

Exodus Lesson 1 (Ex 1:1 - 7:7)
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A Leader for the Exodus



Exodus 3:8

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Exodus Factual Study: Chapter 1 - 7

Factual Study

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1	1-7	The bringing of the sons of Israel to Egypt and the growth of their descendants
	8-10	The enslavement of the Israelites by the new king of Egypt
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	15-17	The fear of God of the midwives to let the sons live
	18-21	God's blessing for the midwives and the growth of the people
	22	Pharaoh's commandment to throw all his sons into the Nile
Core message: The growth of God's people in the midst of suffering (12)		
2	1-4	Moses' birth by the faith of his parents
	5-6	Moses' guide to the Pharaoh's daughter
	7-9	Moses is brought to his mother.
	10	Moses is brought back to the daughter of Pharaoh
	11-12	Moses murdered an Egyptian
	13-15	The rejection of the people, Pharaoh's murder plan and Moses' escape
	16-19	Moses help the daughters to scoop and water the sheep of priest Jitro
	20-22	The invitation of Jethro, the wife and son of Moses
	23-25	Pharaoh's death, the sighing of the Israelites about their bondage and God's answer to his prayer and remembrance of his covenant.
Core message: God's answer to prayer and preparation of a leader (24)		

Factual Study

3	1-5	God's encounter with Moses
	6-10	God's Heart and Rescue Plan for the Exodus through Moses
	11-12	Moses' inner fear and God's promise to be with Moses
	13-15	God's revelation of His eternal name
	16-17	God's command to Moses to go to the elders of Israel
	18-20	God's promise that the elders of Israel would hear, God's command to Moses to go to Pharaoh, and God's promise to conquer Pharaoh and strike Egypt by his strong hand
	21-22	God's promise to bring favour to the Egyptians to the people.
Core Message: God's Mercy for His People and Moses' Call (8)		
4	1	Moses' inner fear due to the negative experience with the rejecting people
	2-5	The First Sign of God: The Staff Becomes a Serpent
	6-8	The second sign of God: the leprous hand
	9	The third sign of God: The waters of the Nile become blood
	10-12	Moses' excuse not to be eloquent, and God's encouragement to be with his mouth and teach him what to say.
	13-17	Moses rejects the vocation and God's promise to give him his brother Aaron as co-worker.
	18-20	Moses returns to Egypt with the staff of God
	21-23	God's announcement to harden Pharaoh's heart and God's command to challenge Pharaoh
	24-26	The circumcision of Moses' son
	27-31	Moses and Aaron's obedience and the faith of the people
Core Message: God's Command to Moses to Do All Miracles in Egypt (21)		

Factual Study

5	1-2	Moses and Aaron's proclamation of the message of God before Pharaoh, and his rejection
	3-4	Pharaoh's refusal to let the people go and sacrifice.
	5-9	Pharaoh's order to the Egyptian bailiffs of the people and their Israelite overseers to oppress Israel harder
	10-13	The oppression of the people by the bailiffs and their supervisors
	14-18	The cry of the Israelite supervisors to Pharaoh
	19-21	The rebellion of the overseers against Moses and Aaron
	22-23	Moses discouraged because of the harsher plague and prayer to God
Core message: God sends Moses to Pharaoh to proclaim the message (1)		
6	1	God's encouragement for Moses to defeat Pharaoh with a strong hand
	2-9	God's command to Moses to proclaim God's heart and plan of salvation to the people, Moses' obedience and the unbelief of the people.
	10-13	God's command to Moses to proclaim God's message to Pharaoh again, Moses repeated excuse and God's encouragement
	14-25	Moses and Aaron's ancestors
	26-27	God's election of Moses and Aaron to speak with Pharaoh and lead the people out.
	28-30	God's command to Moses, Pharaoh to speak God's Word, and Moses' excuse
Core message: God's encouragement to lead Moses with a strong hand (1)		

