

# Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

## Early Old Testament Foundations: Exodus 5-20

For class to be held Nov. 21, 2015

Put priority on reading for a spiritual experience. Always pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for a heart to conform to truth. Guide questions are to help the reader catch some of the key concepts and details.

### Exodus 5-7

1. Since the Egyptians worshipped many gods, what is rather startling about Pharaoh's refusal in Ex. 5:2?
2. What is implied in verses 4, 5 and 8 of chapter 5? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who was beaten when the Israelites couldn't make their quota of bricks?
4. In chapter 5, how does Moses fit into the chain of blame? \_\_\_\_\_
5. After God's explanation for his coming actions in Ex. 6:1-6, He concludes by saying, "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments." What does verse 7 give as the reason or purpose for these great judgments? \_\_\_\_\_
6. When God told Moses to go again to Pharaoh to request that Israel be allowed to go into the wilderness, what reason did Moses give for certainty that Pharaoh wouldn't listen?

**Note:** Ex. 6:14-27 appears to be a genealogical insert by Moses to make sure that future readers would understand the descendants of Levi, the priestly tribe, and Moses and Aaron's connection to them.

7. What notable or surprising relatives of Moses are found here?
8. What did God intend Moses to be to Pharaoh? \_\_\_\_\_ And what was Aaron to be for Moses? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Why did God want Pharaoh's heart to be hard, according to Ex. 7:3-5?
10. How was the God of Moses' authority upheld in spite of the fact that the Egyptian sorcerer's rods appeared to become serpents just as Aaron's had? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What was the first plague? \_\_\_\_\_
12. According to verse 22, what made Pharaoh's heart grow hard?
13. How many days passed before God sent Moses back to Pharaoh? \_\_\_\_\_

### Exodus 8-10

1. What is the significance of Moses letting Pharaoh say when the plague of frogs should be removed?
2. Why did Pharaoh's heart grow hard this time? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did Pharaoh's magicians become convinced that the plague of lice truly was from the God of Moses?
4. For what reason did God say the plague of flies would not come upon His people in Goshen?
5. Who hardened Pharaoh's heart, according to Ex. 8:32? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What was the 5<sup>th</sup> plague? \_\_\_\_\_ 6<sup>th</sup>? Plague? \_\_\_\_\_
7. In Ex. 9:13-16, what is given as the reason for the plagues and the purpose of Pharaoh's life?
8. In the account of the 7<sup>th</sup> plague, what evidence shows some of the Egyptians were learning?
9. How does Pharaoh seem to making positive progress? \_\_\_\_\_
10. In Ex. 9:29, 34, how does Moses avoid getting hit by the hail? Again, what was Moses to Pharaoh? \_\_\_\_\_

11. How do Pharaoh's servants intervene to avoid the plague of locusts? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How were the servants' efforts ruined by Pharaoh?
13. Why was darkness such an instructive plague? \_\_\_\_\_ After the darkness, Pharaoh tells them they can go, but how does he still hold back?  
 \*\*\*Suggested Reading: Patriarchs and Prophets, chapter 23

**Exodus 11-12:33**

1. What did the Israelites understand the Passover to mean?
2. What act determined if one was trusting God for the first born to be spared in the 10<sup>th</sup> plague?

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: PP, chapter 24

**Exodus 12:33-15:21**

1. In what way did the Israelites plunder the Egyptians? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who was the "mixed multitude" that left Egypt with the Israelites?
3. Who was prohibited from eating the Passover? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How often was the Passover to be kept as an ordinance?
5. Why didn't God lead the Israelites on the shortest route to the land of Canaan?
6. When the Israelites were trapped by the sea with Pharaoh's army coming toward them, what did they have to do to be saved?
7. What gave Israel time to cross the Red Sea? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many survivors of the Egyptian army returned back to Egypt?
9. Of what significance is Ex. 15:14-17?

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: PP chapter 25

**Exodus 15:22-18:27**

1. Where was the bitter waters made sweet? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened when people gathered more manna than needed for one day? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What happened when people gathered a double amount on the 6<sup>th</sup> day?
3. What was God teaching Israel by no manna falling on the 7<sup>th</sup> day? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many years did they eat manna? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did the people murmur again for water? \_\_\_\_\_ How did God give them water this time?
6. What people attacked Israel there? \_\_\_\_\_ What had to be done for Israel to defeat the people that attacked them?
7. What was Jethro's organizational plan to reduce the load of responsibilities on Moses?

\*\*\*Suggested Reading: PP chapter 26

**Exodus 19:1-20:21**

1. Ex. 19:5, 6 constitutes God's official call to Israel to be His special people. What two roles were they to have among the nations of the earth? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why should Ex. 20:2 be considered part of the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment with verse 3?
3. What is given as the reason to keep the Sabbath? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which commandment has a promise in it, and what is it?
5. Overall, how did the people respond to seeing so much of the glory and majesty of God? \_\_\_\_\_