

ISRAEL'S LATER YEARS IN EGYPT

Exodus 1:1 - 22

By the time of Joseph's death at the age of 110 (Genesis 41:53 and 50:26), the Israelites had been in Egypt about 70 years (compare Genesis 41:46 with 45:6), during which time they had been honored and given the best of the land for Joseph's sake. Read now to discover what happened during the next 280 years before the beginning of Exodus 2:1:

A. Israel Under Joseph's Rule: Read Exodus 1:1-6

1. How many of Jacob's sons had originally come to Egypt? Exodus 1:1b

2. What was the total number of Jacob's descendants who originally came to Egypt?
Exodus 1:5

3. What eventually happened to Joseph and all of his brothers? Exodus 1:6

B. Israel After Joseph's Death: Read Exodus 1:7-10

1. By what name had all those descended from Jacob come to be known in Egypt? Exodus 1:7a, 9a

NOTE: Read Genesis 32:27, 28 to recall why they were called by this name.

2. What did the children of Israel continue to do after the death of Joseph? Exodus 1:7

3. How many of them were there at this time? Exodus 1:9

4. What happened in the land of Egypt about this time? Exodus 1:8

NOTE: History tells us that this was not only a new king, but a whole new dynasty (DI-nas-ti: a race or succession of kings, of the same line or family). The Hyksos, shepherd kings, had been ruling in the time of Joseph. They were Asiatic foreigners, so they welcomed the Israelites. The "new king which knew not Joseph" was of the local dynasty, a native Egyptian who disliked foreigners.

5. What four things did this new king fear that the Israelites would do?

Exodus 1:10

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

C. The King's First Plan: Read Exodus 1:11-14

1. Because of the king's fear of the Israelites, what did he do to them? Exodus 1:11a

2. What particular type of work were the Israelites forced to do? Exodus 1:11b

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3. Notice from Exodus 1:13 and 14b that their taskmasters made them serve with rigor. Therefore, how is their bondage described? Exodus 1:14a

4. What one word in Exodus 1:14a describes their lives because of this bondage?

5. What was the result of this first plan of the king? Exodus 1:12

D. The King's Second Plan: Read Exodus 1:15-21

1. Since the king's first plan had not kept the Israelites from increasing, what did he then tell the Hebrew midwives to do? Exodus 1:15, 16

2. Did the midwives do as the king had commanded them? Exodus 1:17b

3. Why? Exodus 1:17a, 21a

4. What two things did God do for the midwives because of this? Exodus 1:20a, 21b

5. What was the result of this second plan of the king? Exodus 1:20b

E. The King's Third Plan: Read Exodus 1:22

1. To whom was the king's next command directed? Exodus 1:22

2. Did any of the parents obey this command? (See Acts 7:17-19)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How would the Israelites feel as they endured the terrible treatment of the king? What would this treatment cause them to long for, or wish they could do?

2. Is anyone holding *me* captive, and forcing me to serve them? (See Romans 6:16; 2 Timothy 2:26; John 8:33, 34; Romans 6:12-14; 1 Peter 5:8, 9a)

EVENTS IN ONE FAMILY IN EGYPT

Exodus 2:1 - 10; Acts 7:17 - 21

The cruel commands of Egypt's new king must of necessity have very far-reaching effects on the families of Israel. Read to discover how the third command affected one particular family:

A. The Birth of an Infant: Read Exodus 2:1-4

1. From which son of Jacob were the man and woman mentioned in Exodus 2:1 descended?

2. What happened in their family after the time of the king's third command? Exodus 2:2a

3. When the mother saw that the son was a goodly child, what did she do, rather than obeying the king's command? Exodus 2:2b

4. What caused her to do this? (See Hebrews 11:23a and *THINK!* - one word)

5. When she was finally forced to obey the king's command and put her child into the river, how did she do it? Exodus 2:3

NOTE: Remember that an ark is primarily a place of refuge or safety.

6. Who kept watch nearby and why? Exodus 2:4

B. His Early Childhood: Read Exodus 2:5-9

1. Who came down to the river and why? Exodus 2:5a

2. When she saw the ark, what did she do? Exodus 2:5b

3. When she opened it and saw the child, what was it doing? Exodus 2:6a

4. Therefore, how did she react to it? Exodus 2:6b

5. What did she recognize about the baby? Exodus 2:6c

6. What did his sister then offer to do? Exodus 2:7

7. What was the princess's answer? Exodus 2:8a

8. Who did the girl then call? Exodus 2:8b

9. What did the princess tell the woman to do? Exodus 2:9a

10. What did she offer to do for the woman? Exodus 2:9b

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11. What did the woman do for the baby in the succeeding months and possibly years?
Exodus 2:9c

NOTE: Remember that there were no prepared baby foods in those days, and therefore it was customary to nurse babies until about the age of two years. This child's mother may have nursed him even longer, in order to keep him with her as long as possible.

