

A JOURNEY THROUGH EXODUS

ABOUT THIS READING PLAN:

The story of Exodus is a story of salvation. In the first part of this 7-week reading plan, we'll follow the Israelites' road out of captivity, through the plagues in Egypt and the parting of the Red Sea to the foot of Mt. Sinai. Next, we will discover together what it means to worship a holy God according to the glory and beauty of His design, intricately laid out in the second half of Exodus. The third part of the study traces Holy Week from Palm Sunday through Jesus' resurrection. Join us this Lenten season as we read through the book of Exodus and the Easter story, and see the Lord's salvation.

Reading Plan adapted from "See the Lord's Salvation" - She/He Reads Truth 2018 Lent Study

CONTEXT & THEME OF EXODUS:

The events recorded in Exodus begin with the death of Joseph around 1805 BC and closes with the building of the Tabernacle in 1445 BC. The word "exodus" in greek means "the road out", which is fitting because the first half of the book centers around Israel's road out of slavery in Egypt and into a place of being totally dependent on God as He led them in the wilderness. Exodus centers around God's desire to rescue His people as well as his desire to come dwell among His people. The theme that runs through this book is God's ongoing covenant relationship with His people. In Exodus, we see God's character on display through his patience, grace, and forgiveness. This is an important book in the redemption story told in scripture and these scriptures are referenced often throughout the rest of the Bible. The themes of Exodus find their ultimate fulfillment in the person of Jesus Christ, which is what makes the study of Exodus the perfect backdrop for Lent season leading up to Easter Sunday.

We highly recommend that you watch the BibleProject Exodus overview videos at bibleproject.com/explore/video/exodus-1-18 and bibleproject.com/explore/video/exodus-19-40

ADDITIONAL STUDY RESOURCES:

Study material in this guide was adapted from She/He Reads Truth, The Bible Recap, BibleProject, and ESV Study Bible.

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What is your hope for this 7 weeks in God's Word?

PRAYERS / REFLECTIONS

BEFORE YOU READ GOD'S WORD TODAY, SEEK HIS HELP WITH THESE 5 PRAYERS:

- 1 God, give me wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- 2 God, let any knowledge I gain serve to help me love You and others more, and not puff me up.
- 3 God, help me see something new about You I've never seen before.
- 4 God, correct any lies I believe about You or anything I misunderstand.
- 5 God, direct my steps according to Your Word.

*** Prayers from "The Bible Recap" Reading Plan by Tara-Leigh Cobble ***

TIPS FOR APPROACHING SCRIPTURE:

- Pray before you read (use the prayers above)
- Read the words in proper context, taking into consideration when it was written, who it was written to, what was happening when it was written (a good study bible is helpful, we recommend the ESV Study Bible)
- Look for God's character and faithfulness to His people
- Look for themes that point to Jesus
- Look for anything repetitive, unusual, confusing, hopeful, comforting, challenging
- Once you are finished reading, take a few minutes to meditate on what you have read:
 - » Narrow what you've read down to just one or two main thoughts.
 - » What did I learn about God in these passages?
 - » How can I praise God for what this says about him?
 - » What did I learn about the human heart in these passages?
 - » What behavior/emotions come when I forget these things about God?
 - » What is God revealing to me today that I need to listen to?
 - » What sins do I need to confess in light of what God revealed today?
 - » What is one next step I can take in light of what I have read today?

WEEKLY CHECKLIST

WEEK ONE:

- Day 1 - Genesis 3:17-19, Psalm 78:1-7, Isaiah 30:15-18, Joel 2:12, Acts 3:19-20, Romans 3:22-23, Colossians 2:6-14
- Day 2 - Genesis 15:13-15, Psalm 136, Luke 24:13-32
- Day 3 - Exodus 1-2, Genesis 35:11-12, Matthew 2:13-23
- Day 4 - Exodus 3-4, Joshua 5:13-15, Matthew 22:23-33
- Day 5 - Exodus 5, Exodus 6:1-27, Isaiah 6:4-5, Psalm 68:4-6
- Day 6 - Grace Day
- Day 7 - Reflection Day - Psalm 68:5-6, Exodus 3:14

