

Session 4: Flight

Scripture questions:

Exodus 1:6-22

Why does Pharaoh, the new king of Egypt, turn against the Israelites?

How does Pharaoh try to eliminate the Israelites? Is he successful?

Exodus 2:1-15

How is God involved in Moses' youth?

What causes Moses to leave Egypt?

Exodus 2:23-25

Why does God remember the Israelites? Did God forget His covenant with the Patriarchs?

Exodus 3:1-15

Does Moses initially realize the sacredness of the moment at the burning bush? How does

Moses respond?

How does God tell Moses to describe who He (God) is to the Israelites?

How would you describe Moses' attitude toward God's call for him to lead?

Exodus 7:14-21

Exodus 9:1-35

Exodus 11:1-10

What are the plagues that occurred in these passages? Do you see a pattern in the repeated plagues that God sent?

What is Pharaoh's attitude toward the plagues?

Do both Egyptians and Israelites suffer from the plagues?

What is Pharaoh's response to each of the plagues?

How does the last plague remind you of the work of Jesus on the cross?

Exodus: refers to two things: (1) Historically, the flight of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and (2) the book in the Old Testament.

The book of Exodus chronicles the experiences of God's people in Egypt. Moses was the leader of the Exodus.

From the end of Genesis to the beginning of Exodus, the Israelites prospered and Pharaoh rose to power. **Pharaoh tried to destroy the Israelites** by enslaving them and ordering that all of the baby boys be killed. We can see God at work in Moses - a boy who was to be killed, and yet was raised in Pharaoh's own home. The Israelites were crying out to God and **God remembered them** (Exodus 2:23-25). This term meant that God knew what He had committed to in His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

There were 10 increasingly severe and significant **plagues**, which God gave Pharaoh the chance to avoid. The plagues did not visit the Israelites, demonstrating the compassion of God.

Moses

- God used Moses to lead a long and harsh journey. Moses tries to reject God's calling.
- In Exodus 3:13-15, Moses asks God "Who do I say sent me?" God responds "I am who I AM." From this, we get the name Yahweh, which is used for "God" in the Old Testament.
- How do we know who God is? He is active in our lives - past, present, and future.

Application Questions:

How do the hardships and deliverance of the Israelites relate to trials that you have, are, or will go through?

Recalling the story of Moses, what are some ways God has equipped you? What are your weaknesses and how do you see them limiting God's ability to use you?

Recalling the name Yahweh, list three concrete ways God has made Himself known in your

life with His actions. What do your actions say about who you are?

What one thing will you do this week to demonstrate that you "remember" God in your life?

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