12. About what great persons and events do you suppose this mother taught her child during the time he was with her? (*THINK!*)

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13. What did the mother eventually have to do? Exodus 2:10a

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14. What did her child become? Exodus 2:10b

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15. What name was he given and why? Exodus 2:10c

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16. Trace the ancestry of Moses from Exodus 6:16-20a.

a. Who were the three sons of Levi? Exodus 6:16

b. What were the names of Moses' parents? Exodus 6:20a

c. From which of Levi's three sons was Moses' father descended? Exodus 6:18a _____

d. What was the name of Moses' brother? Exodus 6:20b _____
(Notice from Exodus 7:7 that Aaron was three years older than Moses).

e. What was the name of his sister who watched him? Numbers 26:59

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why was Moses allowed to live, when other Hebrew boys were being killed?

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2. Does God have a purpose in allowing me to be alive today? What is it?
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EVENTS OF MOSES' EARLY LIFE AND MIDDLE AGE

Exodus 2:11-22; Acts 7:22 – 30; Hebrews 11:24 - 26

After Moses' very few years of training by his own Israelite mother, he went to live in the home of Pharaoh's daughter, where he was doubtless trained to become successor to the Egyptian throne. Read now to discover what happened during his years there, and afterward:

A. Moses' Schooling: Read Acts 7:22

1. As the son of Pharaoh's daughter, what did Moses learn? Acts 7:22a

2. In what two areas of life did he become especially skilled during these years? Acts 7:22b

B. Moses' Great Decision: Read Acts 7:23; Exodus 2:11; Hebrews 11:24-26

1. When Moses was fully grown, what did he decide to do? Exodus 2:11

2. How old was he when he made this decision? Acts 7:23

3. What prompted him to do this? (See Hebrews 11:24 and *THINK!*)

4. What two things did he have to give up as a result of this decision? Hebrews
a. 11:25b _____
b. 11:26b _____
5. With whom did he become numbered after this? Hebrews 11:25a

6. What two things did he have to suffer as a result of his choice?
Hebrews 11:25a, 26a

C. Moses' First Attempt to Deliver Israel: Read Exodus 2:11-15; Acts 7:24-29a

1. When Moses visited his people, what did he see an Egyptian doing? Exodus 2:11b

- NOTE:** Remember that *smite* means to strike, with the hand or something held in the hand.
2. What two things did Moses then do to the Egyptian? Exodus 2:12b; Acts 7:24

- NOTE:** Remember that *slew* (sloo) is the past tense of *slay*: to kill by violence.
3. What had he done previously? Exodus 2:12a

 4. What does this show that he knew about his actions? (*THINK!*)

 5. What did Moses see on the second day he visited his people? Exodus 2:13a

 6. What did he expect his people to understand at this time? Acts 7:25a

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7. But did they understand this? Acts 7:25b

8. Did they accept Moses as their leader? Exodus 2:14

9. When Moses realized that his sin of murder was known, how did he feel? Exodus 2:14b

10. What did Pharaoh try to do when he heard of Moses' actions? Exodus 2:15a

11. But what did Moses then do? Exodus 2:15b

D. Moses' Mature Years: Read Exodus 2:16-22

1. With whom did Moses live in the land of Midian? Exodus 2:16a, 18a, 21a

Locate Midian on a map.

2. What did this man do for Moses? Exodus 2:21b

3. What took place in Moses' family after this? Acts 7:29b

4. How long did Moses continue to live there? Acts 7:30a

5. What did he do during these years? Exodus 3:1a. What occupied his thoughts?
(*THINK!*)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Moses use God's methods in seeking to deliver the Israelites at this time? Why did God have to send him to the backside of the desert for 40 years?

2. When I attempt to do God's work, whose methods do I use? On whom do I depend? Are my efforts likely to succeed, or are they doomed to failure from the start?