WEEK TWO:

- Day 8 - Exodus 6:28-30, Exodus 7-8, Genesis 47:4-6, Psalm 95:1-5
- Day 9 - Exodus 9-11, Deuteronomy 7:6-11, Romans 9:17
- Day 10 - Exodus 12, Exodus 13:1-16, Psalm 51:7, John 1:29
- Day 11 - Exodus 13:17-22, Exodus 14, Exodus 15:1-21, Psalm 106:1-12, Romans 6:1-4
- Day 12 - Exodus 15:22-27, Exodus 16-17, John 6:41-51, I Corinthians 10:1-5
- Day 13 - Grace Day
- Day 14 - Reflection Day - Deuteronomy 7:6, Exodus 14:13

WEEK THREE:

- Day 15 - Exodus 18, Deuteronomy 17:8-11, Acts 6:1-7
- Day 16 - Exodus 19, Exodus 20:1-21, John 1:14-17, Hebrews 8:7-13
- Day 17 - Exodus 20:22-26, Exodus 21, Isaiah 44:6, Matthew 22:36-40
- Day 18 - Exodus 22, Exodus 23:1-19, Proverbs 31:8-9, I Corinthians 10:24
- Day 19 - Exodus 23:20-33, Exodus 24-25, Matthew 26:26-29, Hebrews 9:18-22
- Day 20 - Grace Day
- Day 21 - Reflection Day - Exodus 20:2, Hebrews 8:10

WEEK FOUR:

- Day 22 - Exodus 26, Genesis 3:24, Hebrews 9:6-14
- Day 23 - Exodus 27, Zechariah 4, Revelation 11:1-4
- Day 24 - Exodus 28, Ezekiel 44:15-19, Ezekiel 44: 23-29, I Peter 2:4-5
- Day 25 - Exodus 29, Psalm 132:12-16, Hebrews 7:23-28
- Day 26 - Exodus 30, II Corinthians 2:14-16, I John 2:24-27
- Day 27 - Grace Day
- Day 28 - Reflection Day - Exodus 25:8, Hebrews 7:24-25

WEEK FIVE:

- Day 29 - Exodus 31, Jeremiah 31:31-34, II Corinthians 3:1-3
- Day 30 - Exodus 32, I Kings 12:26-28
- Day 31 - Exodus 33, Genesis 3:8-10
- Day 32 - Exodus 34, John 14:8-11, II Corinthians 3:12-18
- Day 33 - Exodus 35, John 10:17-18, Romans 12:1
- Day 34 - Grace Day
- Day 35 - Reflection Day - Exodus 34:6-7, II Corinthians 3:17-18

WEEK SIX:

- Day 36 - Exodus 36, Matthew 27:50-51, Hebrews 9:23-28
- Day 37 - Exodus 37, Jeremiah 1:11-12, Revelation 1:12-20
- Day 38 - Exodus 38, Psalm 51:14-17, Hebrews 10:1-14
- Day 39 - Exodus 39, Psalm 110:1-4, Hebrews 5:1-10
- Day 40 - Exodus 40, Matthew 3:16-17, Acts 2:1-4
- Day 41 - Grace Day
- Day 42 - Palm Sunday - Luke 19:28-44, Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 118:25-29

WEEK SEVEN:

