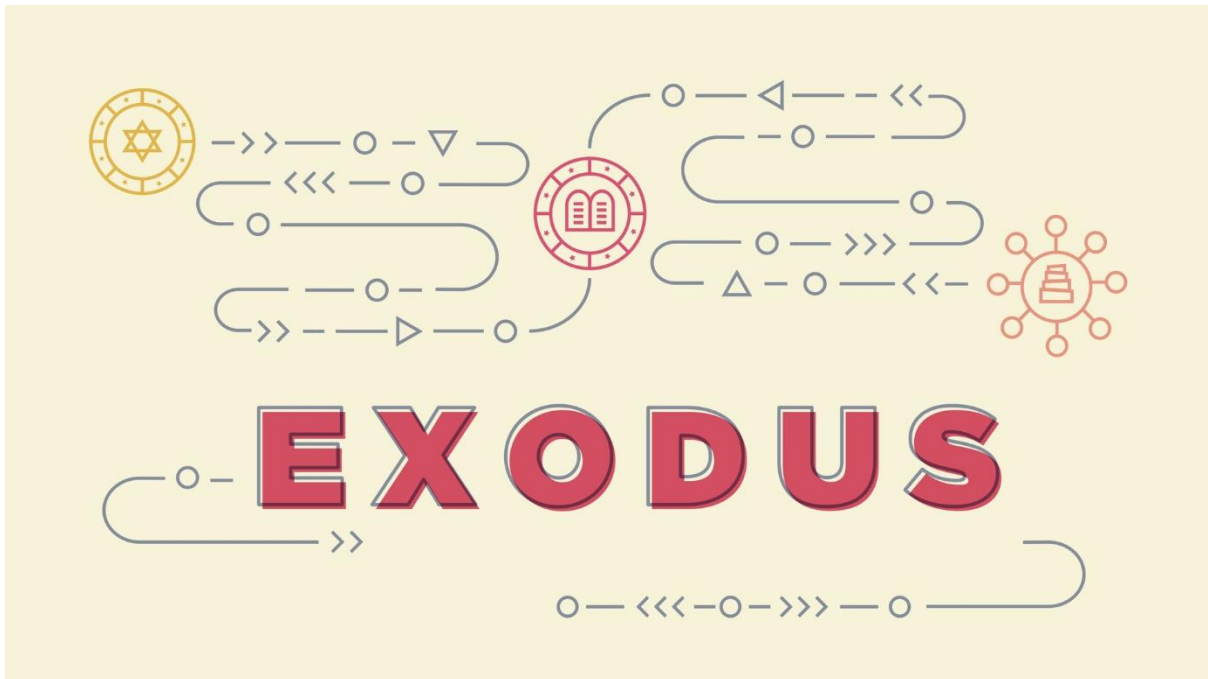




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Bible Studies in the Book of Exodus



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1. Exodus 19 | Sunday 04 Feb

Investigate

1. What "treasured possessions" do you own?
2. What does God mean that He carried them on Eagles' wings?
3. What is God's covenant that He wanted them to keep and how were they to keep it?
4. What does this tell us about how we are to treat God's commands?
5. What promises did God make to them if they obeyed Him?

Prayer Points

2. Exodus 20 | Sun 11 Feb

Verses 1-2

1. What do the Israelites need to remember, and never forget, about God?

Verses 3-11 (The first four commands center on our relationship with God.)

2. Why do people often worship more than one God?
3. What does it mean that God is jealous? Why can God be jealous, but we can't?
4. What does it mean to take God's name in vain? Looking at the flip side of this command, if you shouldn't take God's name in vain then how should we use God's name?

5. What was the purpose for the Sabbath day? Should we keep the Sabbath day today? (Read Galatians 4:8-10)

Verses 12-17 (The next 6 focus on our relationships with each other)

6. What do you think it means to honor your parents? What is the difference between honoring and obeying?

7. How does God want his people to be different to the world around them?

Verses 18-21

8. Why were they afraid to hear God speak to them?

9. What does Moses say is the purpose for God coming to them in this way?

Prayer Points

3. Exodus 21 | Sun 18 Feb

1. What specific rules for slavery are mentioned here?
2. In what ways are these statutes different than most cultures' view of slavery?
3. What did 6 years of slavery accomplish? (v.2)
4. Why might a man not want to leave his master?
5. Why might a person sell his daughter as a slave?

