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# **What You Need to Know About MOSES**

## **“Why He Chose to Suffer Affliction over the Pleasures of Sin”**

### **PART I**

#### **STUDY NUMBER ONE — EXODUS 2:1-25**

#### **NOTES**

- v. 1 Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman,  
v. 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.  
v. 3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.  
v. 4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.  
v. 5 Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it.  
v. 6 She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.  
v. 7 Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"  
v. 8 "Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother.  
v. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him.  
v. 10 When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."  
v. 11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people.  
v. 12 Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

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v. 13 The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?"

v. 14 The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known."

v. 15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

v. 16 Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock.

v. 17 Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

v. 18 When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?"

v. 19 They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock."

v. 20 "And where is he?" he asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat."

v. 21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage.

v. 22 Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become an alien in a foreign land."

v. 23 During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.

v. 24 heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob.

v. 25 So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 2:1-25 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Why is it a miracle that Moses was born and survived? See Exodus 1:15-22.

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3. Describe what happened to Moses after he was three months of age.

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4. How is the sister of Moses involved in this story?

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5. What happened to Moses after he got a little older, according to verse 10?

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6. Why is it necessary for Moses to flee from the land of Egypt?

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7. Who becomes the wife of Moses and what is the name of their first son?

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8. What is so comforting to us from verse 24?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God's time of deliverance fits perfectly His purpose and promises.

LESSON #2: God's purpose prevails in the midst of impossible circumstances.

LESSON #3: God's timing is beautiful with a bath and a baby in a basket.

LESSON #4: A woman's heart and a baby's cry facilitate His plan.

LESSON #5: In God's plan the mother of Moses gave him away and got him back with pay.

LESSON #6: Glancing this way and that, Moses forgot to look up.

LESSON #7: The anger of Moses disqualifies him temporarily from service.

LESSON #8: When we operate in the flesh we are going to fear, flee, and fail.

LESSON #9: The time in the desert is a time of preparation.

LESSON #10: God heard, remembered, looked, and was concerned.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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### **STUDY NUMBER TWO — EXODUS 3:1-4:31**

### **NOTES**

v. 1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

v. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

v. 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

v. 4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

v. 5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

v. 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

v. 7 The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

v. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

v. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

v. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

v. 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

v. 12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

v. 13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

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v. 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

v. 15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation."

v. 16 "Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt.'

v. 17 And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.'

v. 18 "The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God.'

v. 19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him."

v. 20 So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go."

v. 21 And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed."

v. 22 Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians."

4:v. 1 Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'"

v. 2 Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.

v. 3 The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.

v. 4 Then the Lord said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

v. 5 "This," said the Lord, "is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you."

v. 6 Then the Lord said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow.

v. 7 "Now put it back into your cloak," he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

v. 8 Then the Lord said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first miraculous sign, they may believe the second."

v. 9 But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."

v. 10 Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

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v. 11 The Lord said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"

v. 12 Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

v. 13 But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

v. 14 Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you.

v. 15 You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.

v. 16 He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him.

v. 17 But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it."

v. 18 Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me go back to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well."

v. 19 Now the Lord had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who wanted to kill you are dead."

v. 20 So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.

v. 21 The Lord said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

v. 22 Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son,

v. 23 and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son."

v. 24 At a lodging place on the way, the Lord met [Moses] and was about to kill him.

v. 25 But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched [Moses'] feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said.

v. 26 So the Lord let him alone. (At that time she said "bridegroom of blood," referring to circumcision.)

v. 27 The Lord said to Aaron, "Go into the desert to meet Moses." So he met Moses at the mountain of God and kissed him.

v. 28 Then Moses told Aaron everything the Lord had sent him to say, and also about all the miraculous signs he had commanded him to perform.

v. 29 Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites,

v. 30 and Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people,

v. 31 and they believed. And when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 3:1-4:31 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Describe what happens to Moses in Exodus 3:1-3.

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3. What warning does God give to Moses in verse 5?

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4. What is the purpose and the Lord's mission, according to verse 8?

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5. Summarize the dialogue between the Lord and Moses in verses 10-22.

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6. What are some of the excuses that Moses uses in chapter 4?

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7. Who does the Lord send along with Moses on this mission?

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8. What was the initial response of the people, according to verse 31?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord knows each of us by name.

LESSON #2: Our God is a covenant-keeping God.

LESSON #3: God has an eternal purpose that He is working out through the generations.

LESSON #4: God is faithful to fulfill His promises, His plans, and His purpose.

LESSON #5: The Lord promises us His presence as we fulfill His mission.

LESSON #6: God has ways of getting our attention.

LESSON #7: What are your excuses for not being faithful to fulfill the will of God for your life?

LESSON #8: Sin and disobedience must be dealt with in our lives before God can use us.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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### **STUDY NUMBER THREE — EXODUS 5:1-6:13**

### **NOTES**

5:v. 1 Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert.'"

v. 2 Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go."

v. 3 Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword."

v. 4 But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!"



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v. 5 Then Pharaoh said, “Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working.”

v. 6 That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and foremen in charge of the people:

v. 7 “You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw.

v. 8 But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don’t reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’

v. 9 Make the work harder for the men so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies.”

v.10 Then the slave drivers and the foremen went out and said to the people, “This is what Pharaoh says: ‘I will not give you any more straw.

v. 11 Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.’”

v. 12 So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw.

v. 13 The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, “Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw.”

v. 14 The Israelite foremen appointed by Pharaoh’s slave drivers were beaten and were asked, “Why didn’t you meet your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?”

v. 15 Then the Israelite foremen went and appealed to Pharaoh: “Why have you treated your servants this way?

v. 16 Your servants are given no straw, yet we are told, ‘Make bricks!’ Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people.”

v. 17 Pharaoh said, “Lazy, that’s what you are—lazy! That is why you keep saying, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord.’

v. 18 Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks.”

v. 19 The Israelite foremen realized they were in trouble when they were told, “You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day.”

v. 20 When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them,

v. 21 and they said, “May the Lord look upon you and judge you! You have made us a stench to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

v. 22 Moses returned to the Lord and said, “O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me?

v. 23 Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.”