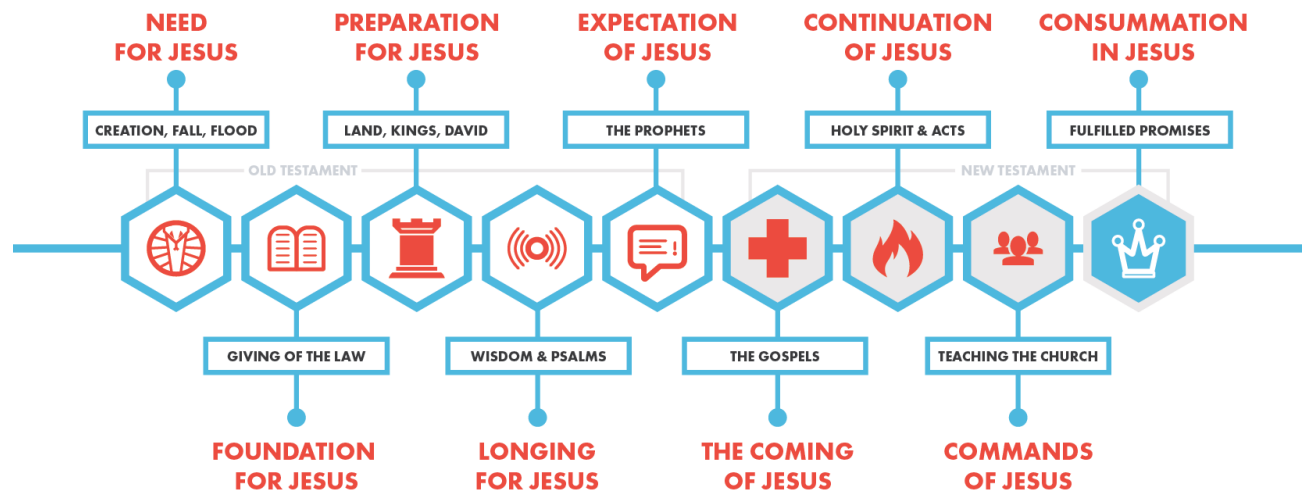
- Day 43 - Mark 11:12-19, Isaiah 56:1-8
- Day 44 - Luke 21, Luke 22:1-2, Daniel 7:13-14
- Day 45 - Mark 14:3-11, Matthew 26:14-16, Luke 22:3-6, Zechariah 11:12-13
- Day 46 - John 16:16-24, John 32-33, Mark 14:12-72, Psalm 41:7-13, Zechariah 13:7
- Day 47 - Good Friday - Mark 15:1-47, Isaiah 52:13-15, Isaiah 53:1-7
- Day 48 - Holy Saturday - Luke 23:54-56, Matthew 27:62-66, Isaiah 53:8-12
- Day 49 - Easter Sunday - Luke 24:1-49, Psalm 16:9-11

A VISUAL GUIDE

We will miss the main point of Scripture if we fail to look for Jesus throughout the entire Bible. The Bible is a book about God, but more specifically it is a book about God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. If we look at the Bible as one big story from Genesis to Revelation, we can see that every part of the story points to HIM.

As we embark on this journey through Exodus, we will see God give his people the law-which they were commanded to obey. This law lays the foundation for Jesus. Because God's people will never be able to keep the law perfectly, they need a Savior. As we see Moses successfully deliver the people out of slavery, we will also see his failures, highlighting the need for Jesus, the greater Deliverer that is to come.

Jesus – Cover to Cover



WHY EXODUS?

JESUS SAID THE BOOK OF EXODUS WAS ABOUT HIM.

To the religious leaders who wanted to kill Him, Jesus said, “if you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me” (John 5:46). And when He appeared to the travelers on the road to Emmaus after He had risen, “beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures” (Luke 24:27). Passages like these tell us there is no better way to read to the book of Exodus than in light of Jesus’ cross and empty tomb.

The entire story of Exodus rests on promises God made to His people. There is the promise the Lord made to Abraham four hundred years earlier—to take his descendants as His own and love them with an everlasting love (Genesis 12:1-3). Exodus says it was because of this ancient promise to Abraham that God delivered the people of Moses (Exodus 2:24). This has always been the way of the Lord. The grace He extends to you and me is not based on how He feels about us in any given moment. His faithfulness is anchored in ancient promises He made long before we were born. God doesn’t change. His steadfast love endures forever (Psalm 136:1).

But there is an even greater promise at work in Exodus than the one He made to Abraham. When Adam and Eve sinned against the Lord, God swore that one would come from the woman who would crush evil’s head (Genesis 3:15). The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is the fulfillment of that promise. Every word of Scripture that follows rests on God’s vow to redeem and restore His sinful, wayward people to Himself, which He accomplished through the ministry of His Son.

