A People of the Book 8-Year Curriculum Year 2, Quarter 1

# A Study of Selected Texts from The Second Book of Moses, Exodus

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**Exodus** Overview

### **Introduction**

The book of Exodus tells of Moses, the man chosen by God to lead His people out of Egyptian bondage. Several major events occur during the book which set the stage for the remainder of the Old Testament, including the handing down of the Law on Mt. Sinai. We follow the Israelites as they are released from slavery, and as they are taught that Law of the Lord.

Much of what you will study in these thirteen lessons will be a review; hopefully, though, you will be forced to think more deeply about some of these familiar events and seek application in your life as a child of God.

Scripture quotations come from the New King James Version.

### **Recommended Study Aids**

Harrell Davidson, Davidson's Notes on the Pentateuch

James Burton Coffman, Exodus

Clyde Woods, People's Old Testament Notes, Vol. 1: Genesis and Exodus

The schedule for this class is listed below. Students are encouraged to read the texts prior to class and study the worksheets provided.

### **Schedule**

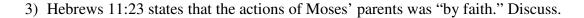
- 1) <u>January 6</u> Multiplication & Oppression (Exodus 1:1-2:10)
- 2) January 13 The Holiness of God & The Excuses of Moses (Exodus 2:11-4:17)
- 3) January 20 Moses Begins His Work & The Hardening of Pharaoh (Exo. 4:18-6:12)
- 4) <u>January 27</u> Signs & Wonders (Exodus 7:1-11:10)
- 5) February 3 The Passover (Exodus 12:1-13:16)
- 6) February 10 Redemption (Exodus 13:17-14:31)
- 7) February 17 The Lord Provides (Exodus 15:22-18:27)
- 8) February 24 The Law & The Covenant (Exodus 19:1-24:18; 31:12-18)
- 9) March 2 The Tabernacle Plans (Exodus 25:1-27:21; 30:1-31:12)
- 10) March 9 A Priestly Kingdom (Exodus 28:1-29:46; 39:1-42)
- 11) March 16 Moses: A Type of Christ (Exodus 32:1-34:35)
- 12) March 23 The Tabernacle Built (Exodus 35:4-38:30)
- 13) March 30 The Presence of the Lord (Exodus 40:1-38)

# **Multiplication & Oppression**

**Read: Exodus 1:1-2:10** 

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1)	How many of Jacob's descendants came to Egypt?
2)	What reason did the new king give his people for dealing "shrewdly" with the children of Israel?
3)	"And they made their lives with hard bondage—in, in, and in all manner of service in the All their service in which they made them serve was with"
4)	What did the king of Egypt tell the Hebrew midwives they should do with the male Hebrew children? The female Hebrew children?
5)	From which house (tribe) were Moses' father and mother?
Thou	ght Questions
1)	There is a five-fold description of the growth of the children of Israel in Exodus 1:7. They are said to have been (1) "fruitful," (2) "increased abundantly," (3) "multiplied," (4) "grew exceedingly mighty," and (5) "the land was filled with them." What is the significance of the repetition here?
2)	The Hebrew midwives lied to the king of Egypt to protect the male children (1:19). Is this a case of situational ethics? Why did God reward the midwives (1:20-21)?



- 4) What is the impact of Moses being nursed by his mother during his formative years?
- 5) What is the significance of Moses becoming the "son" of Pharaoh's daughter? Consider Acts 7:22.

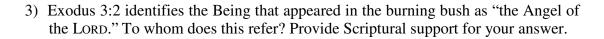
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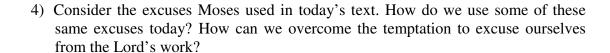
# The Holiness of God & The Excuses of Moses

Read: Exodus 2:11-4:17

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1)	Why did Moses leave Egypt?
2)	What was the name of Moses' wife and first son?
3)	How did God appear to Moses?
4)	"So I have come down to them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a and land, to a land flowing with and, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites."
5)	Who was chosen to be the "mouth" for Moses?
Thou	ght Questions
1)	Exodus 1:24 says that "God remembered His covenant." Does this mean that He had forgotten about it until this time?
2)	Contrast Moses' reaction to God's commands in chapters 3 and 4 with Abram's obedience in Genesis 12:1-4.





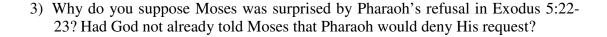
### Your Questions...

# Moses Begins His Work & The Hardening of Pharaoh

Read: Exodus 4:18-6:12

### Review of the Reading

1)	"Andspoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Then he did the signs in the sight of the people. So the
	people; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and"
2)	What was Moses' initial request to Pharaoh?
3)	What did Pharaoh command the taskmasters as a result of Moses' request?
4)	Who was blamed for the increased workload?
5)	"Sospoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did notof spirit and cruel"
Thou	ght Questions
1)	God said of Pharaoh, "But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go" (Exodus 4:21). Does this mean that Pharaoh had no choice but to disobey God's command?
2)	Explain Exodus 4:24-26.