EVENTS DURING MOSES' OLD AGE

Exodus 2:23 - 4:20

After spending forty years as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, learning all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and forty years keeping sheep in the desert--learning, no doubt, patience and other lessons from God--Moses was now ready to be used of God for a special purpose. Read to see what took place among the Israelites about this time, and what effect these events had on the life of Moses:

A. Events in Egypt: Read Exodus 2:23-25

1. What took place in Egypt about this time? Exodus 2:23a

2. What three things did the people of Israel do because of their bondage? Exodus 2:23b, 24a

3. Who heard and saw all that was going on? Exodus 2:23b, 24a, 25a

4. What did God remember then? Exodus 2:24b (See Genesis 15:13-16)

B. God's Message to Moses: Read Exodus 3:1-10

1. When Moses was keeping sheep in Mt. Horeb one day, what unusual sight did he see? Exodus 3:1, 2

2. When he decided to investigate this, what was he told? Exodus 3:4, 5

3. How did his visitor identify himself? Exodus 3:6

4. What did He say He had seen, and heard, and what did He know? Exodus 3:7

5. What two things did He say He had come down to do? Exodus 3:8
a. _____
b. _____
6. What was He going to do with Moses and why? Exodus 3:10

C. Moses' First Response to God's Message: Read Exodus 3:11-22

1. What was Moses' answer to God's call to him? Exodus 3:11

2. What did God promise him? Exodus 3:12a

3. By what name did God say Moses should describe the One who had sent him? Exodus 3:14

4. Who was he to tell of God's message? Exodus 3:16

5. What would their response be? Exodus 3:18a

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6. What request were they then to make of the King of Egypt? Exodus 3:18b

7. What would be his first answer? Exodus 3:19

8. What would God then do to make him willing to let them go? Exodus 3:20

9. Notice what God said the Israelites were to do before they left: Exodus 3:21, 22

D. Moses' Later Responses to God's Message: Read Exodus 4:1-20

1. What was Moses' second objection to obeying God's command? Exodus 4:1

1. Be able to describe the three miracles God gave him power to do: Exodus 4:2-9

4. What further objection did Moses still have? Exodus 4:10

NOTE: *Eloquent* means able to speak fluently or forcefully.

4. What was God's answer to this objection? Exodus 4:11, 12

5. Even after all God had done and said, what did Moses ask Him to do? Exodus 4:13

6. How did God feel about this request? Exodus 4:14a

7. Whom did God say He would send with Moses as spokesman? Exodus 4:14b-16

8. After this, what did Moses finally do? Exodus 4:20

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did it matter to God that the Israelites were suffering terribly from their bondage? What did He want to do about it? How badly did He want to do this? _____

2. What does God want to do about *my* bondage today? (See 2 Timothy 2:26)

MOSES' EARLY APPEARANCES BEFORE PHARAOH

Exodus 4:21 – 6:9

God had now perfectly prepared Moses to lead His people out of Egypt into their own land, and had completely answered Moses' objections. Now see the next step in God's preparation for this great move:

A. God's Instructions to Moses: Read Exodus 4:20-23

1. What did God tell Moses he was to do when he returned to Egypt? Exodus 4:21a _____

2. What would take place after Moses had done this? Exodus 4:21b

3. What command from God was Moses to give Pharaoh? Exodus 4:22, 23a

4. What did God warn that He would do if Pharaoh refused to obey this command?
Exodus 4:23b

B. Moses' Return to Egypt: Read Exodus 4:27-31

1. Who met Moses as he journeyed toward Egypt? Exodus 4:27 _____
2. What did Moses do after they met? Exodus 4:28

3. With whom did they both then meet? Exodus 4:29 _____
4. After these people heard the words of God, and saw the signs God had given Moses, what did they do? Exodus 4:30, 31a

5. When they realized that God had visited them, and was aware of their affliction, what did they do? Exodus 4:31b

C. The First Message to Pharaoh and Its Results: Read Exodus 5:1-6:19

1. When Moses and Aaron gave God's message to Pharaoh, what was his reply?
 - a. Exodus 5: 2a _____
 - b. Exodus 5: 2b _____
 2. When they repeated their request what did Pharaoh accuse them of doing? Exodus 5:4, 5

- NOTE:** *Let* in this verse is an archaic word meaning to hinder; impede; prevent.
3. Therefore, what three commands did Pharaoh give the taskmasters of Israel?
 - a. Exodus 5:7a _____
 - b. Exodus 5:7b _____
 - c. Exodus 5:8 _____
 4. What was done to the officers of the people of Israel when the slaves under them were not able to do what Pharaoh had commanded? Exodus 5:14