Exodus points to how Jesus would save us. We see Him in the Passover Lamb, in the bread from heaven, in the water that flowed when the rock was struck, and in the burning bush which spoke the name “I AM.” We see Him in the liberation of a people oppressed by tyranny and enslaved to the kingdom of this world. Even more, we see Jesus as the presence of God coming down from heaven to dwell among His people (Exodus 40:34-35, John 1:14).

When we stop to ask why any of these events took place, the answer is because God made a promise. He made a promise to rescue us from slavery to sin (Romans 6:18). He made a promise to lead us through the wilderness of this life (Psalm 23). And He made a promise to bring us into our eternal promised home (2 Corinthians 5:1). All these things have been accomplished for us through the sacrifice of our perfect Passover Lamb, Jesus—the Son of God (1 Peter 1:18-19).

The Bible is a book of promises made and promises kept, and Jesus is at the center of them all (2 Corinthians 1:20).

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The background image is a dark, monochromatic landscape. It features a wide, flat expanse of sand or a beach in the foreground, with some faint tracks or patterns visible. In the middle ground, there are dark, silhouetted hills or dunes. The background is dominated by a massive, dark, and textured rock formation or cliff face, possibly a canyon wall, which is partially shrouded in mist or smoke. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, creating a somber and dramatic atmosphere. A solid blue rectangle is positioned in the center of the image, containing the text 'WEEK 1' in a white, outlined, sans-serif font.

WEEK 1

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DAY 1 - MONDAY - THE HEART OF LENT

Genesis 3:17-19, Psalm 78:1-7, Isaiah 30:15-18, Joel 2:12, Acts 3:19-20, Romans 3:22-23, Colossians 2:6-14

LONG, SLOW SEASON

All of Scripture is a story of God's unearned love and unmerited faithfulness toward a rebellious people. It is an exodus story, where the primary job of the one being rescued is to trust the Rescuer. We cannot deliver ourselves, but the One who can deliver us has come.

Lent is a long, slow season where we pause to remember who we are, who God is, and what Jesus has done. We are made from dust with love and intention, in the image of our Creator (Genesis 1:27). We have sinned and we are sinners, incapable of saving ourselves (Romans 6:23). Jesus Christ is the perfect expression of God's eternal love and faithfulness, given to reconcile us to Himself (Colossians 1:19-20). We are invited to repent of our sin, return to our merciful and compassionate God, and rest in the freedom of His grace and forgiveness (Acts 3:19-20).

His love for us cannot be outdone or undone. Enter this season of repentance and remembrance with humility, willing to see and confess your sin. And enter with confidence, trusting in the completed work of Jesus Christ on your behalf. Don't bother running away on fast horses or hiding behind your best efforts. Run to Him, and rest.

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**WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT
GOD, HUMANITY OR JESUS IN
THESE PASSAGES?**

**WHAT IS ONE NEXT STEP YOU
CAN TAKE IN LIGHT OF WHAT
YOU HAVE READ TODAY?**

Go to graceclarksville.com/intheword for additional study resources.

WEEK 1

DAY 2 - TUESDAY - UNDERSTANDING EXODUS THROUGH THE CROSS

Genesis 15:13-15, Psalm 136, Luke 24:13-32

In today's reading, we see the Genesis passage point forward to the Exodus story, the Psalm walks through the journey of Exodus, and the Luke passage points back to the Exodus story.

**HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO
WHAT YOU READ TODAY?**

**HOW DOES IT MOVE YOU TO
PRAY?**

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DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY - ISRAEL OPPRESSED IN EGYPT

Exodus 1-2, Genesis 35:11-12, Matthew 2:13-23

To prepare for this week's reading take a few minutes and watch the BibleProject Exodus Part 1 Overview Video at bibleproject.com/explore/video/exodus-1-18

A GOD WHO REMEMBERS

What is staggering about this passage is amidst the trauma, murder, hurt, neglect, and systemic injustice the people of God were experiencing, God was still hearing their cries and remembering His covenant. He had not forgotten and was not deaf to their cries for help, rescue, relief, or home. "God heard their groaning; and God remembered his covenant" (Exodus 2:24). Even as the earthly and wicked leader grew old, frail, and died, **God was still on His throne hearing, preparing, remembering, and moving on behalf of His people.**

None of us are immune to pain this side of heaven; Christ assured us we would know sorrow in this world (John 16:33). We can probably all readily recall some recent and very real struggle in our own lives. Today, as we operate in our selective hearing of our Father or delayed disobedience to the Holy Spirit or constant forgetfulness of the work of Christ on the cross for us, let's remember afresh that God never ignores us or forgets us.