4) In Exodus 6:3, God says, "I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as GOD Almighty, but by My name LORD (*Jehovah* – *KJV*, *ASV*) I was not known to them." Explain this in light of earlier passages such as Genesis 4:26, which states, "Then men began to call on the name of the LORD (*Jehovah* – *ASV*)."

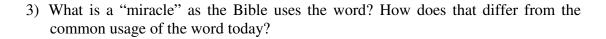
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# Signs & Wonders

Read: Exodus 7:1-11:10

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1)	The magicians of Egypt turned their rods into serpents, turned water into blood, and brought frogs upon the land "with their"
2)	What were the ten plagues sent upon Egypt?
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	b) g)
	c) h)
	d) i)
	e) j)
3)	What happened when the frogs died?
4)	"But indeed for this purpose I haveyou up, that I may show Myin you, and that Mymay be declared in all the earth."
5)	How long was the darkness in the land of Egypt?
Thou	ght Questions
1)	There is a contrast drawn in the Scriptures between the signs performed by Moses and the "enchantments" performed by the magicians of Egypt. Do you think their "enchantments" were real or simply illusions?
2)	What is the importance of Moses being "madeas God to Pharaoh" (Exodus 7:1)?



4) Each of the plagues showed the power of God over the pagan deities worshiped by the Egyptians. See Coffman's notes under Exodus 8:24 and 10:24 for an explanation of some of those false gods. How was the tenth plague the worst of all in the mind of Pharaoh?

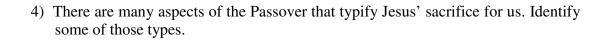
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# The Passover

Read: Exodus 12:1-13:16

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1)	What kind of lamb were the children of Israel to use for the Passover?
2)	How was the lamb to be prepared?
3)	What kind of bread was forbidden during the Passover?
4)	How many men journeyed from Rameses to Succoth?
5)	During which month was the Feast of Unleavened Bread to be observed?
Thou	ght Questions
	During the previous plagues, God did not afflict the children of Israel as He did the Egyptians. Why did He require the children of Israel to carry out certain actions before the tenth plague?
2)	What is the significance of the blood?
3)	What does leaven symbolize throughout the Scriptures? Read I Corinthians 5:6-7 and Matthew 16:5-12.



### Your Questions...

# Redemption

Read: Exodus 13:17-14:31

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1)	Why did God lead the people "around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea"?
2)	Whose bones did Moses take with him out of Egypt?
3)	How did God go before the people by day? By night?
4)	How many "choice chariots" did Pharaoh take to pursue the children of Israel?
5)	What happened to the Egyptians when they tried to cross the Red Sea?
Thou	ght Questions
1)	Read Exodus 13:17 and 14:10-12. What does this tell you about the faith of the children of Israel? How does it demonstrate God's grace and mercy?
2)	What does I Corinthians 10:1-4 reveal concerning this passage?
3)	How would you respond to critics who claim that the parting of the Red Sea was nothing more than a natural phenomenon?

4) Exodus 14:30 says that "Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore." This is affirmed by the psalmist, who declared that God "overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea" (Psalm 136:15). However, the Koran, a book that is considered sacred by Muslims, contradicts itself by claiming first that God saved Pharaoh (10:92) and later that he was drowned (17:105). Can both be correct?

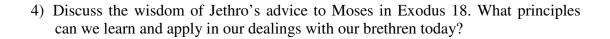
### Your Questions...

# The Lord Provides

Read: Exodus 15:22-18:27

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Review of the Reading
1) Why were the children of Israel unable to drink the waters of Marah?
2) What happened to the Manna that was left until the next morning?
3) How did the children of Israel receive water from the rock?
4) What did Moses call the altar that he built after the victory over Amalek?
5) What were Moses' sons names, and what do their names mean?
Thought Questions  1) In what ways did God provide for the children of Israel in these chapters?
2) In what ways did God test the children of Israel in these chapters?
3) What lessons can we learn from Israel's victory over Amalek?



### Your Questions...

# The Law & The Covenant

Read: Exodus 19:1-24:18; 31:12-18

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1)	"Now therefore, if you will indeedMy voice and keep My, then you shall be a specialto Me above all people; for the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of and anation."
2)	What words and images are used to describe the Lord's descent upon the mountain?
3)	What was God's law concerning the seventh year and the seventh day?
4)	What three annual feasts were enjoined upon the children of Israel?
5)	How were the original two tablets of stone written?
Thou	ight Questions
1)	How many of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) which were given to Israel have a parallel law for Christians in the New Testament? Identify as many as possible with New Testament Scriptures.
2)	Additional information is given about the Sabbath in other passages. Discuss Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Nehemiah 9:13-14 and Ezekiel 20:10-12.