 5. Therefore, to whom did they complain? Exodus 5:15, 16 _____

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6. What reply was given to them? Exodus 5:17, 18

7. What did the officers realize after this? Exodus 5:19

8. Therefore, to whom did they go? Exodus 5:20

9. To whom did he in turn go? Exodus 5:22a

10. How did Moses feel? Exodus 5:22b, 23 and *THINK!*

11. After reminding Moses of who He was and the covenant He had made with Israel (Exodus 6:1-4), and the fact that He knew all that was happening to them now, (Exodus 6:5), what did God say He would do for the Israelites?

a. Exodus 6:6

b. Exodus 6:7a

c. Exodus 6:8

12. What would they know as a result? Exodus 6:7b

13. When Moses gave this message to the Israelites what was their response, and why? Exodus 6:9

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was the condition of the Israelites better now or worse? Would any of them want to stay in Egypt? What would they probably want to do, and when?

2. If I am in bondage to Satan will conditions *ever* get better than they are now? What might God allow in order to make me want to be freed from this bondage? _____

MOSES' CONTINUED APPEARANCES BEFORE PHARAOH Exodus 6:10 – 8:19

We have seen how very definitely Pharaoh refused God's first command through Moses to let Israel go and serve God. Read now to discover God's further directions to Moses and what happened as these directions were carried out:

A. The Second Message to Pharaoh and Its Results: Read Exodus 6:10-13, 6:28-7:13

1. What did God again tell Moses to do? Exodus 6:10, 11

2. What was Moses' response to this? Exodus 6:12, 30 _____
3. What was God's answer to this? Exodus 7:2a

4. What two things would God do after this? Exodus 7:3
a. _____
b. _____
5. What would be Pharaoh's response? Exodus 7:4a

6. Then how would God bring forth His people from Egypt? Exodus 7:4

7. What would the Egyptians know as a result? Exodus 7:5

8. When Moses obeyed and worked miracles before Pharaoh, what did Pharaoh do?
a. Exodus 7:11, 12 _____
b. Exodus 7:13 _____

B. The First Plague: Read Exodus 7:14-24

1. Because of Pharaoh's refusal to obey (Exodus 7:14-16), what plague did God predict (Exodus 7:14-19) and then send on Egypt? Exodus 7:20, 21

NOTE: A plague is that which smites or troubles; any afflictive evil.

2. What did God say Pharaoh would know as a result of this plague? Exodus 7:17a _____
3. What did Pharaoh's magicians then do? Exodus 7:22a

4. What two things did Pharaoh do as a result? Exodus 7:22b

C. The Second Plague: Read Exodus 7:25-8:14

1. What message did God again send Moses to tell Pharaoh? Exodus 8:1

2. What did He say He would do if Pharaoh refused to obey? Exodus 8:2-4

3. After God sent this plague (Exodus 8:5, 6), what did Pharaoh's magicians do? Exodus 8:7

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4. Notice, however, that their power was limited. What could they evidently *not* do, which Pharaoh had to call on Moses and Aaron to do for him?
Exodus 8:5a

5. What did he promise he would do if only they would get rid of the frogs? Exodus 8:8b

6. Why did Moses and Aaron agree to do this? Exodus 8:10

7. After Moses and Aaron called on God, and God did as Pharaoh requested (Exodus 8: 9-14), what two things did Pharaoh do? Exodus 8:15

D. The Third Plague: Read Exodus 8:16-19

1. Because of Pharaoh's third refusal to obey God, what did God say Aaron should do?
Exodus 8:16 _____
2. What happened when Pharaoh's magicians tried to copy Aaron in this? Exodus 8:18_ _____
3. Of what were they then convinced? Exodus 8:19a

4. Yet what did Pharaoh still do? Exodus 8:19b _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did God mean it when He commanded Pharaoh to let Israel go and serve Him? What did He expect Pharaoh to do, and how soon?