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DAY 4 - THURSDAY - THE LORD CALLS MOSES

Exodus 3-4, Joshua 5:13-15, Matthew 22:23-33

Moses had his doubts, questions, and excuses, but God made it clear that Moses was the one He chose to lead His people out of slavery. God patiently responds to each of Moses' concerns, while sticking to His plan. God knew Moses was ill-equipped to do the job before him, yet God also knew that He would be by Moses' side every step of the way.

MOSES' QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS	YAHWEH'S RESPONSES AND SIGNS
Who am I that I should go? (3:11).	I will be with you; when you come out of Egypt, you will serve me on this mountain (3:12).
What is your name, that I may tell the people who sent me? (3:13).	I AM WHO I AM: Yahweh, the God of your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (3:14-15).
How would the people believe that you have sent me? (4:1).	Yahweh turns Moses' rod into a serpent then back into a rod (4:2-4); Yahweh makes Moses' hand leprous then heals it (4:6-7); Yahweh instructs Moses to turn water from the Nile into blood (4:9).
I am not eloquent; I am slow of speech (4:10).	I, Yahweh, am the one who made your mouth (4:11).
Please send someone else (4:13).	Aaron will go with you; you will speak my words to him and he will speak to the people for you (4:15-16).

WHAT DID GOD REVEAL TO YOU TODAY ABOUT HOW HE USES BROKEN VESSELS TO DO HIS WORK?

WEEK 1

DAY 5 - FRIDAY - THE LORD PROMISES FREEDOM

Exodus 5, Exodus 6:1-27, Isaiah 6:4-5, Psalm 68:4-6

WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT
GOD IN THESE PASSAGES?

WHAT DO THESE PASSAGES
TELL US ABOUT FREEDOM?

WHAT IS THE HOPE PROMISED
IN THESE VERSES?

WEEK 1

DAY 6 - SATURDAY - GRACE DAY

Use today to rest, pray, and reflect on this week's reading.

As you reflect on what you've read this week:

1. *What themes did you see emerge?*
2. *What was the biggest thing that God revealed to you this week?*
3. *What next step do you need to take based on what He revealed to you this week?*

WEEK 1

DAY 7 - SUNDAY - REFLECTION DAY

Meditate on these verses:

"For you are a holy people belonging to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be his own possession out of all the peoples on the face of the earth."

Psalm 68:5-6

"God replied to Moses, 'I am who I am.'"

Exodus 3:14

I AM WHO I AM

In response to Moses' question ("What is [your] name?"), God reveals his name to be "Yahweh" (corresponding to the four Hebrew consonants YHWH). The three occurrences of "I AM" in v. 14 all represent forms of the Hebrew verb that means "to be", and in each case are related to the divine name Yahweh "the LORD". The divine name Yahweh has suggested to scholars a range of likely nuances of meaning: (1) that God is self-existent and therefore not dependent on anything else for his own existence; (2) that God is the creator and sustainer of all that exists; (3) that God is immutable in his being and character and thus is not in the process of becoming something different from what he is (e.g., "the same yesterday and today and forever," Heb. 13:8); and (4) that God is eternal in his existence. While each of these points is true of God, the main focus in this passage is on the Lord's promise to be with Moses and his people. Given the context of Ex. 3:12 ("I will be with you"), the name of Yahweh ("the LORD") is also a clear reminder of God's promises to his people and of his help for them to fulfill their calling. In each of these cases, the personal name of God as revealed to Moses expresses something essential about the attributes and character of God.

Taken from the ESV Study Bible