

✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



Exodus

MEMORIZATION – Exodus 14:13 – “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today...The Lord will fight for you, you need only be still.”

Chapter 1

1. The Israelites prospered in Egypt and multiplied greatly. Things went well until a new king who _____ came to power.

2. The Egyptians are afraid that the Israelites are not loyal to Egypt. They oppress the Israelites even more. What orders does the king give the Hebrew midwives?

3. Does this order to the midwives work?

4. As a result, what does Pharaoh do?

Chapter 2

1. Moses is a descendant (on both his mother’s and father’s sides) of which son of Jacob?

2. Does Pharaoh’s daughter know the baby is Hebrew?

3. How does Moses end up back in his mother’s arms?

4. Who names Moses?

5. Moses grows up, has an identity crisis, and ends up fleeing. Where does Moses flee?

6. True or false: Moses was in Midian a long time.

7. Pharaoh dies. The Israelites cry out to God for help and God “remembered” His covenant with _____, _____, and _____.

Chapter 3

1. What does Moses see while tending the flock?

2. a) God calls to Moses and identifies Himself as...

b) What does this say about the faith of Moses’ birth parents?

3. God tells Moses to go lead the Israelites out of Egypt and Moses says (circle one):

a) “Here am I, Lord, send me.”

or

b) “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

4. Where does God say Moses and the Israelites will worship God?

5. When Moses asks “Who am I to go to Pharaoh?” God reassures him, “_____.”

6. When Moses asks God His name, God tells him, “_____” and also tells him what will happen with Pharaoh.

7. God tells Moses (and the Israelites) where they are headed. Where is it?

8. God accurately predicts what will occur when Pharaoh is confronted. God says “I will stretch out My hand and strike the Egyptians with all the _____ that _____ will perform among them. _____ that, he will _____.”

Chapter 4

1. Then Moses asks “What if they do not believe me?” and God gives Moses three miracles. What are they?

2. Moses also says to the Lord, “O Lord, I have never been _____...I am _____ of speech and tongue.” And God says, “_____ will help you speak and teach you what to say.”

3. Finally, Moses says “O Lord, _____ _____ _____ _____ to do it.”

4. And God is gracious once again. Whose help does God promise to give to Moses?

5. No doubt we, like Moses, stir God to anger with our rebelliousness and reluctance to do His work. Think about God’s gracious handling of Moses. Pray that you would clearly see God’s plan for your life and that you would be willing to walk that path.

6. Even before the confrontation occurs, God tells Moses of the final ending. What is it?

Double extra credit (because it doesn’t really matter): Zipporah circumcises their son. Obviously, far more is going on than we are told. This passage is difficult (or impossible) to understand, but it begs the question, “Why hadn’t Moses’ son already been circumcised as the Lord had commanded Abraham?” Just think about it.

7. Where does Aaron meet Moses?

8. Aaron and Moses return to Egypt.
- Who tells the Israelite elders everything the Lord had said to Moses?
 - Who performs the signs before the Israelites?
9. And what do the Israelites do (circle one)?
- believe
 - bow down
 - worship
 - all of the above

Chapter 5

- The spiritual lines of battle are drawn. When Moses and Aaron go to Pharaoh they speak of “the Lord, the God of Israel.” What is Pharaoh’s reaction?
- The Israelites are told to gather their own _____ and to make the same number of _____.

Chapter 6 – none

Chapter 7

- Think of this as a spiritual battle between the gods of Egypt and the Lord. According to 7:5 what is God’s purpose in stretching out His hand against Egypt?
- What is the first plague?
- Can Pharaoh’s magicians duplicate this plague?

Chapter 8

- A week later what is the second plague?

2. Can Pharaoh's magicians duplicate this plague?
3. What is the third plague?
4. Can Pharaoh's magicians duplicate this plague?
5. What is the fourth plague?
6. This time there is a geographic limit to the plague. What land is spared?

Chapter 9

1. What is the fifth plague?
2. What is the sixth plague?
3. What is the seventh plague?
4. During the warning for the seventh plague, God tells us His purpose for these events. He is not just rescuing His nation. What is His purpose?
5. When Moses announces this seventh plague, what do some of Pharaoh's officials do?

Chapter 10

1. What is the eighth plague?
2. God now says these miraculous signs are for what purpose?
3. What is the reaction of Pharaoh's officials to this warning?

4. What is the ninth plague?

Chapter 11

1. What is the tenth plague?

Chapter 12

1. God's instructions for the first Passover:

a) what are the Israelites to do on the 10th day of the month?

b) what are they to do on the 14th day of the month at twilight?

c) what are they to "paint" on the sides and tops of their doorframes?

2. God says that on the night of Passover: "_____ will pass through Egypt and strike down every _____ - both men and animals - and _____ will bring _____ on _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ I am the Lord."