Factual Study

7	1-2	God sets Moses as God for Pharaoh and makes Aaron Moses' prophet
	3-5	God wants to harden Pharaoh's heart, perform miracles, bring out his people and reveal himself to the Egyptians as LORD.
	6-7	Moses and Aaron's obedience to the commandment of the LORD
Core message: God sets Moses as God for Pharaoh (1)		

Messages

Chapter 1

God led the Israelites to Egypt to grow into a great people. God trained them through many sufferings under the power of Pharaoh, so that they could place their hope entirely on God, experience His grace of salvation and, as the holy people of God, go to the promised land of Canaan. God fulfills the promise in his time. God uses the tribulations to make the Christians stronger.

Chapter 2

In a terrible situation, God prepared a leader, Moses, for the exodus of his people. He did this by using the faith of his parents and keeping him in the Nile by his gracious hand. His mother had implanted his identity as a member of God's people in the years he grew up with her. God used this to lead Moses to a decision of life. God led him into the desert and taught him humility, which he needed as a shepherd for the people. As Moses grew up and was prepared by God, the Israelites sighed about their bondage and their crying came before God. God made His people ready through suffering to come to Him and leave Egypt, where they were enslaved. They cried out to God because they had realized that there was no help. Their only hope was that the sovereign God would have mercy on them. On the other hand, they were ready to leave life as slaves in Egypt. When we see how hopelessly the young people suffer from the slavery of sin, it serves to drive God's people into prayer. Suffering teaches them to come to God with lamentations and to prepare for the glorious liberation by Bible teachers and shepherds like Moses. Complaining means recognizing the goal of suffering like the Israelites and coming back to God and His word of promise with the repentance and renewal of His covenant.

Messages

Chapter 3

God called Moses by his name. Moses must have thought that God had forgotten him in the desert. But God knew Moses very well. God had deliberately trained Moses in the desert to make him the leader of his people. God revealed himself to Moses as the God of the fathers. He is the God of history. He was with the faith fathers and led them. Now he wanted to fulfill the promise he had made by also being with the people of Israel. God's heart was the salvation of his people. But God does not work alone. He wanted to use Moses to fulfill his good will for the Israelites and to carry out the Exodus.

Chapter 4

When God calls, he equips him with everything he needs. We may acknowledge our weakness and at the same time trust that God will still use us and reveal His glory through our weakness. God served Moses with patient love. God carried Moses' weakness and helped him to repent of unbelief and disobedience and to go to Pharaoh with spiritual authority to free his people from the slavery of Pharaoh.

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Messages

Chapter 6

God continued to accompany Moses patiently and with great love, so that Moses experienced the strong hand of God. God did not abandon his chosen but discouraged servant. The exodus does not take place through the human zeal of a man or through the clever method of a group, but only through the strong hand of God.

This LORD, Yahweh, who thought of his covenant and had mercy on the bondage of the Israelites (6:2-4), wanted to make great use of a humanly weak and deficient Moses and fulfill his mission for the exodus of the Israelites through him.

In this chapter it says six times "God talked with Moses...". This shows us that God actively sought fellowship with his servant Moses, spoke with him and helped him to be completely dependent on God and to trust in God's help. God wanted to work through Moses and helped him to trust the Lord completely and to live out of the deep personal relationship with God and God's power.

Chapter 7

Why did God, instead of leading His own people out of Egypt, have a man who was in insecurity, weakness, and limitation appointed as leader and shepherd? It was his sovereign counsel for the fulfillment of his promise and the salvation of his people. It is his sovereign will that he let his servants, whom he called, fight against the forces of evil, that they defeat the enemies of God and save the people of God from the rule of the enemies.

God even made Moses God for Pharaoh (7:1).

Moses and Aaron accepted the great sovereign will of God, went back to Pharaoh and did as the Lord commanded them (7:10).

God revealed through the two very old people of God (7:7) how He is leading His work of salvation. God chooses that which is foolish, that which is weak, that which is despised before the world, and disgraces the wise, the strong, and that which is something, so that no man may boast before God (1 Cor 1:26-29).

