

The Book of Exodus

Chapters 5-12

Chapter 5

(Read 5:1-9) What was the purpose for the request made by Moses to Pharaoh (Read Note 5:1-9)

What is the relationship between the word rest and Sabbath? (Note 5:5)

Why were bricks made with straw? (Note 5:7)

Chapter 6

What is the genealogy of Aaron and Moses? (Read 6:14-27)

Chapter 7

(Read 7:1-7) How old is Moses when he returns to Egypt? (Note 7:7)

(Read 7:8-13) How did the Egyptian culture view serpents? (Note 7:10) Who were the magicians? (Note 7:11)

What is the literal, historical, theological and canonical meaning of the ten plagues? (Note 7:14-12:36)

(Read 7:14-24) Was the 1st plague simply a discoloration of the Nile due to contamination by microorganisms and/or reddish sediment washing down from the highlands of Ethiopia? (Note 7:20)

How did the 10 plagues experienced by Egypt relate to their gods? (Chart: The Plagues on Egypt)

Chapter 8

(Read Note 8:1-15) Did the sorcerers worsen the frog problem? (Note 8:7)

(Read 8:8-15) Did Pharaoh change his mind? (Note 8:8-15)

(Read 8:16-19) Does God's power exceed that of Pharaoh's magicians? (Note 8:19)

What is the 4th plague and how does the drama continue to change? (Note 8:20-32)

(Read 8:20-24) Is Israel subject to this plague? (Note 8:22)

(Read 8:25-32) Why did Moses want to travel away from the Egyptians to offer animal sacrifices? (Note 8:26)

Chapter 9

(Read Note 9:1-7) (Read Note 9:8-12) (Read Note 9:13-35)

(Read 9:13-21) Why is Pharaoh's life spared? (Note 9:16)

(Read 9:27-28) Is Pharaoh truly sorry for what he has done? (Note 9:27)

(Read 9:29-33) What is a traditional prayer posture in the ancient Near East? (Note 9:33)

Chapter 10

(Read Note 10:1-20) (Read Note 10:21-29)

(Read 10:21-22) How does modern scholarship understand “thick darkness in all the land”? (Note 10:22)

Chapter 11

What is the final plague? Will the Israelites be permitted to go three days away to worship? (Note 11:1-10, Note 11:1)

Does the traditional dating of the Exodus in the 15th century seem more plausible given the ongoing archeological work being performed in Egypt? (Topical Essay: The Date of the Exodus)

Chapter 12

(Read 12:1-28) What two Israelite feast days are instituted in chapter 12? How can this chapter be read typologically? (Note 12:1-28)

When is the feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread supposed to be celebrated? (Note 12:2)

(Read 12:8) What is the symbolic meaning of the flesh, unleavened bread and bitter herbs? (Note 12:8)

What is the meaning of the verse “This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly.” (Note 12:11)

(Read 12:15) What is the symbolic meaning of “leaven” (Note 12:15)

(Read 12:22) What is hyssop? (Note 12:22)

(Read 12:29-36) How did the Israelites despoil the Egyptians? (Note 12:36)

(Read 12:37) How large was the Israelite nation? (Note 12:37)

(Read 12:43-49) What is a prerequisite rite for participation in the Passover meal? (Note 12:43-46)

Why was there a restriction on breaking any bones of the sacrificed lamb? (Note 12:46)