3. God paints a picture of salvation! Meditate on the symbolism of the Israelites being saved from judgment by the blood of the lamb.

4. God makes this an annual festival. What feast is Passover?

5. What percentage of the houses of Egypt have someone dead?

6. How many Israelite men left Egypt (not counting women and children)?

Extra credit: Notice the phrase "Many other people went up with them..." Who do you think these people are? Find other Scripture passages that support your answer.

Chapter 13

1. The Lord is very specific regarding how Passover is to be observed. He says:

a) “This observance will be for you like a _____ on your hand and a _____ on your forehead that the law of the Lord is to be on your lips.”

b) And in a later verse: “It will be like a _____ on your hand and a _____ on your forehead that the Lord brought us out of Egypt with His mighty hand.”

2. Whose bones leave Egypt with the Israelites?

3. What are the two forms in which the Lord is with them both day and night?

Chapter 14

1. God tells the Israelites where to turn back and camp so that Pharaoh will pursue them and God will gain glory. What will the Egyptians then know?

2. True or false: The Israelites see the Egyptian army marching after them and boldly prepare for battle.

3. What is Moses' response to the people?

4. Remember that this is also a battle against the gods of Egypt. God says that through the coming confrontation (circle one):

a) the Egyptians will know that He is the Lord.

b) He will gain glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and his horsemen.

c) both of the above

5. What two things move from the front of Israel's army to the back, thereby standing guard between the Israelites and Pharaoh's army?

6. During that night the waters are separated to give a dry highway for Israel with walls of water to the left and right. The Egyptians follow them into the sea. What does the Lord cause to happen to the chariots?

7. And what is the response of the Egyptians? Think about how hard it would be to explain this occurrence any other way.

8. At daybreak Moses stretches out his hands again and the sea closes in. How many of Pharaoh's army survive?

Chapter 15

1. Aaron is Miriam's brother. Who else is her brother?

2. It appears to be about two months from the time the Israelites leave Egypt until they reach Mt Sinai. As you read chapters 15-17, make a list of miracles God performs from the time of the Red Sea crossing until reaching Mt. Sinai.

Chapter 16

1. Feeding this many people (probably about 2 million) in the desert is a challenge. What does God provide?

Trick question: Could the Israelites keep the manna until morning?

2. The manna continued for how long?

Chapter 17

1. Moses chooses a general. What is his name?

2. Remember the old hymn that said, “You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet’s arms?” Read the account of the battle that inspired this verse.

Chapter 18

1. Where are the Israelites camped when Jethro meets with Moses? Compare this phrase to Exodus 3:1.

2. It’s classic clergy burn out! Jethro tells Moses he can’t do it all and his job is to “_____ them the _____ and _____, and show them the _____ and the _____ they are to perform.”

Chapter 19

Extra credit: The Israelites travel from Rephidim, “near the mountain of God,” to Mt. Sinai. On a map, locate the traditional site of Mt Sinai (in the Sinai Peninsula). When Moses fled from Egypt he went to Midian and it was there he met God in the burning bush on “the mountain of God” (Exodus 3:1-2). Read the Lord’s statement in Exodus 3:12. Locate Midian on a map. Whoops! In your opinion, which seems to be the most accurate location for Mt. Sinai?

1. God speaks to Israel through Moses. The Lord says to Israel, “You will be for me a _____ of _____ and a _____.” Think about the duties of priests to their congregations. Think of Israel as the priests and the rest of the world as the congregation. Remember that Israel is to be “a blessing to the nations.”

2. Carefully read the account of God coming to Moses on the mountain. Write down some of the sights and sounds.

3. God tells Moses to keep everyone away from the mountain except for whom?

Chapter 20

1. Give the verse and a brief summary for each of the ten commandments.

1st –

2nd –

3rd –

4th –

5th –

6th –

7th –

8th –

9th –

10th –

2. These chapters of strict rules are difficult (impossible?) for us to understand. Remember that the nation of Israel had become very much influenced by the Egyptian culture in which they had been living for over 400 years. These rules (and the many that follow in upcoming Old Testament books) are God's way of purifying and training His people for His purpose.

Chapter 21

1. Read 21:22-25. What does this say about God's definition of the life of the unborn child?

Chapter 22 - none

Chapter 23

1. What are the three annual festivals?

2. In 23:20-24 read God's instructions for entering Canaan. This is a spiritual battle and God says the land must be cleansed. "You must _____ them and break their _____ to pieces."