Core message

1. The preparation of a leader (1:1 – 3:22)

God fulfills his promise to make his people great and bring them to the promised land. Even in the midst of suffering and affliction, he holds fast to his promise and makes it exceedingly strong. Why did God allow bondage? He did this to prepare his people for the glorious Exodus. The people learned to trust in God's promise and to place their hope in God alone. They learned to acknowledge their helplessness and to cry out to God. God heard their lamentations and prepared a leader for the Exodus. God sent Moses into the world through believing parents. God saved Moses in the darkest time when Pharaoh had all his sons thrown into the Nile. He led him to Egypt and then to Midian to educate him as a shepherd. God took pity on the misery of the Israelites and wanted to save them and lead them to the Promised Land. It was his sovereign counsel to call Moses and educate him as a leader for the Exodus. In a completely hopeless and terrible time, God intervened in the redemption story by continuing his work of salvation through a man.

2. God sent Moses to Pharaoh (4:1 – 7:7)

Moses didn't want to be the leader at first. He looked at himself and saw only his weaknesses. With many excuses he tried to refuse the calling. But God was about to appoint him as a leader and send him to Pharaoh. God encouraged him again and again and raised him in patient love. God works hard and leads his salvation work. That is why we do not have to deal with the current situation and sufferings like the Israelite supervisors or be desperate after setbacks like Moses. The pharaoh does not just slacken off. But God wants us to clearly proclaim his message to Pharaoh in obedience to faith. God, who patiently set Moses up as leader for his suffering people and sent him to Pharaoh, is the sovereign God who does his rescue work through the called leaders.

The God of salvation and hope

- Book of Exodus: the God of salvation
- God's hope for Israel: redemption from slavery to train them as a kingdom of priests and holy nation
- God's hope for us: a kingdom of priests and a holy nation

Exodus chapter 1-7

- God's mercy on the enslaved Israelites by sending them a leader, Moses.
- God is calling leaders today for the exodus of young people
- Accept God's calling and lead young people out of the slavery of sin

Themes

1. **The preparation of a leader (1:1 – 3:22)**
2. God sends Moses to Pharaoh (4:1 – 7:7)

God is faithful and fulfills his plan.

- “names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with Jacob.” (1:1)
- God’s promise for Abraham to make him a great nation (Gen 12:2)
- God used Joseph for salvation during the famine in Canaan, so that 70 descendants of Jacob came to Egypt.
- Fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham, so that Israel increased in number. (1:7)

God is faithful and fulfills his plan.

- Another king of Egypt had slave masters put over them, who oppressed them with forced labor. (1:8)
- However, the suffering under the new king, too, belonged to God's plan. (Gen 15:13)
- The people became stronger in the midst of suffering and affliction. (1:12)

How did God prepare his work of redemption in this dark time?

- The Israelites were forced to serve Pharaoh.
- Pharaoh ordered two Hebrew midwives to kill the newborn sons of the Israelite people.
- Pharaoh issued a cruel order to throw all male babies into the Nile. (1:13-22)

God prepared a leader through the faith of Moses' parents.

- "When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch..." (2:1-3)



Moses' parents saw him with the eyes of faith.

- They saw that God would use him as a great man of God.
- They overcame pressure and hid him for three months.
- They did their best to make Moses a great spiritual leader.
- Do not abandon children and students, but do our best to raise them like Moses, as leaders in God's work of salvation.

Moses received palace training.

- Until he was 40, Moses became mighty in word and deed (Acts 7:21-22).
- He had received the best training.
- At this very moment he decided to be mistreated with the people of God (Heb 11:25).
- God blessed his decision of faith and made him the leader of the people of God.

Moses received shepherd training.

