



Read Through The Bible In A Year

Week 4 – Genesis and Exodus

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36

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1. Looking Back

In the Beginning God created. . . Universe, earth, animals, marriage, mankind. Unfortunately, man used his free will to disobey God and sin entered the world and fell from what God designed him to be. Then God inaugurated a plan by establishing covenant with Abraham for the creation of a nation of people and for man's ultimate redemption and re-creation. God led Abraham out of Babylonia into the land of Canaan. Abraham fled to Egypt. Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed. Though a patriarch, Abraham like many other men of God acted deceitfully and selfishly. He had a child, Isaac, who had produced two boys Esau and Jacob. Jacob betrays his brother and deceives his father. He has 12 sons who become the "Children of Israel" when God change Jacob's name to Israel. Led by Joseph who rises to prominence in Pharaoh's government after being sold into slavery by his brothers, Israel migrates to Egypt due to a famine.

About the book. Exodus written by Moses, we think, is the second book of the Pentateuch and basically covers the Jews slavery in Egypt, their escape and wanderings in the Wilderness. A key feature of the book is the revelation of God's law, the 10 commandments and the lesser regulations that govern practically every aspect of Jewish life.

2. What happened in this week's reading

- a. Joseph the Egyptian Ruler
 - Manasseh and Ephraim born
 - Jacob and sons come to Egypt
- b. Jacob's and Joseph's Last Days
 - Brothers described
- c. Establishment of a Nation
Moses Emerges as Leader
 - Aaron selected to assist Moses
 - Moses encounters God in the burning bush
- d. Plagues on the Egyptians
 - God versus Pharaoh

3. What does it mean?

- a. Joseph: The Epitome of virtue
 - In contrast to his brothers, father and grandfather. Sins of Patriarchs
 - They were corrupted by the culture and their sin nature. Are we?
 - Compare to Joseph. What were his virtues? p. 80 Gen. 41:14-16
 - His primary virtue? Pro. 3:5,6; Acts 7:9,10; Heb. 11:17-22; Rom. 4
 - Gets his reward, p. 81
- b. Maintaining moral purity in licentious world. Patriarchs didn't do such a great job. Name some examples of high profile people who succumbed to sexual temptation.
 - What is the common thread?
 - What can we do to "fireproof" ourselves and our kids
- c. God speaks to Joseph in a dream and Moses in a burning bush. How does He speak to you?
- d. Moses emerges as a leader. What are the qualities that make him an effective leader? What roles does Aaron play?

4. Going Deeper -

- a. p. 78 The "Prosperity Gospel"
- b. p. 104, 105 Moses opposes Pharaoh. How do we confront a government with whom we disagree?

5. How will you use what you have learned this week?

6. Looking Ahead – The Jews flee Egypt after the Lord passed through the area striking down every first born child residing in a house without the blood of the lamb on the door. Thus begins a 40-year wandering through the wilderness during which time God reveals "The Law" to the Jews.