

Study Series: Exodus

Questions about Exodus 1.1—13.16

1. In the time between Joseph's death (Genesis 50.22) and Moses' birth (Exodus 2.1,2), what had happened to the people of Israel living in Egypt? How was God's promise to Abraham and his descendants being threatened? (Genesis 17.1-2; Exodus 1.15-22)
2. How did the baby Moses survive the Egyptian king's order? In whose house did Moses grow up? (2.1-10)
3. Describe how the Lord chose Moses to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt. What was Moses worried about? How did the Lord deal with his worries? (3.1—4.23)
4. What do Moses and Aaron ask the Egyptian king to do? How does the king respond to this request? (5.1-21)
5. What promise did God tell Moses to give to the people when they became discouraged? (6.2-8) Who had first received these promises? Why is it difficult to believe promises in the midst of hard times?
6. The king of Egypt was stubborn, both on his own and because Israel's God made him stubborn. What happened because of the Egyptian king's stubbornness? (7.14—12.30) What is your reaction to the idea that God actually made (or makes) people stubborn or resist trusting in God?
7. What was the purpose of the many disasters (plagues) that God sent upon Egypt? (9.16) What kinds of disasters (plagues) would be especially horrible in our day?
8. Complete these sentences:

The most important character in Exodus 1-13 is..., because....

The character I identify with most is..., because....

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Questions about Exodus 13.17—18.27

1. Name three key events that took place during the journey of the Israelites from the time they left Egypt until they reached Mount Sinai (13.17—18.27).
2. What did the Israelite people complain about? (14.10-12; 15.24; 16.2,3; 17.3) How did Moses, with God's help, respond to those complaints?
3. The Red Sea (or Sea of Reeds) crossing was a great example of God's saving power on behalf of the people of Israel. What happened to the pursuing Egyptian cavalry? What is your reaction to that? Have you ever felt as though you have been "saved"? If so, describe the situation.
4. The Israelite people sang praises and danced for joy after God delivered them from the Egyptians (15.1-21). How do you thank God for blessings?
5. Why did Moses appoint judges to help him settle disputes among the Israelites?
6. There are several examples of God's miraculous help throughout this section of Exodus. In your opinion, do such miracles still happen? Explain.

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Questions about Exodus 19.1—40.38

1. Describe the scene at Mount Sinai when the LORD God came to give the laws and instructions to Moses and the Israelite people (19.16-25).
2. How does 20.2 serve as a bridge between the events of the exodus and the giving of the laws and instructions? Which of the commandments in 20.2-17 relate to the people's relationship with God? Which relate to their relationship with one another?
3. How would you describe the purpose of the laws given in chapters 21.1—23.9? In your opinion, what is the purpose of laws in modern society? How are our civil laws similar and different from the laws given in this section of Exodus?
4. What three festivals are mentioned in 23.14-19? Name why each one was to be celebrated.
5. What was the sacred chest, and where was it to be kept? What was to be kept in it? What was important about the lid of the sacred chest? (25.10-22)
6. What was the purpose for the following items. table of sacred bread; golden lampstand; curtain inside the sacred tent; altar for offering sacrifices; altar for burning incense; large bronze bowl? (25.23—27.8; 30.1-16)
7. Who were chosen to serve as Israel's priests? What does "ordination" mean? Who was "ordained"? How were olive oil and incense used in the ordination ceremony? (30.22-38)
8. How did the people rebel against God? (chapter 32) What was their punishment?
9. In the agreement between God and the Israelites at Sinai, what did God promise? What did God demand in return? (34.10-26)
10. How were the commands regarding the making of the sacred tent, its furnishings, and the priestly clothes carried out? (35.4-29; 39.32-43)