- Moses had slain an Egyptian in order to save his people.
- He fled to the desert of Midian.
- Moses, who could have led a wealthy life, had now arrived in Midian.
- God used these 40 years in Midian to teach Moses humility and to prepare him as a shepherd and leader for the exodus of his people.

God saw the misery of his people.

- The Israelites' cry came before God. (2:23-25)
- They must have thought that God had forsaken them.
- God saw their misery and prepared a leader long before.
- God heard their groaning and remembered his covenant.
- After 40 years of palace training and 40 years of desert training the time had come to call Moses to the practical mission of God.

God calls Moses!

- God calls Moses through a burning bush and his voice: “Moses! Moses!” (3:1-4).
- Moses’ answer: “Here I am.”

God wants to use Moses.

- God revealed himself to Moses as the God of his father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (3:5-6).
- Moses could no longer believe that he would be able to save his people.
- God intervened in Moses' life.
- God had a salvation plan and wanted to use Moses for it.

God's compassionate heart

- “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt...I am concerned about their suffering.”(3:7)
- "I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians..." (3:8)
- God had mercy on them and had come to save them from the wretched slavery of Egypt and to lead them to the land he had promised their forefathers.

What is the current state of young people?

- Most people in Europe seem to do well.
- The Bible teaches that all people are slaves to sin.
- So many people are desperate and lonely.
- Why are there so many who suffer from different addictions?
- Young people who should be full of hope and have potential cry for salvation.

God's heart for my friends

- One of my friends is ambitious to be a successful manager. He does not know who God is.
- God has come down to free him from dominion of his ego.
- He seems to lack nothing, but his soul cries out for liberation from atheism.
- God wants to save him from the dominion of sin and make him a holy people.

Share God's heart!

- Our God has great mercy on the people of Europe who suffer from slavery to sin and wants to lead them to salvation.
- God wants to give them his good and wide land and use them as a kingdom of priests for world mission.
- God's plan is to spiritually awaken them through 1:1 Bible study and give them the glorious kingdom of God as their eternal inheritance.

God's chosen grace for Moses

- "And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." (3:9-10)
- God called Moses for the great task of being the leader of the Exodus from Egypt.
- It was not Moses who had chosen this task, but God wanted to send Moses to Pharaoh and bring about the exodus of his people through him.
- God had a burning shepherd's heart for the salvation of his people. But God does not work alone. He wanted to use a weak man Moses to fulfill his plan of salvation.



How God worked in me

- Evil desires of my youth through the love of girls
- God came to save me from slavery
- Through my shepherd, God gave me Deut 6:5 and helped me to leave my godless life and accept God's grace of salvation
- The Lord became my new and true object of worship
- God is raising me as a leader for the exodus of the young people on campus



What do we learn?

- God's heart to free all people from the bondage of sin.
- God calls leaders for his work of salvation.
- God has called German students as leaders through Bible study and disciple-making.
- **God is preparing leaders among us through the GLEF and calls us to continue his work of salvation!**



What do we learn?

- In a hopeless time, God intervened in the redemption story by preparing a man as the leader for his people.
- God's heart is that the students be liberated from the dominion of sin and raised as his vast army.
- God's will for us is to share his heart and accept his call by interceding from early morning for the sheep and for pioneering 1700 universities in Europe.

Themes

1. The preparation of a leader (1:1 – 3:22)
2. **God sends Moses to Pharaoh (4:1 – 7:7)**

God will be with Moses.

- Moses' excuse: the Israelites won't listen to him (4:1)
- God had revealed himself to Moses as the eternal God.
- His promise: "I will be with you" (3:12a), "and they will listen to you" (3:18a).
- Moses remained distrustful of God and his own people.
- How did God help Moses?

God gave Moses three signs.

- 1. staff became a snake and became a staff again when Moses grabbed it by its tail;
- 2. Moses' leprous hand like snow when he put it into the bulge of his garment;
- 3. the water from the Nile that became blood.
- God helped Moses to overcome his inner fear and to trust in God's help.
- Almighty God is sending us to the campuses to challenge the Pharaoh of false teachings.
- We can fulfill God's mission by leading students out of slavery to sin through 1:1 Bible study.