6:v. 1 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.”

v. 2 God also said to Moses, “I am the Lord.

v. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them.

v. 4 I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens.

v. 5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

**NOTES**

v. 6 Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.

v. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

v. 8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.”

v. 9 Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage.

v. 10 Then the Lord said to Moses,

v. 11 “Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country.”

v. 12 But Moses said to the Lord, “If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?”

v. 13 Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron about the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he commanded them to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 5:1-6:13 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is Pharaoh’s initial response to Moses and Aaron in verse 2?

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3. What does Pharaoh do to the children of Israel after this initial encounter?

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4. Why is Moses asking the Lord, “Why” after this initial encounter, according to chapter 5:22, 23?

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5. What does the Lord promise to Moses in chapter 6:1?

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6. What has the Lord remembered through this whole process, according to verse 5?

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7. What message is Moses supposed to give to the Israelites from the Lord, according to verses 6-8?

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8. How did the Israelites respond to the message from the Lord that Moses gave them, according to verse 9?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Circumstances never change God's unconditional promises or unchanging purpose.

LESSON #2: Pharaoh is fighting a losing battle in standing against God's eternal purpose.

LESSON #3: Pharaoh does not know the Lord, nor will he obey the Lord.

LESSON #4: Deliverance is a process. He works in us before He works through us.

LESSON #5: Believing in Him, bowing in worship, and being beaten is all part of the program.

LESSON #6: The Lord has His way and His time for doing things.

LESSON #7: The Lord often does not bother with answering questions but gives us His promises and purpose.

LESSON #8: No matter how much the enemy may roar and rage against us, he is quite unable to thwart the Almighty.

LESSON #9: Do not let discouragement and bondage keep you from hearing the message of the Lord's promises.

LESSON #10: Nothing can thwart or change God's promise and purpose.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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### **STUDY NUMBER FOUR — EXODUS 6:26-7:24**

### **NOTES**

6:v. 26 It was this same Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said, "Bring the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions."

v.27 They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing the Israelites out of Egypt. It was the same Moses and Aaron.

v.28 Now when the Lord spoke to Moses in Egypt,

v.29 he said to him, "I am the Lord. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you."

v.30 But Moses said to the Lord, "Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?"

7:v. 1 Then the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet.

v. 2 You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country.

v. 3 But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt,

v. 4 he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites.

v. 5 And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it."

v. 6 Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord commanded them.

v. 7 Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

v. 8 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron,

v. 9 "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake."

v. 10 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake.

**NOTES**

v. 11 Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts:

v. 12 Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

v. 13 Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said.

v. 14 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go.

v. 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the water. Wait on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake.

v. 16 Then say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the desert. But until now you have not listened.

v. 17 This is what the Lord says: By this you will know that I am the Lord: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood.

v. 18 The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.'"

v. 19 The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs'—and they will turn to blood. Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in the wooden buckets and stone jars."

v. 20 Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood.

v. 21 The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.

v. 22 But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh's heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said.

v. 23 Instead, he turned and went into his palace, and did not take even this to heart.

v. 24 And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 6:26-7:24 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Who is going to speak for Moses to Pharaoh?

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3. What is the Lord doing to Pharaoh's heart, according to chapter 7:3?

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4. What are the Egyptians going to discover through this whole process of judgment, according to verse 5?

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5. What is the first sign that Moses and Aaron perform before Pharaoh and what is Pharaoh's response?

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6. What does Aaron's staff do, according to verse 12?

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7. Describe the first plague upon Egypt in chapter 7:14-24.

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8. What did the Egyptian magicians do and how did Pharaoh respond to this first plague?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Successful deliverance will come by divine direction.

LESSON #2: "I am the Lord" is the key phrase in this study.

LESSON #3: It is not Moses who will make things happen in Egypt.

LESSON #4: The determining presence will be the Lord's.

LESSON #5: The obedient heart is top priority with the Lord.

LESSON #6: Satan can perform counterfeit miracles to accomplish his purposes.

LESSON #7: As Moses and Aaron were obedient, the Lord did just as He had said.

LESSON #8: Pharaoh has stopped up ears that will not listen and a hard heart that will not respond.

LESSON #9: The plagues demonstrate the superiority of the sovereign God over the gods of Egypt.

LESSON #10: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23, 24).

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### **STUDY NUMBER FIVE — EXODUS 7:25-9:35**

### **NOTES**

7:v.25 Seven days passed after the Lord struck the Nile.

8:v. 1 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.

v. 2 If you refuse to let them go, I will plague your whole country with frogs.

v. 3 The Nile will teem with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs.

v. 4 The frogs will go up on you and your people and all your officials."

v. 5 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your staff over the streams and canals and ponds, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt.'"

v. 6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land.

v. 7 But the magicians did the same things by their secret arts; they also made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

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v. 8 Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Pray to the Lord to take the frogs away from me and my people, and I will let your people go to offer sacrifices to the Lord."

v. 9 Moses said to Pharaoh, "I leave to you the honor of setting the time for me to pray for you and your officials and your people that you and your houses may be rid of the frogs, except for those that remain in the Nile."

v. 10 "Tomorrow," Pharaoh said. Moses replied, "It will be as you say, so that you may know there is no one like the Lord our God."

v. 11 The frogs will leave you and your houses, your officials and your people; they will remain only in the Nile."

v. 12 After Moses and Aaron left Pharaoh, Moses cried out to the Lord about the frogs he had brought on Pharaoh.

v. 13 And the Lord did what Moses asked. The frogs died in the houses, in the courtyards and in the fields.

v. 14 They were piled into heaps, and the land reeked of them.

v. 15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said.

v. 16 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,' and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats."

v. 17 They did this, and when Aaron stretched out his hand with the staff and struck the dust of the ground, gnats came upon men and animals. All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats.

v. 18 But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not. And the gnats were on men and animals.

v. 19 The magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the Lord had said.

v. 20 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the water and say to him, 'This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.'

v. 21 If you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies, and even the ground where they are.

v. 22 But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the Lord, am in this land.

v. 23 I will make a distinction between my people and your people. This miraculous sign will occur tomorrow."

v. 24 And the Lord did this. Dense swarms of flies poured into Pharaoh's palace and into the houses of his officials, and throughout Egypt the land was ruined by the flies.

v. 25 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land."

v. 26 But Moses said, "That would not be right. The sacrifices we offer the Lord our God would be detestable to the Egyptians. And if we offer sacrifices that are detestable in their eyes, will they not stone us?"

v. 27 We must take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, as he commands us."

v. 28 Pharaoh said, "I will let you go to offer sacrifices to the Lord your God in the desert, but you must not go very far. Now pray for me."



