert.

The covenant God spoke to Moses. He replied, Yes, Lord and Master! I won't do it! I can't speak well.

The first section ends here at Chapter 6 and verse 13.

In 6:4, what was Moses to say to the Hebrews?

He was to preach to the Hebrews about the covenant. He was to preach to the Egyptians about God in the middle of the earth.