

Study Guide Questions: Exodus 1-12

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Exodus 1 - 3

1. How were the Israelites treated after Joseph’s death? Why?

2. Who is the likely author/redactor of the passage: “But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread...?”(1.12)

3. What was Pharaoh’s cruel plan to ruin the Israelites? What ruler in the Gospel of Matthew did the same thing?

3. Who were the Hebrew midwives and what excuse did they give to Pharaoh for not carrying out his orders?

4. What other vessel was sealed with pitch in Genesis? What might be the symbolic connection?

5. What is the name of Moses’ sister? (Look it up, it is not mentioned in chapter two.)

6. How was Moses raised?

7. Why did Moses become a fugitive?

8. Who did Moses marry? Who is his father-in-law? Who is his son?

9. What is Mt. Horeb? What occurs here?

10. How does Moses respond to his first encounter with God?

11. What mission does God assign to Moses?

12. Read Jeremiah 1:5-9. Michael Fishbane in *Text and Texture* has identified a four phase pattern in this passage and in Exodus 3: 4-12 and in 4:10-16. Complete the table below based on the pattern and your reading. Notice the pattern occurs also in Isaiah 6:1–7 and Ezekiel 2:1 – 3:9

	Jeremiah	Exodus 3: 4-12	Exodus 4:10-16
Encounter with God	1:5		-----
Commission and sending	1:5		-----
Resistance/ Impediment to speech	1:6		
Divine assurance and preparation of mouth of prophet	1:7-10; 1:17-19 1:9		

Exodus 4-6

13. What three special powers did the Lord give Moses for his mission?
14. What handicap does Moses feel he has according to 4:10-11?
15. How will Moses and Aaron deliver God's message to Pharaoh?
16. Why did the Lord try to kill Moses on the way back to Egypt?
17. How does the Pharaoh respond to Moses' request that the people be allowed to celebrate a festival in the wilderness?

Exodus 6:28 - 7:13

18. Why is Aaron sent with Moses to Pharaoh?
19. Why will the pharaoh not listen to Moses and Aaron?
20. What proof of God's power does Aaron demonstrate?
21. Does the author deny the power of sorcery?
22. Look up the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert (Matthew 4:5-7).
 - A) Does Jesus rely on signs of God's power? Explain.
 - B) Compare to Exodus 7:8-13.
23. Why do you think God purposely makes Pharaoh stubborn?

Exodus 7-10

24. There is a three triplet pattern in the first nine plagues. It is related to the instructions the LORD gives to Moses regarding *where* and *when* to tell Pharaoh to let the people go. Fill out the following table as you read this passage.

Inner Sequence	1 st triplet	2 nd triplet	3 rd triplet
River Warning _____	1. Blood 7:15	4. _____ 8:20	(7. Hail 9:13)
Palace warning “Go to” Today.	2.	5. Livestock disease 9:1	8. _____ 10:1
No warning. Immediate action. Now.	3. Gnats _____	6. _____ _____	9. Darkness 10:21

25. What literary purpose do you think is served by this pattern?

Exodus 11-12

26. According to 11:5 what will the LORD do and how might this be an example of poetic justice?

27. In what state did Moses leave Pharaoh after making this speech?

28. What are the people of Israel to do with the blood of the lambs they slaughter prior to the last plague?

29. What various steps are they to take to be prepared for immediate departure?

30. What purpose does the smearing of the blood of the lambs serve?

31. What are the main parts of the Passover the Israelites are to celebrate in remembrance of this event?