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30 MINUTE GUIDE



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FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT—THIS IS THE STORY WE ALL SHARE, AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

HE DRAWS US OUT TO DRAW US IN. FROM THE BIRTH OF ISRAEL TO THE CHURCH TODAY. GOD DELIVERS AND **DWELLS WITH** HIS PEOPLE. "I WILL TAKE YOU
TO BE MY PEOPLE,
AND I WILL BE
YOUR GOD, AND
YOU SHALL KNOW
THAT I AM THE
LORD YOUR GOD,
WHO HAS
BROUGHT YOU
OUT FROM UNDER
THE BURDENS OF
THE EGYPTIANS."

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BEFORE EXODUS: A SUMMARY OF GENESIS



The first book of the Bible, Genesis, begins with a description of God creating the universe. Everything He made—from land to light to vegetation to animals—He called "good." Only when God created man and woman did He deem creation "very good" and complete. Adam and Eve lived in the garden of Eden and had dominion over creation. But it didn't take long for the peace of Eden to shatter.

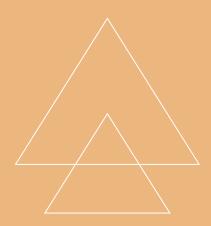
Sin entered the world and changed everything. Mankind became separated from God, banished from paradise. Nothing would be the same. As mankind multiplied, they filled the earth and corrupted it. God brought His judgment upon earth, wiping out mankind with a flood and using the family of Noah to start anew. The Lord had a plan of redemption, and He would carry it out.

Generations passed, and the father of a future people, Abraham, was born. Abraham settled in Haran, where he received a promise from God. The promise was this: God would make Abraham and his offspring into a great nation, and they would one day dwell in the Promised Land. Abraham then moved his family to Canaan, but when a time of drought and famine hit, he brought them to Egypt.

Years passed, and Abraham had a son, Isaac, and Isaac had a son, named Jacob. Now Jacob had 12 sons, but the youngest, Joseph, was his favorite. Joseph's brothers, in their jealousy, sold Joseph into slavery. But the Lord gave Joseph favor with the pharaoh of Egypt, and Joseph rose to power in the royal palace. And when famine ravaged the land of Canaan, Joseph's family came to Egypt, seeking food and provisions, and Joseph forgave his brothers.

So the house of Jacob remained in Egypt, and Joseph lived 110 years. But before he breathed his last, Joseph reminded the people of God's promise to draw them out of Egypt and into the Promised Land.

EXODUS PARTS I-2: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE



More than 400 years passed from the time God made His promise to Abraham, and the Israelites still had not seen its fulfillment. Instead, they lived as foreigners in the land of Egypt. The Egyptians feared that the Israelites would grow into a mighty nation and overtake them, so the pharaoh of Egypt forced them to work as slaves. Day after day, the Israelites worked in the heat of the sun and sand, the taskmasters whipping their backs, sweat stinging their wounds. But the nation of Israel continued to grow.

One day, Pharaoh sent out a terrible decree: Every son born to the Israelites would be thrown into the Nile River. But a Levite couple defied this order. When they could no longer hide their baby boy, the mother placed him in a basket and into the river, trusting God's will for his life. And God did have a plan for the child.

Pharaoh's daughter found the basket, caught in the reeds beside the river. She took pity on the crying baby and decided to take him in as her own child. She named him "Moses" because he was drawn out of the water.

The years went by, and Moses grew into a man within the walls of the palace. But when he saw the suffering of his people, anger burned within him. After he witnessed an Egyptian beating an Israelite, Moses killed the man and fled Egypt to hide in the desert.

But he could not escape the path God had for him. One day, he came upon a bush, consumed by flames but not burned to ash. Then the voice of God called out to Moses. God told Moses that He saw the persecution of His people and heard their cries. He promised to deliver them from slavery, and He commanded Moses to go before Pharaoh, the very man Moses had escaped from. Moses was terrified to return. But God sent Moses' brother, Aaron, to go with him, and they obeyed.

But Pharaoh would not listen. God had hardened his heart, and the king of Egypt would not be moved by signs and wonders. Even when Aaron's staff transformed into a snake, slithering on the sand, Pharaoh refused to believe. So the God of the Israelites brought down plagues upon Egypt. The water of the Nile turned to blood. Frogs, gnats and flies swarmed over every inch of land, and locusts consumed the fields. Darkness descended, blotting out the sun for days. Nine plagues in all, but Pharaoh's heart remained hard as stone.

