

Exodus  
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am  
To be discussed –06/14/21

Lesson 1  
Exodus 1:1-22

1. In order to study Exodus in the proper context, we must consider the beginning of the story in Genesis. What four major events (Genesis chapters 1-2, 3, 6 and 11), followed by what four great men (Genesis chapters 12, 21, 25-27, and 37-50) are central to the story? List a few foundational principles that are revealed about God and mankind through these events and God's use of these men?
  
2. Read Genesis 50:22-26 and Exodus 1:1-10. As Exodus picks up the story, the Israelites had been in Egypt for 430 years.
  - a) Even at his death, what certain hope did Joseph hold for the future of the Israelites? How is that a type or foreshadowing of the certain hope that we hold as Christians?
  
  - b) What had changed during the time between Joseph being made prime minister of Egypt and the death of his generation? What did the new king (Pharaoh) fear?
  
3. Read Exodus 1:11-14. What was the king's first plan to deal with his perceived problem? Was it a solution? Can you think of a possible reason for God to allow his people to be so mistreated?
  
4. Read Exodus 1:15-16. What was the king's next solution to control the growing number of Israelites?
  
5. Read Exodus 1:17-21. Why didn't that plan work? Whom did the midwives fear more than they feared the king?
  
6. What excuse did they give to the king? How did God respond to them? (vv. 20-21) Is it ever right to lie?
  
7. Read Exodus 1:22. What was the final order given by the king? Knowing the story of Moses, what good is going to come from such a horrible thing?
  
8. What does this chapter tell you about the sovereignty of God? What encouragement did you receive?