**NOTES**

v. 29 Moses answered, “As soon as I leave you, I will pray to the Lord, and tomorrow the flies will leave Pharaoh and his officials and his people. Only be sure that Pharaoh does not act deceitfully again by not letting the people go to offer sacrifices to the Lord.”

v. 30 Then Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord,

v. 31 and the Lord did what Moses asked: The flies left Pharaoh and his officials and his people; not a fly remained.

v. 32 But this time also Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the people go.

9:v. 1 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: “Let my people go, so that they may worship me.”

v. 2 If you refuse to let them go and continue to hold them back,

v. 3 the hand of the Lord will bring a terrible plague on your livestock in the field—on your horses and donkeys and camels and on your cattle and sheep and goats.

v. 4 But the Lord will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and that of Egypt, so that no animal belonging to the Israelites will die.”

v. 5 The Lord set a time and said, “Tomorrow the Lord will do this in the land.”

v. 6 And the next day the Lord did it: All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one animal belonging to the Israelites died.

v. 7 Pharaoh sent men to investigate and found that not even one of the animals of the Israelites had died. Yet his heart was unyielding and he would not let the people go.

v. 8 Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Take handfuls of soot from a furnace and have Moses toss it into the air in the presence of Pharaoh.

v. 9 It will become fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, and festering boils will break out on men and animals throughout the land.”

v. 10 So they took soot from a furnace and stood before Pharaoh. Moses tossed it into the air, and festering boils broke out on men and animals.

v. 11 The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils that were on them and on all the Egyptians.

v. 12 But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said to Moses.

v. 13 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning, confront Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me,

v. 14 or this time I will send the full force of my plagues against you and against your officials and your people, so you may know that there is no one like me in all the earth.

v. 15 For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth.

v. 16 But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

v. 17 You still set yourself against my people and will not let them go.

v. 18 Therefore, at this time tomorrow I will send the worst hailstorm that has ever fallen on Egypt, from the day it was founded till now.

v. 19 Give an order now to bring your livestock and everything you have in the field to a place of shelter, because the hail will fall on every man and animal that has not been brought in and is still out in the field, and they will die.”

**NOTES**

v. 20 Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word of the Lord hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside.

v. 21 But those who ignored the word of the Lord left their slaves and livestock in the field.

v. 22 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that hail will fall all over Egypt—on men and animals and on everything growing in the fields of Egypt.”

v. 23 When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the Lord sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt;

v. 24 hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation.

v. 25 Throughout Egypt hail struck everything in the fields—both men and animals; it beat down everything growing in the fields and stripped every tree.

v. 26 The only place it did not hail was the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were.

v. 27 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron. “This time I have sinned,” he said to them. “The Lord is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong.

v. 28 Pray to the Lord, for we have had enough thunder and hail. I will let you go; you don’t have to stay any longer.”

v. 29 Moses replied, “When I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands in prayer to the Lord. The thunder will stop and there will be no more hail, so you may know that the earth is the Lord’s.

v. 30 But I know that you and your officials still do not fear the Lord God.”

v. 31 (The flax and barley were destroyed, since the barley had headed and the flax was in bloom.

v. 32 The wheat and spelt, however, were not destroyed, because they ripen later.)

v. 33 Then Moses left Pharaoh and went out of the city. He spread out his hands toward the Lord; the thunder and hail stopped, and the rain no longer poured down on the land.

v. 34 When Pharaoh saw that the rain and hail and thunder had stopped, he sinned again: He and his officials hardened their hearts.

v. 35 So Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not let the Israelites go, just as the Lord had said through Moses.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 7:25-9:35 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Describe the second plague on the land of Egypt in chapter 8:1-15.

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3. Describe the third plague on the land of Egypt in verses 16-19.

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4. How do the magicians respond to this third plague, according to verse 19?

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5. Describe the fourth plague upon the land of Egypt, according to verses 20-32.

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6. Describe the fifth plague upon the land of Egypt in chapter 9:1-7.

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7. Describe the sixth plague upon the land of Egypt, according to verses 8-12.

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8. Describe the seventh plague upon the land of Egypt according to verses 13-35.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God's purpose will ultimately prevail.

LESSON #2: It is a lonely experience fighting against God.

LESSON #3: Satan is ever calling us to compromise.

LESSON #4: Resistance brings so many unnecessary losses in our lives.

LESSON #5: Things are happening just as the Lord had said.

LESSON #6: God wants to demonstrate His power and glorify His name.

LESSON #7: God, many times, in grace warns us ahead of time of the high cost of our resistance.

LESSON #8: Many of the stinking messes in our lives are there because of previous disobedience.

LESSON #9: Sin has a high price tag.

LESSON #10: You cannot play around with God and get away with it.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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### **STUDY NUMBER SIX — EXODUS 10:1-11:10**

### **NOTES**

10:v. 1 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his officials so that I may perform these miraculous signs of mine among them  
v. 2 that you may tell your children and grandchildren how I dealt harshly with the Egyptians and how I performed my signs among them, and that you may know that I am the Lord.”  
v. 3 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, so that they may worship me.  
v. 4 If you refuse to let them go, I will bring locusts into your country tomorrow.  
v. 5 They will cover the face of the ground so that it cannot be seen. They will devour what little you have left after the hail, including every tree that is growing in your fields.  
v. 6 They will fill your houses and those of all your officials and all the Egyptians—something neither your fathers nor your forefathers have ever seen from the day they settled in this land till now.” Then Moses turned and left Pharaoh.  
v. 7 Pharaoh’s officials said to him, “How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the people go, so that they may worship the Lord their God. Do you not yet realize that Egypt is ruined?”