2. Has God ever given me a command? (See Acts 17:30b) What does He expect me to do, and how soon? What will He do if I do not obey?
(See Acts 17:31a) _____

MOSES' LATER APPEARANCES BEFORE PHARAOH

Exodus 8: 20 – 10:29

Three times God had sent Moses to repeat His command that Pharaoh allow Israel to go three days' journey into the wilderness to serve Him; and three times Pharaoh had emphatically, unyieldingly refused. Read now to see what happened after this:

A. The Fourth Plague: Read Exodus 8:20-32

1. After again repeating His command to Pharaoh (Exodus 8:20), what did God say He would send if Pharaoh refused to obey? Exodus 8:21

 2. Who would not have to endure this plague? Exodus 8:22a, 23a

 3. What would this prove to Pharaoh? Exodus 8:22b

 4. After God had sent this plague (Exodus 8:24), how did Pharaoh try to get Moses and Aaron to *compromise* (adjust by concessions) with him?
Exodus 8:25 _____
 5. Why did Moses say they could not do this? Exodus 8:26, 27

 6. On what condition did Pharaoh finally agree to let them go and sacrifice? Exodus 8:28

 7. Of what did Moses warn Pharaoh as he agreed to entreat God on Pharaoh's behalf?
Exodus 8:29b _____
- NOTE:** *Entreat* (en-TREET) means to ask earnestly; to petition with urgency.
8. Yet after God had removed the flies (Exodus 8:30, 31), what two things did Pharaoh still do? Exodus 8:32 _____

B. The Fifth Plague: Read Exodus 9: 1-7

1. Once more God repeated His command to Pharaoh (Exodus 9:1). Then what did He say He would send if Pharaoh still refused to obey?
Exodus 9: 2, 3 _____
- NOTE:** *Murrain* (MUR-in) was a fatal pestilence (disease) among cattle.
2. Who again would be spared from this plague? Exodus 9:4 _____
 3. Notice that Pharaoh was interested enough to send and find out that not one of the cattle of the Israelites had died, yet what two things did he still do? Exodus 9:7b

C. The Sixth Plague: Read Exodus 9: 8-12

1. Notice that this time God did not repeat His command. He simply sent the judgment. What was it this time? Exodus 9:8-10 _____
2. Who was especially affected by this judgment? Exodus 9:11 _____
3. Yet what two things did Pharaoh still do? Exodus 9:12

D. The Seventh Plague: Read Exodus 9: 13-35

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1. As God again repeated His command to Pharaoh (Exodus 9:13), what did He warn that He would do if Pharaoh did not obey? Exodus 9: 14a, 15a

2. What would be His special reason for doing this? Exodus 9:14b, 16

3. What judgment would He send immediately? Exodus 9:18

4. What did He warn Pharaoh to do before it should come? Exodus 9:19

5. Did any of the Egyptians heed this warning? Exodus 9:20, 21

6. What accompanied the hail as it came? Exodus 9: 23, 24_____
7. What was destroyed because of this judgment? Exodus 9:25, 31

8. What place alone was free from this judgment? Exodus 9:26

9. What did Pharaoh then promise to do, if this judgment should be stopped? Exodus 9: 27, 28_____
10. Why did Moses agree to ask God to stop the judgment? Exodus 9: 29

11. Yet after it stopped, what two things did Pharaoh and his servants still do? Exodus 9:34, 35_____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Were these later judgments lesser or greater than the earlier ones? Why?

2. If I steadfastly, repeatedly refuse to obey God's commands what may I expect to continue to happen to me?

MOSES' FINAL APPEARANCES BEFORE PHARAOH

Exodus 10 – 11

After seven plagues which became progressively worse, and which caused much annoyance, suffering and destruction to the people of Egypt, their cattle and their crops, Pharaoh still was not convinced that Jehovah was the true God, and that He should be obeyed. Therefore, read to see what happened in the days which followed:

A. The Eighth Plague: Read Exodus 10:1-20

1. What new reason did God state for His showing His signs before the Egyptians?
Exodus 10:1b, 2

2. What new judgment did God predict if Pharaoh should still refuse to let Israel go?
Exodus 10: 3, 4

NOTE: The name *locust* is properly applied to several types of grasshoppers, especially a certain migratory species destructive to vegetation.

3. What would these locusts destroy? Exodus 10:5, 6
4. Who at this time believed Moses enough to advise Pharaoh to let Israel go? Exodus 10:7a
5. What did they say had already happened to the land of Egypt?
Exodus 10:7b
6. Although Moses and Aaron were called back to see Pharaoh (Exodus 10:8-10), not all of the Israelites were given permission to go. Which ones alone received permission? Exodus 10:11
7. Since they could not accept this offer, God sent the plague of locusts. How bad was it?
Exodus 10:14, 15
8. What did Pharaoh then realize? Exodus 10: 16
9. What did he ask Moses and Aaron to do? Exodus 10:17
10. Yet after Moses and Aaron did this, what two things did Pharaoh do?
Exodus 10: 20