3. What are the borders God will establish for the Israelites?

4. What will happen if the Israelites let those living in the land remain living there with the Israelites?

Chapter 24

1. In chapter 24 Moses is again called to come up to the Lord. Who is to join Moses this time?

2. Who writes down everything the Lord says?

3. Moses builds an altar at the foot of the mountain and what does he set up?

4. God calls Moses to come up and receive the tablets of stone. What is written on the tablets?

5. This time Moses goes up with Joshua. Who does he leave behind to settle disputes?

6. How long is Moses on the mountain?

Chapter 25

1. The Lord tells Moses to receive offerings for the Lord from each man whose _____ prompts him to give. Ask yourself if your offerings to the Lord are prompted from your heart.

Extra credit: The Israelites had been slaves. From where did all the riches come?

2. God says they are to make a sanctuary for Him and He will _____
_____.

3. As you read the instructions for making the ark, the table, the lampstand, the tabernacle, etc., try to picture each in your mind. (But don't get caught up in the details.)

4. Where will God meet with Moses?

5. What's the prevalent metal inside the tabernacle?

Chapter 26

1. The tabernacle is divided by a curtain. It separates what two spaces?

2. What goes into the Most Holy Place?

Chapter 27

1. What is the prevalent metal in the courtyard of the tabernacle?

2. What else is the tabernacle called?

3. When are the lamps to be burning?

4. Who is put in charge of the lamps?

Chapter 28

1. We see God establish a priesthood. Whose family is chosen as priests?

2. What is the purpose of the priestly garments?

Chapter 29

1. Blood sacrifice.

29:10 “Bring the bull to the front of the Tent of Meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall _____ on its head.”

29:15 “Take one of the rams, and Aaron and his sons shall _____ on its head.”

29:19 “Take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall _____ on its head.”

Think of the symbolism of this transferring of sin to the innocent victim.

2. It’s so easy to skim over lengthy instructions. Slow down and watch for terms such as “atonement” and “ransom.” Count the times the word “atonement” is used in 29:33-37 alone.

3. The Lord’s desire here is to be the God of Israel. But it is obvious that the Israelites need instruction and training. Write out 29:45-46 and think of God speaking not only to the Israelites, but also to us, His New Testament people.

Chapter 30

1. Imagine the Lord God on His throne with the whiffs of sweet-smelling incense reaching Him – incense that is burned by His people who love Him and worship only Him. When is incense to be burned?

Chapter 31

1. Moses receives the two tablets of stone inscribed by the _____ of _____. WOW!

Chapter 32

1. The Israelites can’t be left alone without getting into trouble. The people say to Aaron “Come make us _____ who will go before us.” Notice that there is no mention of the God of Israel.

2. Who fashions the calf with a tool?

3. And they say “These are your _____ O Israel, who _____
_____.”

4. There is ungodly sacrifice and “revelry.” The Lord knows that these people are unfaithful. Moses speaks on behalf of the Israelites and tells God that He must preserve them as a witness to the Egyptians and because of His promises to _____ and _____.

5. Moses assumes that Aaron must have been threatened by the people to have allowed this desecration to occur. Read the explanation Aaron gives Moses. Does his story talk about how he fashioned the calf with a tool (see 32:4)?

6. Who joins Moses “for the Lord?”

Chapter 33

1. At the Tent of Meeting the Lord speaks to Moses “_____ to _____, as a man speaks with his _____.”

2. Who does not leave the tent?

3. Moses pleads with God for His Presence to go with the Israelites. And Moses sees the glory of God. This story is beyond our comprehension, but how awesome to think that this incredible God is also our own personal Savior.

Chapter 34

1. “The _____, the _____, the _____ and _____ God, slow to _____, abounding in _____ and _____, maintaining _____ to _____, and _____ wickedness, rebellion and sin.”

2. God makes a covenant. The way He deals with His people will be a witness to other nations. “The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you.” But God warns the Israelites again not to make a treaty with those in the land or they will be a snare. What are the Israelites to do to the pagan altars, sacred stones and Asherah poles?

3. What will happen if the Israelites intermarry with those in the land?

Chapter 35

1. “Everyone who is willing” is to bring material for the Tabernacle. How much material is brought?

Chapter 36 – none

Chapter 37 – none

Chapter 38 – none

Chapter 39

1. Tabernacle or Tent of Meeting? The terms are confusing. It appears that prior to the making of the Tabernacle, Moses met with God in the Tent of Meeting. But at some point the terms are also interchangeable. Note 39:32 where it says, “So all the work on the _____, the _____ _____ _____, was completed.” And notice the forthcoming times in chapters 39 and 40 where the same phrase using both terms is used.

Chapter 40

1. What is placed in the ark?

2. Moses sets up the Tabernacle and what fills the Tabernacle?

3. From this time on how did the Israelites know to break up camp and set out?

4. “The pillar of cloud and fire continues with the Israelites in the sight of _____ the house of Israel during _____ their travels.”

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