To prepare for the 10th and final plague,
Moses had the Israelites mark their doors with
the blood of spotless lambs. That night, the
Passover, the angel of death passed through
the kingdom, killing the firstborn child of every
Egyptian household that did not bear the mark.
Not even the child of Pharaoh was spared.

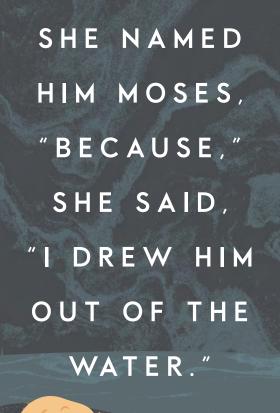
With that, Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron to take the Israelites and go. They were free.

Thousands of men, women and children journeyed out toward the Promised Land. By night, a pillar of fire led the people, and by daylight, a pillar of cloud. This was the Spirit of the Lord, who did not leave the people.

Then God warned Moses: Pharaoh and the Egyptian army were coming to recapture the Israelites.

When the Israelites came to the Red Sea, they cried out in fear. Certain death awaited them on either side—the sea ahead or the chariots of the Egyptian army behind. But Moses lifted his staff to the sky, and the waters parted. The Israelites passed through the towering waves that stood like walls on each side of them, but the Egyptians—they were swallowed by the sea. God had indeed drawn His people out of bondage, out of darkness, and He would dwell with them soon.

The story of Israel is also the story of us today; we are God's people. He draws us out of our sin, our Egypt, and draws us into His presence, into relationship with Him.



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SERMON SCHEDULE

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The Israelites are Slaves

God Hears the Cries of Israel

The Burning Bush

The Great I AM

Vision Sunday

EXODUS PART TWO

Wonders and Signs

Straws and Bricks

The Seven "I Wills" of Salvation

The Plagues Part 1

The Plagues Part 2

January 3

January 10

January 17

January 24

January 31

February 7

February 14

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February 28

March 7

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The 10 plagues of Egypt were acts of divine justice by God against the oppressors of His people. They demonstrated the power of the one, true God and exposed the gods that the Egyptians worshiped as false. Each plague corresponded to particular Egyptian gods and served to prove—both to the Egyptians and the Israelites—who the true Sovereign Ruler was.



// PLAGUE

Water turned to blood

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Apis, Isis, Khnum and Osiris, gods of the Nile

// EFFECT

It killed all the fish and made the water unusable, devastating the economy.



// PLAGUE

Frogs

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Heqet, the frog goddess

// EFFECT

Frogs invaded all the homes and later died. The Egyptians believed frogs to be sacred.





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// PLAGUE

Diseased livestock

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Hathor and Apis, cattle gods

// EFFECT

The Egyptian cattle died, devastating the economy further.



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// PLAGUE

Boils

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Sekhmet, Sunu and Isis, gods over health and disease

// EFFECT

Boils covered the bodies of the Egyptians and kept the sorcerers away from the royal court.



// PLAGUE

Hail

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Nut, the sky goddess, Osiris, the crop fertility god, and Set, the storm god

// EFFECT

Hail and fire ruined the Egyptians' land.



// PLAGUE

Locusts

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Nut, Osiris and Set

// EFFECT

The locusts devoured the Egyptian crops, preventing a harvest for that year.



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// PLAGUE

Darkness

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Re, god of the sun, also symbolic of Pharaoh himself

// EFFECT

Darkness covered Egypt for three days, but the Israelite homes still had light.



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// PLAGUE

Death of the Egyptian firstborn sons

// EGYPTIAN GOD(S)

Isis, the protector of children, and also served as judgment on Pharaoh himself

// EFFECT

The angel of God killed the firstborn sons of the Egyptians but passed over the homes of the Israelites.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

ONE OF OUR HOPES FOR THE EXODUS SERIES IS TO BE FILLED WITH AWE AND WONDER BY THE LIVING GOD. HE DRAWS US OUT OF DARKNESS AND DRAWS US INTO HIS LIGHT. HERE ARE SOME ATTRIBUTES OF GOD TO LOOK FOR AND MEDITATE ON AS YOU READ, PRAY AND DISCUSS EXODUS WITHIN YOUR GROUP.