B. The Ninth Plague: Read Exodus 10:21-29

1. What new plague was then sent upon Egypt? Exodus 10:21, 22
2. Who again did not suffer from this plague? Exodus 10:23
3. After only three days of this darkness, what new compromise did Pharaoh try to make with Moses and Aaron? Exodus 10: 24

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4. Why did they say they could not do this? Exodus 10:25, 26

5. What two things did Pharaoh again do? Exodus 10:27

6. What else did he also tell Moses and Aaron at this time? Exodus 10:28

C. The Tenth Plague: Read Exodus 11

1. How many plagues did God say He would yet bring upon Egypt?
Exodus 11:1a

2. After this, what would Pharaoh do besides let Israel go? Exodus 11:1b

3. What did Moses then tell Pharaoh would happen, and when? Exodus 11:4, 5

4. Therefore, what would be heard in all Egypt? Exodus 11:6

5. Who would not suffer from this plague? Exodus 11:7

6. What would Pharaoh's servants do after this? Exodus 11:8

7. Even after this solemn prediction, what did Pharaoh still do? Exodus 11:10

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was Pharaoh able to carry out his determination not to obey God? Did it profit him in any way to make such a determination?

2. Can anyone today succeed fully in refusing to obey God, or to acknowledge His right to rule over him? (See Romans 14:11, 12). What will happen to such a person in the end? (See Proverbs 29:1). What will be his final judgment? (See Revelation 21:8). Would *I* like to be such a person? What must I do to avoid this fate?

GOD'S FINAL JUDGMENT ON EGYPT

Exodus 12: 1 – 13:16

Since Pharaoh's heart was for the tenth time hardened, and he was set in his determination to not obey God's command, there was nothing for God to do but to send the terrible judgment He had warned about from the very beginning. See now what took place among the Israelites before this judgment, and among the Egyptians afterwards:

A. God's Instructions to Israel: Read Exodus 12:1-28

1. What was this month to be to the Israelites in the future? Exodus 12:2

2. What was each family, or each two families, to do on the tenth day of this month? Exodus 12:3, 4

3. What were four requirements for the animal to be used? Exodus 12:5

4. What three things were they to do with this animal on the 14th day of the month?
 - a. Exodus 12:6b _____
 - b. Exodus 12:7 _____
 - c. Exodus 12:8 _____
5. What must they take care *not* to do in the killing and eating of this lamb? Exodus 12:46c

6. How were they to dress for the eating of this feast? Exodus 12:11a

7. How were they to eat this feast? Exodus 12:11b

8. What was the feast to be called? Exodus 12:11c

9. What would the Lord do when He saw the blood on their houses? Exodus 12:12, 13

10. How long were they to continue celebrating this feast? Exodus 12:14

11. How long was the feast to last each year? Exodus 12: 15, 18, 19

12. To whom did Moses repeat God's instructions? Exodus 12:21-27

13. What did the people do after receiving God's instructions? Exodus 12:28

14. What would this require on their part? (See Hebrews 11:28)

B. The Tenth Plague Sent: Read Exodus 12:29-36

1. Did God carry out the tenth plague as predicted? Exodus 12:29a

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2. Who were among those who died? Exodus 12:29b

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

3. What two things did Pharaoh and all his servants do after this? Exodus 12:30

4. What did he command Moses and Aaron to do? Exodus 12:31, 32

5. Who else also urged them to go? Exodus 12:33

6. What did the Israelites do before they left? Exodus 12:35, 36

(See Genesis 15:14; Exodus 3:21, 22, 11: 2, 3 for God's predictions and instructions.)

C. Later Instructions Concerning the Passover: Read Exodus 12:43-13: 16

1. Who might eat the feast of the Passover? Exodus 12:43b, 47, 48

2. What did God say of all the firstborn children and cattle of Israel after the first Passover?
Exodus 13:1, 2, 11-16

3. What were they to do at each observance of this feast in the future? Exodus 13:8 _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How would the Israelites feel because God spared their firstborn children and cattle in this judgment? Would they mind having to sacrifice all firstborn cattle, and having to redeem their firstborn children with money?

2. Why do most people today not celebrate the Passover feast? Who later fulfilled all the requirements of the Passover lamb, and thus made it possible for God to "pass over" us in time of judgment? (See John 1:29, 36, 19: 33, 36; Revelation 13:8b)

THE JOURNEY OUT OF EGYPT

Exodus 13:17 – 15

Because of God's supernatural working in sending the ten plagues upon Egypt, Israel was now free to leave this land. Discover now what happened as they began their journey:

A. The Journey Begun: Read Exodus 12:37-42

1. How many Israelites left Egypt? Exodus 12:37

NOTE: Bible scholars estimate that this made a total of 1 ½ to 2 million in all.