**NOTES**

v. 8 Then Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. “Go, worship the Lord your God,” he said. “But just who will be going?”

v. 9 Moses answered, “We will go with our young and old, with our sons and daughters, and with our flocks and herds, because we are to celebrate a festival to the Lord.”

v. 10 Pharaoh said, “The Lord be with you—if I let you go, along with your women and children! Clearly you are bent on evil.

v. 11 No! Have only the men go; and worship the Lord, since that’s what you have been asking for.” Then Moses and Aaron were driven out of Pharaoh’s presence.

v. 12 And the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over Egypt so that locusts will swarm over the land and devour everything growing in the fields, everything left by the hail.”

v. 13 So Moses stretched out his staff over Egypt, and the Lord made an east wind blow across the land all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts;

v. 14 they invaded all Egypt and settled down in every area of the country in great numbers. Never before had there been such a plague of locusts, nor will there ever be again.

v. 15 They covered all the ground until it was black. They devoured all that was left after the hail—everything growing in the fields and the fruit on the trees. Nothing green remained on tree or plant in all the land of Egypt.

v. 16 Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you.

v. 17 Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the Lord your God to take this deadly plague away from me.”

v. 18 Moses then left Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord.

v. 19 And the Lord changed the wind to a very strong west wind, which caught up the locusts and carried them into the Red Sea. Not a locust was left anywhere in Egypt.

v. 20 But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go.

v. 21 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness will spread over Egypt—darkness that can be felt.”

v. 22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days.

v. 23 No one could see anyone else or leave his place for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

v. 24 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, “Go, worship the Lord. Even your women and children may go with you; only leave your flocks and herds behind.”

v. 25 But Moses said, “You must allow us to have sacrifices and burnt offerings to present to the Lord our God.

v. 26 Our livestock too must go with us; not a hoof is to be left behind. We have to use some of them in worshipping the Lord our God, and until we get there we will not know what we are to use to worship the Lord.”

v. 27 But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he was not willing to let them go.

v. 28 Pharaoh said to Moses, “Get out of my sight! Make sure you do not appear before me again! The day you see my face you will die.”

**NOTES**

v. 29 “Just as you say,” Moses replied, “I will never appear before you again.”

11:v. 1 Now the Lord had said to Moses, “I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely.

v. 2 Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbors for articles of silver and gold.”

v. 3 (The Lord made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh’s officials and by the people.)

v. 4 So Moses said, “This is what the Lord says: ‘About midnight I will go throughout Egypt.

v. 5 Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the slave girl, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well.

v. 6 There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again.

v. 7 But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any man or animal.’ Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

v. 8 All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me and saying, ‘Go, you and all the people who follow you!’ After that I will leave.” Then Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh.

v. 9 The Lord had said to Moses, “Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you—so that my wonders may be multiplied in Egypt.”

v. 10 Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh, but the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go out of his country.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 10:1-11:10 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Describe the eighth plague on the land of Egypt, according to chapter 10:1-20.

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3. What compromise does Pharaoh want after the seventh plague and before this eighth plague comes upon the land of Egypt, according to verse 11?

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4. Describe the ninth plague upon the land of Egypt, according to verses 21-27.

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5. How does Pharaoh respond to this ninth plague, according to verse 28?

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6. Describe the tenth plague against the land of Egypt, according to chapter 11:1-10.

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7. What will the Egyptians know after this tenth plague, according to verse 7?

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8. Describe Moses' emotional response, according to verse 8.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: A hard heart carries with it hard times.

LESSON #2: The purpose of the plagues is so that "you may know that I am the Lord."

LESSON #3: How long will you refuse to humble yourself before the Lord?

LESSON #4: Do you have to say "their God," "your God," or can you say "our God"?

LESSON #5: Caution is needed in staying away from satanic compromises.

LESSON #6: Moses was a man of commitment and conviction.

LESSON #7: Pharaoh goes through the motions of repentance but they are not real.

LESSON #8: The eternal destiny of those who know not the Christ is outer darkness.

LESSON #9: The end is in view and God's intervention is coming.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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### **STUDY NUMBER SEVEN — EXODUS 12:1-51**

### **NOTES**

v. 1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,  
v. 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.  
v. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.  
v. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.  
v. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.  
v. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.  
v. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.  
v. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.  
v. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts.  
v. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.  
v. 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.  
v. 12 On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord.  
v. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.  
v. 14 This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.



**NOTES**

v. 15 For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel.

v. 16 On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat—that is all you may do.

v. 17 Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come.

v. 18 In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day.

v. 19 For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or native-born.

v. 20 Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.”

v. 21 Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb.

v. 22 Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning.

v. 23 When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

v. 24 Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants.

v. 25 When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony.

v. 26 And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’

v. 27 then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped.

v. 28 The Israelites did just what the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron.

v. 29 At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.

v. 30 Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

v. 31 During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested.

v. 32 Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.”

v. 33 The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!”

v. 34 So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing.

**NOTES**

v. 35 The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.

v. 36 The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

v. 37 The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children.

v. 38 Many other people went up with them, as well as large droves of livestock, both flocks and herds.

v. 39 With the dough they had brought from Egypt, they baked cakes of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves.

v. 40 Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years.

v. 41 At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the Lord's divisions left Egypt.

v. 42 Because the Lord kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor the Lord for the generations to come.

v. 43 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "These are the regulations for the Passover: "No foreigner is to eat of it.

v. 44 Any slave you have bought may eat of it after you have circumcised him,

v. 45 but a temporary resident and a hired worker may not eat of it.

v. 46 It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones.

v. 47 The whole community of Israel must celebrate it.

v. 48 An alien living among you who wants to celebrate the Lord's Passover must have all the males in his household circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land. No uncircumcised male may eat of it.

v. 49 The same law applies to the native-born and to the alien living among you."

v. 50 All the Israelites did just what the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron.

v. 51 And on that very day the Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 12:1-51 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Describe the procedure for the Passover, according to verses 1-20.

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3. Describe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, according to verses 17-20.

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4. How do the Israelites respond to these instructions, according to verses 27-28?

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5. What took place in Egypt at midnight, according to verses 29-30?

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6. How does Pharaoh respond to this tragic happening, according to verses 31-33?

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7. What do we learn about the Lord's timing in our lives, according to verse 41?

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8. Describe how chapter 12 ends by summarizing verses 50 & 51.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Passover speaks of a brand-new beginning with God.

LESSON #2: It is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

LESSON #3: Our Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, was without defect.