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Almighty // Nothing is too hard for God.
Attentive // God hears and responds to the prayers of His children.
Compassionate // God sees, cares and acts when His children are in need.
Creator // God made everything.
Deliverer // God rescues His children.
Faithful // God always does what He says He will do.
Generous // God gives what is best.
Glorious // God shows His greatness and worth.
Good // God is what is best.
Holy // God is completely perfect and separate from sin.
Just // God is right to punish sin.
Loving // God does what is best.
Merciful // God does not give His children the punishment they deserve.
Provider // God meets the needs of His children.
Refuge // God is a place of safety and protection for His children.
Sovereign // God has the right, wisdom and power to do all that He pleases.
Unchanging // God never changes.
Wise // God knows what is best.
Worthy // Only God deserves all glory.
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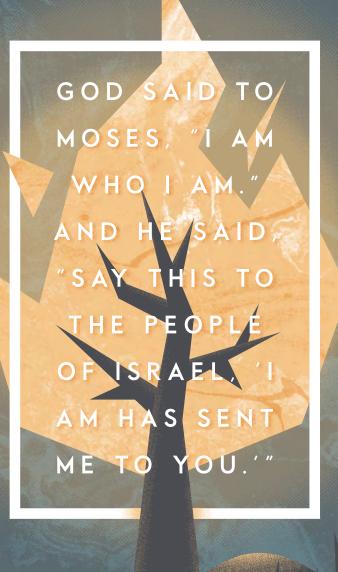
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- // Exodus LifeChange Bible study by The Navigators
- // Exodus: Saved for God's Glory commentary by Philip Graham Ryken
- // "The Book of Exodus" videos by The Bible Project on YouTube
- // Explanation of Pharaoh's Hardened Heart: www.gotquestions.org/God-harden-Pharaoh-heart.html
- // Chart of the 10 Plagues: www.biblecharts.org/oldtestament/thetenplagues.pdf
- // "Time, Moments and Milestones" blog post by The Village Church: www.thevillagechurch.net/the-village-blog/time-moments-and-milestones/
- // Explanation of Exodus 4:24-26: www.gotquestions.org/kill-Moses.html



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Exodus 6

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Exodus 9:13-11:10

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January 18 – January 23

January 25 – January 30

February 1 – February 6

February 8 – February 13

February 15 – February 20

February 22 – February 27

March 1 - March 6

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EXODUS // WHAT TO EXPECT

THANK YOU

Thank you for setting aside time to join us each week as we study the book of Exodus together. We've worked hard to provide you some great resources that should help you better understand God's story through the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the Promised Land.

As with most journeys, there are starts and stops, bumps along the way, and often unexpected detours. We encourage you to use the prayer guide on the next page to prepare your heart for the journey God would like to take **YOU** on over the coming weeks.

Know that we are praying for you as you discover over these coming weeks what God wanted the Israelites to discover all of those years ago - That **HE LOVES YOU**, **WILL PROVIDE FOR YOUR NEEDS**, and **WANTS TO DRAW YOU OUT** so that **HE MAY DRAW YOU IN TO HIMSELF**.

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EACH WEEK

Each week, we will set aside around 30 minutes to get together as a group on Zoom. Using the Zoom number provided in the emails and/or texts you have received, please join each week as we spend the first few minutes checking in, around 10-15 minutes reading/discussing the passage for the week and finally, around 10 minutes praying for each other.

Your group host has worked hard and set aside time to be here with you each week to provide a space where you can find community and growth. Please let them know that you appreciate them. If you have any questions on Exodus or any other topic, please reach out to us at groups@bayhills.net.

AS WE BEGIN OUR STUDY OF EXODUS, SPEND SOME TIME PRAYING THROUGH THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- // Thank the Lord for giving us His Word and letting us know the story of Exodus. Thank Him for continuing His story through our stories. Ask God to open your eyes to the ways He draws us out to draw us in.
- // Think about specific areas of sin and darkness God has drawn you out of. Praise Him for rescuing you. Ask for strength to confess sin and flee from any darkness in which you currently find yourself.
- // Throughout our study, we will see many different attributes of God. Think of as many words as you can to describe God, and praise Him for who He is. For some examples, look at the "Attributes of God" list on p. 13.

- // Pray that your group would have fruitful discussion each week and that, through the study of God's Word, you will grow together and pursue Christ with all your hearts.
- // Ask God to tune your heart to the Holy Spirit as He makes you aware of time, moments and milestones to leverage for fruitful discipleship throughout this study.
- // Pray for unity in the church as we walk through Exodus together. Ask the Lord to speak through our teachers who will teach each weekend and to sustain them through this long series. Thank the Lord for your gospel-centered community, and ask Him to help you hold one another accountable throughout this study.

"THE LORD IS MY
STRENGTH AND
MY SONG, AND
HE HAS BECOME
MY SALVATION;
THIS IS MY GOD,
AND I WILL
PRAISE HIM, MY
FATHER'S GOD,
AND I WILL
EXALT HIM."

EXODUS 15:2

