

Exodus Study and Discussion Questions

Lesson Two: The Exodus and the Passover – Exodus 7:8-15:21

Exodus 7:8-11:10

- 1) After skimming Exodus 7:14 – 11:10 or looking at any chapter headings in your Bible, list the ten plagues the Lord brought on the Egyptians. According to Exodus 12:12 and Numbers 33:3-4, who were the plagues intended to judge? **The ten plagues were: 1) Nile changed to blood; 2) frogs out of the Nile; 3) gnats; 4) flies; 5) plagues on livestock; 6) boils; 7) hail; 8) locusts; 9) darkness over the land; and 10) death of the firstborn. Exodus 12:12 and Numbers 33:3-4 tell us that the Lord was bringing judgment on Egypt's gods.**
- 2) According to Exodus 7:11-12, 22 and 8:7, Pharaoh's magicians were able to duplicate some of the miracles that Moses performed. Next to each set of verses, record what the Bible teaches about Satan's power, about God's people in relationship to Satan's power, and about Jesus' purpose with regard to Satan's power:
 - a) 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10; Revelation 13:11-15: **Satan is capable of performing counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders. His power is real.**
 - b) 1 John 5:19: **Satan controls the world.**
 - c) Deuteronomy 18:9-14; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:11: **God's people are to have nothing to do with Satan's power but rather, to expose it as the work of our enemy.**
 - d) Acts 10:38; 1 John 3:8b: **Jesus came to destroy Satan's work and heal those under Satan's power.**
- 3) Read the following passages about God's power in the life of a believer and other powers that battle against us: Acts 1:8, 10:38; Romans 8:38-39; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 4:7, 10:4-5; 12:9; Ephesians 1:18-21, 3:16-21, 6:12; Colossians 2:9-15; 2 Timothy 1:7.
 - a) If Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord over you, name one specific way you see His power at work in your life at the present. **Personal sharing**
 - b) Is there a specific influence (power) over your life that you will ask the Lord to overthrow by His greater power? **Personal sharing**

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- 4) Exploring repetitions gives us insight into themes the Biblical writer intended to emphasize. Give the repeated phrase in each set of verses and try to determine the spiritual lesson or theme it represents.
 - a) Exodus 4:21; 7:3, 13, 14, 22, 23; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 12, 34, 35; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:10; 14:4, 8
 - (1) Phrase = **Pharaoh's heart was hardened (by the Lord, by Pharaoh, and as the Lord said).**
 - (2) Theme = **The Lord's sovereign control over men to accomplish His purposes**
 - b) Exodus 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3
 - (1) Phrase = **"Let my people go so they may worship me."**
 - (2) Theme = **Deliverance from bondage paves the way for worship.**
 - c) Exodus 7:20a; 8:5a with 6a; 8:16a with 17a; 9:8 with 10; 9:22a with 23a; 10:1a with 3a; 10:12 with 13a; 10:21 with 22a
 - (1) Phrase = **"Then the Lord said to Moses...So, Moses..."**
 - (2) Theme = **Courageous obedience to the Lord**
 - d) Exodus 7:17a; 8:10, 22b; 9:14b, 16, 29b; 10:2; 11:9; 14:4
 - (1) Phrase = **"So that you (your children, the Egyptians, all the earth) may know the Lord"**
 - (2) Theme = **God's desire for all people to know Him**
- 5) Which of these themes has the Lord been working to establish in your life recently? **Personal sharing**

Exodus 12-13

- 6) From Exodus 12:3-11, summarize Moses' instructions for preparing and eating the Passover lamb. Select one animal for each household, with smaller households sharing to prevent waste (12:3-4). Choose a year-old male, sheep or goat without defect (12:5). Take care of the animal for four days; then slaughter it at twilight (12:6). Put its blood on your doorframes (12:7). Roast and eat the meat with bitter herbs and unleavened bread (12:8-9). Eat the animal in full or burn its remains before morning (12:10). Eat the meal in haste (12:11).
- 7) According to Exodus 12:13, 23, 24-27, what does the Passover celebration commemorate? The Passover commemorates the night the Lord "passed over" (did not strike dead) the firstborn sons of those with the blood on their doorposts.
- 8) Read Exodus 12:3, 6-7, 12-13; 13:11-16 together with Luke 22:7-8, 23:33; John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 5:7, and 1 Peter 1:18-19. Explain how the Passover involved substitution. What event, future to Moses' day, did this substitution foreshadow? The first Passover lambs (or goats) died in substitution for Israel's firstborn sons. Future celebrations reminded the Israelites of the Lord's deliverance. Once the Israelites arrived in Canaan, each firstborn animal or son was also to be dedicated to the Lord, as a reminder of His goodness. Edible, firstborn animals were to be sacrificed, but animals used for work (like donkeys) could be redeemed with a lamb. All human firstborn sons were also to be redeemed with a lamb. These substitutions foreshadowed the death of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who died for our sins in our place. He was crucified during the annual Passover.
- 9) What has Christ done for you that you have to celebrate? To start your list, see John 3:16, Titus 3:4-7. How could you celebrate today? Personal sharing

Skim Exodus 12-13.

- 10) From Exodus 12:31-39 and 13:18-22, who and what were among the entourage and supplies that left Egypt? The Israelites' took their flocks and herds with them (12:32, 38). They carried unleavened dough in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing on their shoulders (12:34) the Egyptian's wealth (silver, gold, clothing, plunder – "they gave them what they asked for" [12:35-36]), battle armor (13:18), and Joseph's bones (13:19). "Many other people went up with them" (presumably, some Egyptians and other foreigners [12:38]). Altogether, 600,000 men left Egypt, plus women and children (12:37). In a pillar of cloud to guide them by day and a pillar of fire for light at night, the Lord Himself went with them (13:21-22).
- 11) Read Genesis 15:12-14, Exodus 12:40-41, Exodus 13:19, and Hebrews 11:22.
 - a) Which event, anticipated by Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, is mentioned in these verses? The Exodus (with the goal of reaching and inheriting the promised land of Canaan)
 - b) How many years had the Israelites lived in Egypt? 430 years
 - c) Who did not want to be left behind? Joseph
- 12) What promise of God are you eagerly waiting for Him to fulfill? Personal sharing

Exodus 13:17-15:21

- 13) Enjoy reading the drama of Exodus 13:17-15:21. As you read, make a list of everything the passage teaches about the Lord. The Lord has knowledge of and is concerned about our ways and thoughts (13:17-18). He guides and protects us. He fights on our behalf (14:14, 25). His goal is His glory (14:17-18). He controls nature (14:21-22, 29 and 15:8, 10). He is our strength, song, salvation, and a personal God (*my* God [15:2]). The Lord is a warrior, throwing down those who oppose him (15:3, 7). He is above every god ("majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders" [15:11]). He establishes ("plants") and dwells with His people in the land He gives them (15:17). His reign is eternal (15:18).

- 14) What other Biblical events involve(d) passing through water? See Genesis 7:23-24, Joshua 3:14-17, Romans 6:3-4, and 1 Peter 3:20-21. **Noah passed through the great Flood. Under Joshua's leadership, the Israelites crossed the Jordan. Ever since Jesus completed His work of salvation, new believers have passed through the waters of baptism (symbolizing cleansing and new birth from spiritual death to spiritual life).**
- 15) After the Israelites passed safely through the sea, Moses and his sister Miriam led them in songs of rejoicing. Do you know a God-exalting song that you could sing right now and make a regular part of your own private worship this week? Write out the portion of the lyrics that you find especially meaningful in the song you've chosen. **Personal sharing**