LESSON #4: Being under the blood provides protection from eternal death.

LESSON #5: With the death of the firstborn in Egypt the Lord is bringing judgment on all the gods of Egypt.

LESSON #6: Leaven or yeast is a type of sin in the Scripture.

LESSON #7: David says, "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."

LESSON #8: Obedience to these commands is the key to survival.

LESSON #9: God is in the business of blessing His people who are bowing and worshipping.

LESSON #10: Sin exacts a high cost.

LESSON #11: All of these events in this chapter happened right on time.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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### **STUDY NUMBER EIGHT — EXODUS 13:1-14:31**

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13:v. 1 The Lord said to Moses,

v. 2 "Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether man or animal."

v. 3 Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the Lord brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast.

v. 4 Today, in the month of Abib, you are leaving.

v. 5 When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites and Jebusites—the land he swore to your forefathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey—you are to observe this ceremony in this month:

v. 6 For seven days eat bread made without yeast and on the seventh day hold a festival to the Lord.

v. 7 Eat unleavened bread during those seven days; nothing with yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders.

v. 8 On that day tell your son, 'I do this because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

**NOTES**

v. 9 This observance will be for you like a sign on your hand and a reminder on your forehead that the law of the Lord is to be on your lips. For the Lord brought you out of Egypt with his mighty hand.

v. 10 You must keep this ordinance at the appointed time year after year.

v. 11 After the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your forefathers,

v. 12 you are to give over to the Lord the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the Lord.

v. 13 Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.

v. 14 In days to come, when your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' say to him, 'With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.'

v. 15 When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed every firstborn in Egypt, both man and animal. This is why I sacrifice to the Lord the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.'

v. 16 And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead that the Lord brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand."

v. 17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

v. 18 So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle.

v. 19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place."

v. 20 After leaving Succoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert.

v. 21 By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.

v. 22 Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

14:v. 1 Then the Lord said to Moses,

v. 2 "Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon.

v. 3 Pharaoh will think, 'The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.'

v. 4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord." So the Israelites did this.

v. 5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!"

v. 6 So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him.

v. 7 He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them.

v. 8 The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly.

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v. 9 The Egyptians—all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

v. 10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord.

v. 11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?"

v. 12 Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

v. 13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.

v. 14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

v. 15 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

v. 16 Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

v. 17 I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

v. 18 The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

v. 19 Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them,

v. 20 coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

v. 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,

v. 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

v. 23 The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea.

v. 24 During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion.

v. 25 He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

v. 26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen."

v. 27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea.

v. 28 The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

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v. 29 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

v. 30 That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.

v. 31 And when the Israelites saw the great power the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 13:1-14:31 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does the Lord command Moses to do in chapter 13:1, 2?

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3. Who gets the glory for all that has been done, according to verse 3?

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4. What are the two things that the Lord is going to do, according to verse 11?

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5. Why did the Lord lead them by the longer route, according to verse 17?

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6. How did the Lord guide them, according to verses 21 & 22?

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7. Tell how Moses responds to the crisis of Pharaoh's hot pursuit in chapter 14:13, 14.

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8. Describe how the Lord handles the Egyptian army, according verses 23-28.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is the mighty hand of the Lord that brings Israel out of Egypt.

LESSON #2: Being obedient in the details is critical.

LESSON #3: It is our responsibility to pass these truths on to our children.

LESSON #4: The Lord knows how much we can take and He directs our path accordingly.

LESSON #5: The cloud and the fire were there to guide the Israelites on their journey.

LESSON #6: The key phrase, "The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord," occurs twice in this passage.

LESSON #7: When we get our eyes on our circumstances instead of the Lord we will always render a wrong verdict.

LESSON #8: The three imperatives of Moses for a crisis are: 1) do not fear; 2) stand firm; and 3) see the deliverance the Lord will bring you.

LESSON #9: "The Lord will fight for you. You need only to be still."

LESSON #10: The Lord gets great glory in impossible situations.

LESSON #11: How easy it is to fluctuate back and forth between faith and unbelief.

LESSON #12: The Lord wants us to be His servants.



**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

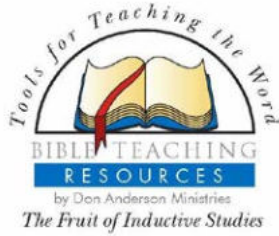
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# **What You Need to Know About MOSES**

## **“Why He Chose to Suffer Affliction over the Pleasures of Sin”**

### **PART II**

#### **STUDY NUMBER NINE — EXODUS 15:1-16:36**

#### **NOTES**

v. 1 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: “I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.

v. 2 The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

v. 3 The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

v. 4 Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

v. 5 The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.

v. 6 “Your right hand, O Lord, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.

v. 7 In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble.

v. 8 By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

v. 9 “The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’

v. 10 But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

v. 11 “Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

v. 12 You stretched out your right hand and the earth swallowed them.

v. 13 “In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

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v. 14 The nations will hear and tremble; anguish will grip the people of Philistia.

v. 15 The chiefs of Edom will be terrified, the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling, the people of Canaan will melt away;

v. 16 terror and dread will fall upon them. By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone—until your people pass by, O Lord, until the people you bought pass by.

v. 17 You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance—the place, O Lord, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, your hands established.

v. 18 The Lord will reign for ever and ever.”

v. 19 When Pharaoh’s horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the Lord brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

v. 20 Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing.

v. 21 Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.”

v. 22 Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water.

v. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.)

v. 24 So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”

v. 25 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the Lord made a decree and a law for them, and there he tested them.

v. 26 He said, “If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you.”

v. 27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

16:v. 1 The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt.

v. 2 In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

v. 3 The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

v. 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

v. 5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

v. 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt,

v. 7 and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?”

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v. 8 Moses also said, “You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord.”

v. 9 Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

v. 10 While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

v. 11 The Lord said to Moses,

v. 12 “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

v. 13 That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

v. 14 When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.

v. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

v. 16 This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’”

v. 17 The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little.

v. 18 And when they measured it by the omer, he who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little. Each one gathered as much as he needed.

v. 19 Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.”

v. 20 However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

v. 21 Each morning everyone gathered as much as he needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away.

v. 22 On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses.

v. 23 He said to them, “This is what the Lord commanded: ‘Tomorrow is to be a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.’”

v. 24 So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it.

v. 25 “Eat it today,” Moses said, “because today is a Sabbath to the Lord. You will not find any of it on the ground today.

v. 26 Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.”

v. 27 Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none.

v. 28 Then the Lord said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions?

v. 29 Bear in mind that the Lord has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where he is on the seventh day; no one is to go out.”