God's further encouragement for Moses

- Moses said he was slow of speech and tongue. (4:10)
- God did not give up on Moses.
- With great patience and love God, served Moses and encouraged him by planting faith in the Almighty Creator in his heart. (4:11-12)
- Moses should learn to look not at himself, but at the Almighty God.

God entrusts Aaron as Moses' coworker.

- Moses still hesitated to accept the call and made God angry by saying, "My Lord, please send someone else." (4:13-17)
- God, however, helped Moses by giving him his brother Aaron as a coworker.



„Let my people go!“

- Because God had given Moses and Aaron his authority, they could stand before the mighty Pharaoh in obedience of faith and proclaim the message of God: “Let my people go!” (5:1)
- Decision to completely abandon their old life in Egypt.
- This is God's message today for lost people, to whom we should courageously proclaim.

Pharaoh's arrogance and pride

- Pharaoh rejected the message of God.
- His disobedience to God was a direct result of his arrogance and unrepentance.
- He accused the servants of God (5), then he claimed that the people were lazy (8).
- He did not accept that the Exodus was God's message and will, and was too arrogant to place himself under God's rule.

God's strong hand

- Moses was again rejected by Pharaoh and his people. (5:19-23)
- The Exodus was accomplished only by the strong hand of God. (6:1)
- God continued to accompany Moses patiently and with great love, so that Moses would experience the strong hand of God.

„God talked with Moses“

6 times in chapter 6

- 1: “Then the LORD said to Moses”
- 2: “God also said to Moses”
- 10: “Then the LORD said to Moses”
- 13: “The LORD spoke to Moses”
- 26: “...to whom the LORD said”
- 29: “he said to him”

„God talked with Moses“ (6 times in chapter 6)

- God wanted to send Moses again to Pharaoh.
- Moses replied that he was slow to speak.
- God carried Moses to the end.
- God helped him to trust in God's help.
- God wanted to work through Moses and helped him to trust the Lord and to live with a personal relationship with God and in God's power.

God made Moses like God to Pharaoh.

- Moses had said several times that he could not speak well and that Pharaoh would not listen to him (4:10; 5:23; 6:12,30).
- Moses still felt too helpless and depressed.
- At that moment God sent him again as God's messenger to Pharaoh.
- Moses was even to be like God to Pharaoh. (7:1)
- God helped Moses to overcome his fear and fatalism and gain confidence for victory.

Moses' obedience of faith

- Moses and Aaron accepted the sovereign will of God, went back to Pharaoh and did as the Lord had commanded them. (7:6)
- They were filled with Spirit and gained the victory of faith.
- May God give us his authority and confidence in victory, with which we challenge the Pharaoh of godless humanism and proclaim the Word of God on campus, so that young people may be freed from the dominion of sin and be raised as a vast army of God.

Understand God's heart deeper

- God so loves the students that he gave his son so that all who believe in him have eternal life.
- God wants them to turn them from the lies of the godless spirit of the times, and wants to give them a new life under his dominion.
- Thank God for appointing Paul Choi, Jinhong Park, Frank & Wendy Lin, Sam Jeong, Jonathan Cho, Anna-Petra Pilawa, Samuel Kösters as shepherds for lost souls.

God is calling **YOU**

- God is calling leaders to fulfill his plan of salvation for the lost.
- He is encouraging us through his word, carrying our unbelief and fear and serving us with patient love by sending us again and again to Pharaoh.
- It is God's will that he had his servants fight against the evil, that they defeat the enemies of God and lead the people of God out of their dominion.
- Our God does his salvation work through leaders.
- Through us, God is establishing 100,000 Bible teachers and 5 million prayer servants and is making Europe a missionary sending continent.

God is calling **YOU**

Personally accept God's call to be the leader for the spiritual exodus of your generation.

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