2. What four things did they take with them as they left? Exodus 12:38b, 34, 39 (See Hebrews 11:27)
3. How long had it been since their forefathers came to Egypt? Exodus 12:40

B. Guidance for the Journey: Read Exodus 13:17-22

1. What would have been the shortest route from Egypt to Canaan?

Exodus 13:17a _____

Trace this route on a map.

2. Why did God not lead the Israelites that way? Exodus 13:17b

3. Through what place did He lead them instead? Exodus 13:18

4. What did they take with them as they went? Exodus 13:19

5. From Rameses to what three places did they travel? Exodus 12:37, 13: 20

Trace this route on a map

6. How did they know which way the Lord wanted them to go? Exodus 13:21, 22 _____

C. A Problem on the Journey: Read Exodus 14:1-31

1. After the Israelites had left Egypt, why was Pharaoh sorry he had let them go? Exodus 14:5b _____

2. What did he decide to do? Exodus 14:6-9

3. When the Israelites saw the Egyptians drawing near, how did they feel? Exodus 14:10a _____

4. What did they do? Exodus 14:10b _____

5. What did they fear might happen to them? Exodus 14:11, 12 _____

6. But what did Moses promise them? Exodus 14:13, 14 _____

7. What did the Lord say the Israelites should do? Exodus 14:15

8. What was Moses to do to make this possible? Exodus 14:16

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9. What would the Egyptians then do? Exodus 14:17 _____
10. What would the Egyptians know after this? Exodus 14:18 _____
11. What two things did God do to protect Israel from the Egyptians that night? a. Exodus 14:19a _____
c. Exodus 14:19b, 20 _____
12. When Moses lifted up his rod what did God send to divide the water and dry the ground? Exodus 14:21 (See Hebrews 11:29) _____
13. After Israel had entered the sea and the Egyptians began following them, what two things did the Lord do against the Egyptians? Exodus 14: 24, 25a _____
14. What did the Egyptians realize? Exodus 14:25b _____
15. What did the Lord tell Moses to do? Exodus 14:26a _____
16. When Moses did this, what was the result to the Egyptians? Exodus 14:27, 28 _____
17. When the Israelites saw this what three things did they do? Exodus 14:31 _____
18. As Moses sang a song to the Lord after this (Exodus 15), what did he say the inhabitants of Palestine and Canaan would do when they heard about this? Exodus 15:14-17 _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. After this, would Pharaoh ever be able to bring Israel back into bondage? _____
2. Who, like Moses, was spared from death in infancy that he might free his people from bondage? (See Matthew 2:1-18; John 8:34-36) If I have been delivered by Him, can Satan ever take me captive again? (See 1 Corinthians 10: 13) What should I expect God to do for me when this is threatened? Exodus 14:14 _____

THE JOURNEY TO MOUNT SINAI

Exodus 19

Having experienced God's supernatural supply of their every need, the Israelites at last completed the first stage of their journey from Egypt to Canaan. Read now to see where they arrived, and what events took place while they were there:

A. God's Message to Israel and Their Response: Read Exodus 19:1-8

1. After the Israelites had been traveling for more than two months, where did they finally arrive? Exodus 19:1 _____
2. Where did they pitch their camp after they arrived there? Exodus 19:2b

3. When Moses went up to God there, what did God ask him to tell Israel?
 - a. Exodus 19:3, 4a _____
 - b. Exodus 19:4b, c _____
4. What two things was Moses to ask Israel to do for God in return for all He had done for them? Exodus 19:5a

NOTE: Remember that "covenant" means an agreement between persons or parties.

