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# JOURNEY: Exodus 1-18

Key Word	Key Passage	Key Events	Key People
<b>Redemption</b>	<p>“So now go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” (Exodus 3:10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exodus 6:1-12</li> <li>• Exodus 12:31-42</li> </ul>	<p>Bondage in Egypt The Burning Bush (3) 10 Plagues (7-11) Passover (12) Exodus/Red Sea (13) Journey to Sinai (14-18)</p>	<p>Moses Aaron Pharaoh</p>

1. **Discuss:** What historical events have shaped our American identity?
  
2. The history of the Israelite people in Egypt
  - How they got there
  - Conditions in Egypt (Exodus 1)
  - God raises up a leader (2-3)
  - The 10 plagues (7-11)
    - Purpose: establish God’s glory (Ex. 7:5, 14:4, 10-18)
    - Battle of the gods: Egyptians, polytheistic
    - **Discuss:** If God were demonstrating His superiority over the gods of our culture today, what gods (idols) would He confront?
  - The miracle of the Red Sea (13)
    - God causes a mighty wind to blow back the water
    - Moses’ song of victory (15)
  
3. The meaning of the Exodus for the people of Israel
  - God’s covenantal relationship with them
    - Exodus 6:1-8
    - Deuteronomy 26:5-11
  - The symbol of redemption
    - **Discuss:** When you hear the word “redemption,” what other words come to mind?
    - Definition of “redemption”

#### 4. The origin of the Passover (chapter 12)

- The meaning of the Passover:
  - Exodus 12:24-28 – “*passed over*”
  - Exodus 13:14-16 – “*brought us out*”

- Seder Liturgy

**This is the bread of affliction** that our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Whoever is hungry, let him come and eat; whoever is in need, let him come and conduct the Seder of Passover. This year, here; next year, in the land of Israel. This year, slaves; next year, free people.

**We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt**, and the L-rd, our G-d, took us out from there with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm. If the Holy One, blessed be He, had not taken our fathers out of Egypt, then we, our children and our children's children would have remained enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt. Even if all of us were wise, all of us understanding, all of us knowing the Torah, we would still be obligated to discuss the exodus from Egypt; and everyone who discusses the exodus from Egypt at length is praiseworthy.

- The fulfillment of the Passover
  - The Last Supper: setting of the Passover (Matthew 26:17)
  - The redemption of the cross
  - Christ, our Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:6-8)

#### 5. The experience of deliverance

- For the Israelites, deliverance/rescue from slavery
- For us...

#### 6. For Discussion

- In your table groups, share testimonies of how God has worked in your life to help you deal with situations that are beyond your control.
- What experiences or circumstances in your life now are bigger than your ability to change them?
- What does it mean to trust God's 'redemption' in these situations?

#### 7. Time of Reflection and Prayer

- Tonight: Pray sentence prayers of thanksgiving for the ways God has “delivered” you.
- This Week: In what ways do you need to experience God's deliverance?

**Next Week's Readings**

Scope: Exodus 20-40

Key Passage: Exodus 20