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v. 30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

v. 31 The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander

seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

v. 32 Moses said, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the desert when I brought you out of Egypt.'"

v. 33 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omer of manna in it. Then place it before the Lord to be kept for the generations to come."

v. 34 As the Lord commanded Moses, Aaron put the manna in front of the Testimony, that it might be kept.

v. 35 The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a land that was settled; they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan.

v. 36 (An omer is one tenth of an ephah.)

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 15:1-16:36 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How does Moses describe the Lord in chapter 15:2 in his song of praise?

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3. How does Moses express his faith in Jehovah God in verse 13?

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4. What is the Lord going to do according to Moses' song in verses 17 & 18?

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5. What crisis do Moses and the children of Israel face in verses 22-25?

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6. How does the Lord handle the crisis of hunger in chapter 16:1-12?

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7. What happens in verses 20 & 27 when the children of Israel are disobedient?

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8. What does the Lord command Moses and Aaron to do with some of the manna, according to verse 33?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It delights the heart of God when we sing Him a song of praise.

LESSON #2: It is the Lord who is magnified in this song of praise, not an experience or circumstance.

LESSON #3: It is not far from the song of praise to singing the desert blues.

LESSON #4: The Lord is majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, and working wonders.

LESSON #5: His unfailing love and His strength are available to lead us on to the completion of our race of life.

LESSON #6: We will all face the bitter things of life in the process of spiritual growth.

LESSON #7: The bitter things ought to drive us to seek the Lord's face.

LESSON #8: God does test us.

LESSON #9: We are instructed to listen carefully, do what is right, pay attention, and keep all of His decrees.

LESSON #10: Often following the time of testing, joy comes in the morning when we are refreshed at Elim.

LESSON #11: The whole community is really grumbling against the Lord rather than Moses and Aaron.

LESSON #12: The Lord is always there to make provision for water at Marah, and for the bread and meat in the desert. He does, indeed, set the table.

Psalm 23:5, 6

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

LESSON #13: The Lord delights in the obedient heart.

LESSON #14: Jesus Christ is indeed the Bread of Life.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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**STUDY NUMBER TEN — EXODUS 17:1-18:27**

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v. 1 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

v. 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

v. 3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

v. 4 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

v. 5 The Lord answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

v. 6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

v. 7 And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**NOTES**

v. 8 The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.

v. 9 Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

v. 10 So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill.

v. 11 As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

v. 12 When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.

v. 13 So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

v. 14 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

v. 15 Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner.

v. 16 He said, "For hands were lifted up to the throne of the Lord. The Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation."

18:v. 1 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian and father-in-law of Moses, heard of everything God had done for Moses and for his people Israel, and how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt.

v. 2 After Moses had sent away his wife Zipporah, his father-in-law Jethro received her

v. 3 and her two sons. One son was named Gershom, for Moses said, "I have become an alien in a foreign land";

v. 4 and the other was named Eliezer, for he said, "My father's God was my helper; he saved me from the sword of Pharaoh."

v. 5 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, together with Moses' sons and wife, came to him in the desert, where he was camped near the mountain of God.

v. 6 Jethro had sent word to him, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons."

v. 7 So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. They greeted each other and then went into the tent.

v. 8 Moses told his father-in-law about everything the Lord had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians for Israel's sake and about all the hardships they had met along the way and how the Lord had saved them.

v. 9 Jethro was delighted to hear about all the good things the Lord had done for Israel in rescuing them from the hand of the Egyptians.

v. 10 He said, "Praise be to the Lord, who rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and of Pharaoh, and who rescued the people from the hand of the Egyptians.

v. 11 Now I know that the Lord is greater than all other gods, for he did this to those who had treated Israel arrogantly."

v. 12 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law in the presence of God.

v. 13 The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening.

v. 14 When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?"



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v. 15 Moses answered him, “Because the people come to me to seek God’s will.

v. 16 Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God’s decrees and laws.”

v. 17 Moses’ father-in-law replied, “What you are doing is not good.

v. 18 You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone.

v. 19 Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people’s representative before God and bring their disputes to him.

v. 20 Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform.

v. 21 But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

v. 22 Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you.

v. 23 If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.”

v. 24 Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said.

v. 25 He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

v. 26 They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves.

v. 27 Then Moses sent his father-in-law on his way, and Jethro returned to his own country.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 17:1-18:27 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How do the people respond to a lack of water in chapter 17:1-3?

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3. Describe what the Lord instructs Moses to do in this crisis situation, according to verses 5-7.

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4. In the battle with the Amalekites, describe the position of Joshua and Moses in the conflict.

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5. Describe what happened to Moses on the hill and how the battle was finally secured, according to verses 11-13.

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6. What does Moses do in response to the victory over the Amalekites, according to verse 15?

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7. How does Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, respond to the victory that the Lord has given to His people, according to chapter 18:9?

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8. How does the father-in-law of Moses respond to the administration of Moses and what recommendation does he give him in verses 17-23?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord is waiting to bring us into His rest.

LESSON #2: In the test we must focus on His presence rather than the problem.

LESSON #3: It is good to focus on our blessings in the bad times.

LESSON #4: The Lord has promised to supply all of our needs and they will be supplied in His time and His way.

LESSON #5: We can count on His powerful presence in the face of every need.

LESSON #6: In our warfare with the flesh we must learn to be dependent upon the Lord for victory.

LESSON #7: Is the Lord your banner?

LESSON #8: The testimony of every believer ought to be two-fold: 1) “What the Lord has done”; and 2) The growth opportunities that have come through hardship.

LESSON #9: Spiritual victory comes through dependence upon the Lord and upon each other.

LESSON #10: We must learn to avail ourselves of the counsel of others.

