

## EXPLORING GOD'S WORD LESSON 4

[Read Exodus 1:1-14 & 22]

God chose Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to be the patriarchs of a great nation. Jacob (Israel) and his sons relocate to Egypt under the protection of his son Joseph. The children of Israel would live in the land of Goshen for nearly 400 years, and grow from a small family of 70 people into a nation of hundreds of thousands of people.

A new king comes to power. He fears the numbers and might of Israel. So he enslaves them and eventually begins systematically killing every male child. Yet, in all of this suffering and loss, the purpose of God continues to advance as the children of Israel continue to increase and multiply.

### I. GOD RAISES UP A DELIVERER – MOSES [Read Acts 7:17-22]

#### 1. God Spares Moses' Life as Child: [Read Exodus 2:1-10]

- a. Moses is hidden by his parents for three months.
- b. When he could not be hidden any longer, his mother made an ark and placed him in the river.
- c. Moses is discovered by Pharaoh's daughter and raised as a prince in Egypt.

#### 2. Moses' Makes the Right Choice: [Read Hebrews 11:23-29 & Acts 7:23-25]

- a. By faith, he chose to suffer with God's people, instead of enjoying the pleasures of sin for a season.
- b. Moses forsook Egypt and refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.
- c. Responding to God in faith will often bring us to a point of decision.

#### 3. Moses' Receives His Calling: [Read Acts 7:30-34]

- a. After 40 years of the wilderness, God spoke to Moses from a burning bush.
- b. God revealed himself to Moses as the I AM (Genesis 3:14)

#### 4. Moses Life can be Divided into Three 40 Year Segments.

- a. 40 years in Egypt – Preservation
- b. 40 years in Midian – Preparation
- c. 40 years leading Israel – Purpose

### II. ISRAEL'S EXODUS – FORESHADOWS GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

The Exodus from Egypt is a beautiful picture of God's New Testament plan of deliverance from sin and death. Moses confronts Pharaoh and commands him to let the people go. Pharaoh hardens his heart. Therefore, God uses Moses to bring judgement upon Egypt in the form of 10 plagues.

#### 1. The Ten Plagues: God's Judgement

- 1) Water to Blood
- 2) Frogs
- 3) Lice

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| 4) Flies        | 7) Hail     | 10) Firstborn Slain |
| 5) Cattle Slain | 8) Locusts  |                     |
| 6) Boils        | 9) Darkness |                     |

[Read Exodus 12:1-3, 7-8 & 12-14]

## **2. Saved by the Blood of the Lamb:**

The Angel of the Lord was to pass through Egypt and execute judgement upon the land. Only those who offered a substitutionary sacrifice would be spared from losing their firstborn. "When I see the blood, I will pass over..."

- a. The blood of the Passover lamb pointed to the atoning blood of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God without spot or blemish.
- b. This event also foreshadows our repentance and turning to Christ as our atonement. When we turn to Him and apply His sacrificial death to our lives, the judgement of God will pass over us.
- c. It is not enough for the Lamb to die; His blood must be applied.

## **3. Jesus is Our Passover.**

- a. The Jews were instructed to commemorate this day with an annual feast.
- b. Jesus is the perfect Lamb of God and was crucified more than a thousand years later at Passover, fulfilling this foreshadow.
- c. Jesus used the Passover meal to introduce the New Covenant and point to Himself as its fulfillment [Read Luke 22:14-20]

## **4. They passed through the Red Sea:** [Read Exodus 14:13-14 & 21-23]

This is a type of baptism.

"...the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever"

Just as God removed the past from Egypt by passing through the water, He removes our sin from us in the waters of baptism. (See Acts 22:16)

## **5. They Followed the Cloud:** [Read Exodus 13:21-22]

This is a type of the Spirit.

God's plan of deliverance for the Hebrew slaves from Egypt foreshadowed our deliverance from the bondage of sin. [See Acts 2:37-39 & Romans 6:3-5]

Two Baptisms: (Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-2)

- a. Passover = Blood & Death. This is fulfilled in turning to Jesus in repentance.
- b. Red Sea Crossing = Burial & Removal of the Past. This is fulfilled in water baptism.
- c. Promise Land = A New Life. This is fulfilled through the promise of the Holy Spirit.