

The Bible Challenge

Week 5

Please answer these questions as you read along the Daily Lesson Plan. Feel free to print this sheet out, and save it for study records.

Day 029 / Gen 48-50

1. Do a web search for a list of the 12 Tribes of Israel (Jacob) and write down each of the names.
2. What do you notice about this list that pertains to Jacob's two main speeches today (chapters 48 and 49)?
3. How does the story of Jacob's grandsons parallel his own story with his brother Esau (48:8-20)?
4. Why does Jacob retract the primary blessing (reserved for the firstborn) from his three oldest sons? Which son does the blessing land on? Read Micah 5:2 and Matthew 1:1-16. What's noteworthy about these connections?
5. What request does Joseph make for his burial?

Day 030 / Exo 1-3

1. Who wrote Exodus?
2. To or for whom was it written?
3. When was it written?
4. What is the literary style (narrative, history, wisdom, prophecy, letter, etc.)?
5. Why are the Hebrew midwives honored for (likely) lying? What does this reveal about God?
6. How does Pharaoh's oppression impact the numbers of the Hebrew population?
7. According to Exodus 2:1-10, which of the 12 Tribes of Israel (Jacob) is Moses from?
8. How would you summarize each of Moses' excuses today when God appoints him?

Day 031 / Exo 4-6

1. How would you summarize each of Moses' excuses today when God appoints him?
2. God promises opposition from Pharaoh but says Moses will eventually succeed at rescuing the Israelites out of slavery. According to 3:20-22, what will they take with them when they go?
3. Based on what relieves God's anger in 4:25-26, why is God angry in 4:24? Why was this important? Use a study Bible or commentary for help if you need it.
4. When Moses and Aaron get to Egypt and obey God's commands, do things get better or worse?
5. Review 6:6-8 and list all the things God says He will do for the Israelites as a group. What does He ask of them in return?
6. According to 6:9, why didn't the people believe Moses when he tells them about God's promises?



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Day 032 / Exo 7-9

1. What happened when Pharaoh called in his magicians during plagues #1 and #2? Were they able to stop or reverse the plagues?
2. Why did God raise Pharaoh to a position of power? What is the ultimate purpose of Pharaoh's leadership?
3. How did God treat the servants of Pharaoh in 9:20-21? What does this reveal about God?
4. How many plagues did it take for Pharaoh to finally admit his sin? Was his admission indicative of genuine repentance?
5. In 9:29-30, how does Moses respond to Pharaoh's admission of guilt?

Day 033 / Exo 10-12

1. In 10:7, even Pharaoh's servants plead with him to let the people go. He appears to listen to them at first. Why do you think he ultimately refuses?
2. Some of the plagues are location-specific or only affect the Egyptians. What do you think God is emphasizing by drawing this distinction (11:7)?
3. Look at a door frame. Imagine dipping a branch of leaves into blood to paint a mark on the left side and the right side, and also on the lintel / top beam (12:7, 22-23). What image would this create as the blood drips down from the top beam? What does this foreshadow?
4. Review 3:20-22. What specific promises that seemed impossible did God fulfill in chapter 12?
5. According to 12:40, how long did the Israelites live in Egypt? Review the promise God made Abram in Genesis 15:13. Did God break His promise? What might account for this distinction?

Day 034 / Exo 13-15

1. In 13:9 and 13:16, where does Moses tell the Israelites to commemorate God's rescue?
2. According to 13:17-18, why did God send the Israelites the long way around?
3. Although Moses is the leader of the Israelites, who is actually guiding and directing their steps? Cite some of the verse(s) where you see this referenced in today's reading.
4. Practically speaking, how would a cloud be helpful in the desert during the day? How would a pillar of fire be helpful in the desert at night?
5. In 14:1-3, when God warns Moses that Pharaoh is coming, what directions does He give him for preparation? And what does 14:4 say about God's motive behind these instructions?



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Day 035 / Exo 16-18

1. How would you summarize the Israelites' attitude in 16:1-8? How does God respond to their actions in 16:9? And in 16:12?
2. What practical purpose did the manna serve? What spiritual purpose did the manna serve? What other symbolic or eternal purposes might also be served through the manna?
3. What instructions does God give Moses for getting water in 17:6?
4. What theme do you see in the stories from 17:12 and 18:18-23?
5. Review 18:1 and 18:10-12. Who are the Midianites? Why is Jethro's story significant?



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