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## **STUDY NUMBER ELEVEN — EXODUS 19:1-20:26**

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v. 1 In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on the very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai.

v. 2 After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

v. 3 Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel:

v. 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

v. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine,

v. 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

v. 7 So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak.

v. 8 The people all responded together, “We will do everything the Lord has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord.

v. 9 The Lord said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you.” Then Moses told the Lord what the people had said.

v. 10 And the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes

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v. 11 and be ready by the third day, because on that day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

v. 12 Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, 'Be careful that you do not go up the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.

v. 13 He shall surely be stoned or shot with arrows; not a hand is to be laid on him. Whether man or animal, he shall not be permitted to live.' Only when the ram's horn sounds a long blast may they go up to the mountain."

v. 14 After Moses had gone down the mountain to the people, he consecrated them, and they washed their clothes.

v. 15 Then he said to the people, "Prepare yourselves for the third day. Abstain from sexual relations."

v. 16 On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.

v. 17 Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

v. 18 Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently,

v. 19 and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

v. 20 The Lord descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up

v. 21 and the Lord said to him, "Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see the Lord and many of them perish.

v. 22 Even the priests, who approach the Lord, must consecrate themselves, or the Lord will break out against them."

v. 23 Moses said to the Lord, "The people cannot come up Mount Sinai, because you yourself warned us, 'Put limits around the mountain and set it apart as holy.'"

v. 24 The Lord replied, "Go down and bring Aaron up with you. But the priests and the people must not force their way through to come up to the Lord, or he will break out against them."

v. 25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.

20:v. 1 And God spoke all these words:

v. 2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

v. 3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

v. 4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

v. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

v. 6 but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

v. 7 "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

v. 8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

v. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

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v. 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.

v. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

v. 12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

v. 13 "You shall not murder.

v. 14 "You shall not commit adultery.

v. 15 "You shall not steal.

v. 16 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

v. 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

v. 18 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance

v. 19 and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

v. 20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

v. 21 The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

v. 22 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites this: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven:

v. 23 Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.

v. 24 "Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you.

v. 25 If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it.

v. 26 And do not go up to my altar on steps, lest your nakedness be exposed on it.'

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 19:1-20:26 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is the Lord's promise to their full obedience in chapter 19:5?

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3. How do the children of Israel respond to the message from the Lord, according verse 8?

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4. How does the Lord come down to meet with the children of Israel in verses 18 & 19?

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5. Outline the Ten Commandments in chapter 20:1-17.

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6. How do the people respond in verses 18 & 19?

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7. What does Moses tell the people in verse 20?

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8. What does the Lord tell them not to do, according to verse 23?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Peace comes into our lives when we allow the Lord to deal with the opposition, to carry us on His wings, and to bring us unto Himself.

LESSON #2: We are His treasured possession.

LESSON #3: It is one thing to express obedience with our lips and another to express it with our lives.

LESSON #4: The Lord stepped down on Mount Sinai and will one day soon step down to call His church home.

LESSON #5: Is the Lord and His will for your life number one in your priorities?

LESSON #6: What idols have taken His place in your heart?

LESSON #7: Are you honoring His name by the way you live?

LESSON #8: Are you setting aside quality time to worship and to deepen your relationship with the Lord?

LESSON #9: What is the condition of your family relationship?

LESSON #10: Is your life characterized by love, sexual fidelity, and honesty?

LESSON #11: Have you learned the lesson of contentment with the Father's provision?

LESSON #12: "Is your all on the altar?"

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### **STUDY NUMBER TWELVE — EXODUS 23:20-24:18**

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v. 20 "See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.

v. 21 Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him.

v. 22 If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you.

v. 23 My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out.

v. 24 Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces.

v. 25 Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you,

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v. 26 and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

v. 27 "I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run.

v. 28 I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way.

v. 29 But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you.

v. 30 Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.

v. 31 "I will establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the desert to the River. I will hand over to you the people who live in the land and you will drive them out before you.

v. 32 Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods.

v. 33 Do not let them live in your land, or they will cause you to sin against me, because the worship of their gods will certainly be a snare to you."

24:v. 1 Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance,

v. 2 but Moses alone is to approach the Lord; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him."

v. 3 When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the Lord has said we will do."

v. 4 Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

v. 5 Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord.

v. 6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar.

v. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey."

v. 8 Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

v. 9 Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up

v. 10 and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself.

v. 11 But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

v. 12 The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction."

v. 13 Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.

v. 14 He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

v. 15 When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it,



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v. 16 and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud.

v. 17 To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

v. 18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 23:20-24:18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is the Lord's promise in chapter 23:20?

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3. What does the Lord command them to do, according to verses 21 & 22?

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4. What does the Lord promise in verse 27?

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5. Why are they not to let the foreigners live in their land, according to verse 33?

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6. Outline what Moses does in chapter 24:4-8.

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7. What does the Lord command Moses to do in verse 12?

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8. What happened when Moses went up on the mountain and how long did he stay there, according to verses 15-18?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord is always available to guard and to guide us in the path of His will.

LESSON #2: We are to pay attention to Him and listen to what He says.

LESSON #3: It is the Lord who will secure and give the victory.

LESSON #4: Worshiping the Lord is a primary issue in the passage.

LESSON #5: Spiritual growth is a process, not just a point of decision.

LESSON #6: The Lord knows our limitations and progress is "little by little."

LESSON #7: Life by the inch is a cinch; by the yard it is hard.

#### **Lamentations 3:22, 23**

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LESSON #8: When we compromise in our lives, Satan has a chance to snare us.

LESSON #9: It is one thing to say that we will be obedient and it is another thing to be obedient.

LESSON #10: Will you accept His invitation to Moses? "Come up to Me on the mountain."

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**


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**STUDY NUMBER THIRTEEN — EXODUS 32:1-33:23****NOTES**

v. 1 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

v. 2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me."

v. 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.

v. 4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

v. 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord."

v. 6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

v. 7 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt.

v. 8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

v. 9 "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people.

v. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

v. 11 But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "O Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?

v. 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.

v. 13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'"

v. 14 Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

v. 15 Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back.

