

SLAVES SET FREE
A Study in the Book of Exodus
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Israel—from Prosperity to Oppression.

Exodus 1 and 2

*"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today.
 The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you;
 you need only to be still."* Exodus 14:13–14

Day 1: Read Exodus 1 and 2.

1. Who wrote the book of Exodus? (Ex. 17:14; 24:4; 34:27)

2. How large is Jacob's family when they settle in Egypt?
 - a. How many years do God's people stay in Egypt? (Ex. 12:40)

 - b. Approximately how many Israelites leave Egypt with Moses? (Ex. 12:37)

3. From Genesis 13:14–17 and 22:17–18, what are the three parts of the covenant that God makes with Abraham?

4. What part of the covenant is being fulfilled in the beginning of Exodus? List four verses.

Day 2: Read Exodus 1:1–7.

5. Read Genesis 50:22–26 with Exodus 1:1–5. What is on Joseph's mind as he lay dying? (Gen. 50:24)

6. Do you think that the Israelites of Exodus 1:6–7 feel the same way that Joseph did? Why or why not? (📖* Deut. 6:10–12)

7. What might God teach *us* through times of peace and prosperity?

Day 3: Read Exodus 1:8–22.

8. What effect did the increasing numbers of Israelites have on Egypt's new king?
9. Why did Pharaoh oppress the Hebrews?
10. What four steps did Pharaoh take to stop the Hebrews from multiplying? Were they successful?
11. Who does God use to thwart Pharaoh's plans?
12. What does the first chapter of Exodus teach us about God?

Day 4: Read Exodus 2:1–22; Acts 7:20–29; Hebrews 11:23–27.


13. God used Moses' parents, Pharaoh's court, and the wilderness to shape Moses for his future work as Israel's deliverer. What do we know about Moses' parents, and what did Moses learn from them?
14. a. What do the two incidents in verses 11–14 reveal about the influences of Pharaoh's court on Moses' character?

b. How do these incidents affect Moses' outlook on his future?
15. How did Moses spend his 40 years in the wilderness? (Ex. 3:1)

In what way did this work prepare him to lead Israel?

16. How did Moses' character change during his exile? (Ex. 3:11)

Day 5: Read Exodus 2:23–25.

17. If Moses had tried to lead the people out of Egypt as they were in Exodus 1:7, what would have been their response? ( Gen. 47:5–6, 11)

18. In oppressing the Israelites, did Pharaoh accomplish what he wanted? Why or why not?

19. There are a number of reasons why God allows his people to suffer. Which of the following do you think particularly apply to Israel here?

1. Isaiah 48:10 (to purify us)
2. John 9:3 (to glorify God)
3. Hebrews 12:10–11 (to correct us)
4. 2 Corinthians 1:3–4 (to comfort others)
5. 2 Corinthians 12:9 (to prove God's faithfulness)
6. Job 13:15 (to prove our faithfulness to God)