6. How did verses 10-11 protect these women?

7. Why did you think God allows slavery instead of abolishing it?

8. Read Galatians 3:28 and 1 Corinthians 12:13. What change does Jesus bring to the relationships between slaves and free people?

Prayer Points

4. Exodus 22 | Sun 25 Feb

1. What do these laws tell us about God's view of "personal responsibility"?
2. What are the main areas of daily life that these laws cover?
3. Why must a thief pay more than what he stole to begin with?
4. In what case was a thief to be sold? How does this relate to what we learned in chapter 21 about the laws of slavery?
5. Why do you think restitution is given so frequently as the punishment for crimes?

Prayer Points

5. Exodus 23 | Sun 03 March

1. Why would the Israelites be tempted to do the things listed in vv.1-9?
2. What would most people do if they saw their enemy's ox or donkey lost or in trouble? What is the principle in these verses? (Matt 5:44)
3. What good happens when the land is allowed to rest on the 7th year? (vv.10-11)
4. What good happens when we rest from work? (v.12)

5. What effect would the 3 times a year required national assembly have on the people/nation?

6. What will this angel do for Israel? (vv.20-23, Hebrews 1:14)

7. If the Israelites worship God alone, what will God do for them?

Prayer Points

6. Exodus 24 | Sun 10 March

1. Why do you think God said only Moses was to go close?
2. Why do the Israelites sound so eager to obey these commands?
3. What's the significance of sacrifices, offerings, and blood in Biblical faith?
4. Why could the elders/Moses now go up to see God and why didn't they die?
5. Why is the written word of God so important to God's people?

Prayer Points

7. Mark 14:1-31 | Sun 17 March

1. Why will Jesus die as the people celebrate Passover?
2. Why does the woman do what she does? (vv.6-9)
3. What response does she get? What don't they understand?
4. Why does Judas do what he does?
5. What do we learn about Jesus and His mission in vv.13-18?

6. What does Jesus mean when he says, about the bread, "...this is my body." And about the wine, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many"?

7. How will they "all fall away"? (v.27, 50)

Prayer Points

8. Mark 14:32-72 | Sun 24 March

1. How would you describe Jesus' emotions and state of mind in the garden on the eve of His death?
2. "Everything is possible for you." What do these words tell us about God?
3. What does Jesus want God to do? But what does Jesus recognise in v.36c? How does this help us in our prayer life?
4. When will Peter be tempted to fall into temptation? What's his problem (and ours)? (v.38b)

Prayer Points

9. Mark 16 1-8 | Sun 31 March

1. Who are these women and what do we know about them? (vv.1-2)
2. Explain what they were feeling and thinking as they got up very early that morning?
3. What were they expecting would happen when they got to Jesus' tomb?
4. What happened? (vv.4-7)
5. Explain what they were now feeling and thinking. (v.8)

6. What are the clues in this passage, including the way it ends, that the women, and Jesus' disciples in general, weren't really expecting Jesus to be raised from the dead?

7. Why does Mark end his gospel so abruptly?

8. Why are the words, "He has risen!" the most important words ever spoken? (1 Corinthians 15:12-28)

Prayer Points

9. Acts 20:32-35 | Sun 07 April

1. What's the context of these verses? (What's just happened and what's about to happen?)
2. What can "the word of his grace" do for us? (v.32)
3. What is this "inheritance" God gives us? (see Ephesians 1:11-18, Colossians 3:23-24)
4. Why doesn't Paul covet material things? (see Exodus 20:17, Ephesians 5:5, Luke 12:15)

Prayer Points

10. 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 | Sun 14 April

1. Briefly, what is the problem and what is the solution?
2. How does Paul reveal the seriousness of the situation? (vv.6, 14,15)
3. What do we know about the group that Paul had the problem with? (1 Thes 4:11,12; 5:14, and 2 Thes 3:6,11)
4. What example had Paul set for the believers (vv.7-8 and 1 Thes 2:7-12)
5. In what ways were this group being a burden on the others in the church family? (vv.7-10)

6. What's the command to them in v.12? Why is this good for believers to do?

7. How does v.16 fit in with v.15?

8. How can we interpret this passage in situations where paid employment is virtually impossible to find?

9. When are you tempted to be idle and how can you fix that?

Prayer Points