5. What three things did God want Israel to be unto Him in the future? Exodus
 - a. 19:5b _____
 - b. 19:6a,b _____
 - c. _____
6. When Moses took God's message to the leaders of Israel (vs. 7), what did they answer? Exodus 19:8 _____

B. God's Instructions to Moses: Read Exodus 19:9-15

1. When Moses brought the people's answer to God, what did God say He was going to do? Exodus 19:9a, 11b _____
2. Why was God going to do this? Exodus 19:9b

3. What was Moses to tell the people to do to get ready for this event? Exodus
 - a. 19:10, 11a _____
 - b. 19:12 _____
4. What would this show about the people as compared with God? (*THINK!*)

5. Where were the people to gather, and what was to be the signal for this? Exodus 19:13d

C. God's Appearance to Israel: Read Exodus 19:16-25

1. On the morning of the third day, what awesome events took place? Exodus 19:16a
 - a. _____
 - b. (See Psalm 68:7-10)_____
 - c. _____
2. What did the people do because of these events? Exodus 19:16b

3. After they were gathered at the foot of the mountain (vs.17), what happened?
 - a. Exodus 19:18a, c _____
 - b. Exodus 19:18d _____
 - c. Exodus 19:19a _____
 - d. Exodus 19:20a, 18b _____
4. When Moses spoke, how did God answer him? Exodus 19:19b

5. What did He ask Moses to do? Exodus 19:20b

6. When Moses did this (Exodus 19:20c), what did God tell him to tell
 - a. the people? vs. 21 _____
 - b. the priests? vs. 22 _____
7. When Moses assured God that the people could not get through to Him (vs. 23), what did God tell him to do anyway? Exodus 19:24a

8. Who alone were allowed to come up into the mountain where God was? Exodus 19:24

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. As the people of Israel saw and heard and felt these events taking place, what would they realize about God? About themselves in comparison with God? Would these events have any effect upon the way they listened to God's words? (See Deuteronomy 5:24)

2. Do I fully realize the tremendous power and absolute holiness of God? Do I sense how utterly helpless and sinful I am compared to Him?
(See Isaiah 6:3,5)

EARLY EVENTS AT MT. SINAI

Exodus 20

Following God's spectacular appearance on Mt. Sinai, He spoke with Moses in the hearing of all Israel as He had promised. Discover now what he said, and the people's reaction to His words:

A. God's Words at Mt. Sinai: Read Exodus 20:1-17

1. Of what did God remind the Israelites first of all? Exodus 20:2

2. Therefore, what did He tell them they must do? Exodus 20:3

3. For what three things of God's must they show absolute respect?

Exodus 20:4-11

a. vs. 4-6 His _____

b. vs. 7: His _____

c. vs. 8-11 His _____

4. For who else must they also show utmost respect? Exodus 20:12

(Notice that these would be God's representatives on earth to their children).

5. What five things must the Israelites not do to each other? Exodus 20:13-17

a. 13 _____

b. 14 _____

c. 15 _____

d. 16 _____

e. 17 _____

6. What name is commonly given to the rules in this chapter? (*THINK!*)

7. By observing these rules, with who would each Israelite keep his relationships right?
(See Matthew 22:37, 39)

B. The People's Reaction to God's Words: Read Exodus 20:18-20

1. As the Israelites saw the events on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20:18a), what did they realize?
Deuteronomy 5:24

2. Therefore, what did they do? Exodus 20:18b

3. What two requests did they then make of Moses? Exodus 20:19a, b

a. _____ b. _____

4. How did Moses begin his answer to them? Exodus 20:20a

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5. For what three reasons did he say God had spoken in this way?

Exodus 20:20b-d

- a. 20b _____
- b. 20c _____
- c. 20d _____

C. God's Further Words to Moses: Read Exodus 20:21-26

1. As the people stood afar off from God, what did Moses do? Exodus 20:21

2. What did God tell Moses to tell the Israelites? Exodus 20:22

3. Therefore, what two things must the Israelites not do? Exodus 20:23

4. What two kinds of altars might they make unto God? Exodus 20:24a, 25

a. _____

b. _____

NOTE: Hewn is the past tense of *hew*. To cut by blows with an ax or other sharp instrument.

5. What must they not make for God's altars? Exodus 20:26

NOTE: Altars of hewn stone, and altars with high steps up to them, were often made for the worship of heathen idols.

6. What were the Israelites to do on the altars they made for God?

Exodus 20:24b

7. What two things did God promise to do in all places where He would record His name?

Exodus 20:24c

8. What must be done to anyone who sacrificed to any god besides the Lord? Exodus 22:20

9. Read a summary of the events of this memorable day in

Deuteronomy 5:23-33

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was there any difference between God and the idols of the heathen nations? Why did God speak to Israel from heaven as He did? What did He hope to accomplish? (See Deuteronomy 4:35, 5:29; Exodus 20:20). *Was* this accomplished?

2. Am *I* convinced that the Lord is God, and there is no other god besides Him? Do I fear Him, so that I want to keep His commandments instead of sinning?