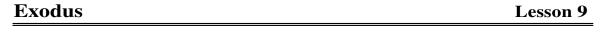
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3) Does Exodus 21:1-11 condone slavery? Expla	ain your answer.
4) What principles do these laws teach us concer	rning personal responsibility?
5) What is the significance of the sprinkling of foreshadow in New Testament times?	blood in Exodus 24? What does this
Your Questions  What questions do you have from the reading? answer each based on class discussions.	Write them below, leaving space to

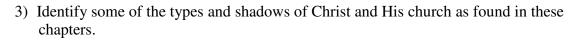
# The Tabernacle Plans

Read: Exodus 25:1-27:21; 30:1-31:11

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1)	"According to all that I show you, that is, the of the tabernacle and the of all its furnishings, just so you shall make itAnd see to it that you make them according to the which was shown you on the mountain."
2)	For what sections did the veil serve as a divider?
3)	What were the children of Israel required to bring to cause the lamp to burn continually?
4)	What four things were specifically forbidden to be offered upon the altar of incense?
5)	Who were the two men that God appointed to serve as artisans?
Thou	ght Questions
1)	How important was "the pattern" to God?
2)	What does the veil symbolize? Consider Paul's words in II Corinthians 3:14-16.





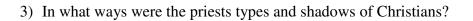
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# **A Priestly Kingdom**

Read: Exodus 28:1-29:46; 39:1-42

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1)	Who were Aaron's sons?
2)	What six garments were to be made for Aaron and his sons?
3)	What stones were to be set in the breastplate?
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	What words were to be engraved on the plate of pure gold?  "I will among the children of Israel and will be their And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them up out of the land of, that I may dwell among them. I am the LORD their God."
Thou	ght Questions
1)	Prior to the time of the Exodus and the establishment of the priesthood, who had offered sacrifices to God?
2)	What are some of the theories regarding the Urim and the Thummim?



### Your Questions...

**Moses: A Type of Christ** 

Read: Exodus 32:1-34:35

### Review of the Reading

1) What did Joshua think the noise in the camp was? What was Moses' response	onse?
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- 2) How many died as a result of Israel's sin?
- 3) How did God speak to Moses?
- 4) How many days and nights did Moses spend with God when he recreated the tablets?
- 5) Why did Moses wear a veil?

### **Thought Questions**

1) What does the golden calf tell us about the character of the children of Israel? What about the character of Aaron?

2) Discuss Moses' humility as seen in the golden calf incident.



### The Tabernacle Built

Read: Exodus 35:4-38:31

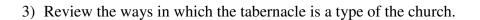
### Review of the Reading

- 1) From what type of heart did God desire an offering?
- 2) What types of skins did the men bring?
- 3) What materials were used in the making of the curtains for the tabernacle?
- 4) Who made the ark of acacia wood?
- 5) How much gold was used in the work of the holy place?

### **Thought Questions**

1) Much of what is found in this text is almost a verbatim repetition of the instructions given earlier, with necessary changes of tense shifted from future to past. What is important about this fact?

2) Exodus 36 shows the generosity of the people in their freewill offerings, to the point that "the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much" (36:7). How does this compare to the contributions made by Christians today?



### Your Questions...

### The Presence of the Lord

**Read: Exodus 40:1-38** 

### Review of the Reading

- 1) When was the tabernacle raised up?
- 2) What was put in the ark?
- 3) What two things were offered upon the altar of burnt offering?
- 4) What happened when the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting?
- 5) What was over the tabernacle by night?

### **Thought Questions**

1) God says that Aaron and his sons would be "an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations" (Exodus 40:15). Why isn't the Aaronic priesthood still in force today?

2) What was the impact of the presence of God being "in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys" (Exodus 40:38)? How can we have the same assurance of God's presence today?



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	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December
2007	Matthew	Genesis	Galatians & Ephesians	Isaiah
2008	Exodus	I & II Timothy, Titus	Hebrews	Minor Prophets I (Hosea-Obadiah)
2009	Mark	Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy	Romans	Jeremiah & Lamentations
2010	I & II Thessalonians	Joshua, Judges, Ruth	James, I & II Peter	Minor Prophets II (Jonah-Habakkuk)
2011	Luke	Samuel, Kings, Chronicles	I, II, III John & Jude	Daniel
2012	Acts	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther	I Corinthians	Minor Prophets III (Zephaniah-Malachi)
2013	John	Job	II Corinthians	Psalms
2014	Philippians, Colossians & Philemon	Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon	Revelation	Ezekiel

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