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v. 16 The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

v. 17 When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp."

v. 18 Moses replied: "It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear."

v. 19 When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain.

v. 20 And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

v. 21 He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?"

v. 22 "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil.

v. 23 They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.'

v. 24 So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

v. 25 Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies.

v. 26 So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the Lord, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him.

v. 27 Then he said to them, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.'"

v. 28 The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died.

v. 29 Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the Lord today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

v. 30 The next day Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

v. 31 So Moses went back to the Lord and said, "Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold.

v. 32 But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written."

v. 33 The Lord replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book.

v. 34 Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin."

v. 35 And the Lord struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.

33:v. 1 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.'

v. 2 I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

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v. 3 Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way."

v. 4 When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn and no one put on any ornaments.

v. 5 For the Lord had said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you.'"

v. 6 So the Israelites stripped off their ornaments at Mount Horeb.

v. 7 Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp.

v. 8 And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent.

v. 9 As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses.

v. 10 Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to his tent.

v. 11 The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

v. 12 Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.'

v. 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

v. 14 The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

v. 15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

v. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

v. 17 And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

v. 18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

v. 19 And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

v. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

v. 21 Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.

v. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

v. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 32:1-33:23 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Describe what happens in chapter 32:1.

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3. How does Aaron respond to this crisis in verses 2-6?

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4. Describe how the Lord responds to this idolatry in verses 7-10.

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5. How does Moses respond to the idolatry when he gets back to the Israelite camp, according to verses 19 & 20?

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6. What are the consequences of their sin, according to verses 25-35?

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7. What is the request of Moses in chapter 33:13 and the Lord's response in verse 14?

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8. What is Moses' request in verse 18?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord is always on time and on schedule.

LESSON #2: "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

LESSON #3: Aaron's failure in leadership is graphically displayed here in the passage.

LESSON #4: Idolatry and immorality go very closely together.

LESSON #5: Everything is seen by the Lord.

LESSON #6: The children of Israel were stubborn and unyielding.

LESSON #7: God does not forgive excuses only confession.

LESSON #8: "The one who covers his sin shall not prosper but whoso confesses and forsakes it will have mercy."

LESSON #9: The Lord's presence with them is the critical issue in chapter 33.

LESSON #10: His presence will give us rest.

LESSON #11: The Lord delights to answer prayer.

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### **STUDY NUMBER FOURTEEN — EXODUS 34:1-35; 40:1-38**

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v. 1 The Lord said to Moses, "Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke."

v. 2 Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain.

v. 3 No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain.”

v. 4 So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands.

v. 5 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord.

v. 6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,

v. 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

v. 8 Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped.

v. 9 “O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes,” he said, “then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”

v. 10 Then the Lord said: “I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you.

v. 11 Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

v. 12 Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you.

v. 13 Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles.

v. 14 Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

v. 15 “Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices.

v. 16 And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters prostitute themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same.

v. 17 “Do not make cast idols.

v. 18 “Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread. For seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in that month you came out of Egypt.

v. 19 “The first offspring of every womb belongs to me, including all the firstborn males of your livestock, whether from herd or flock.

v. 20 Redeem the firstborn donkey with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem all your firstborn sons. No one is to appear before me empty-handed.

v. 21 “Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest.

v. 22 “Celebrate the Feast of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

v. 23 Three times a year all your men are to appear before the Sovereign Lord, the God of Israel.



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v. 24 I will drive out nations before you and enlarge your territory, and no one will covet your land when you go up three times each year to appear before the Lord your God.

v. 25 "Do not offer the blood of a sacrifice to me along with anything containing yeast, and do not let any of the sacrifice from the Passover Feast remain until morning.

v. 26 "Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God. "Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk."

v. 27 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."

v. 28 Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Commandments.

v. 29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.

v. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.

v. 31 But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them.

v. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

v. 33 When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face.

v. 34 But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,

v. 35 they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

40:v. 1 Then the Lord said to Moses:

v. 2 "Set up the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, on the first day of the first month.

v. 3 Place the ark of the Testimony in it and shield the ark with the curtain.

v. 4 Bring in the table and set out what belongs on it. Then bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps.

v. 5 Place the gold altar of incense in front of the ark of the Testimony and put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.

v. 6 "Place the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting;

v. 7 place the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it.

v. 8 Set up the courtyard around it and put the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard.

v. 9 "Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy.

v. 10 Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar, and it will be most holy.

v. 11 Anoint the basin and its stand and consecrate them.

v. 12 "Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and wash them with water.

v. 13 Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so he may serve me as priest.

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v. 14 Bring his sons and dress them in tunics.

v. 15 Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come.”

v. 16 Moses did everything just as the Lord commanded him.

v. 17 So the tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month in the second year.

v. 18 When Moses set up the tabernacle, he put the bases in place, erected the frames, inserted the crossbars and set up the posts.

v. 19 Then he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering over the tent, as the Lord commanded him.

v. 20 He took the Testimony and placed it in the ark, attached the poles to the ark and put the atonement cover over it.

v. 21 Then he brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the shielding curtain and shielded the ark of the Testimony, as the Lord commanded him.

v. 22 Moses placed the table in the Tent of Meeting on the north side of the tabernacle outside the curtain

v. 23 and set out the bread on it before the Lord, as the Lord commanded him.

v. 24 He placed the lampstand in the Tent of Meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle

v. 25 and set up the lamps before the Lord, as the Lord commanded him.

v. 26 Moses placed the gold altar in the Tent of Meeting in front of the curtain

v. 27 and burned fragrant incense on it, as the Lord commanded him.

v. 28 Then he put up the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.

v. 29 He set the altar of burnt offering near the entrance to the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, and offered on it burnt offerings and grain offerings, as the Lord commanded him.

v. 30 He placed the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing,

v. 31 and Moses and Aaron and his sons used it to wash their hands and feet.

v. 32 They washed whenever they entered the Tent of Meeting or approached the altar, as the Lord commanded Moses.

v. 33 Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work.

v. 34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

v. 35 Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

v. 36 In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out;

v. 37 but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted.

v. 38 So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Exodus 34:1-35 & 40:1-38 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Summarize the Lord's instructions to Moses in chapter 34:1-3.

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3. How does the Lord describe Himself in verses 6 & 7?

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4. What two requests of the Lord does Moses make in verse 9?

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5. Why are they warned about idolatry in verse 14?

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6. Describe what happened to Moses when he came down the mountain, according to verses 29-35.

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7. What does the Lord command Moses to do in chapter 40:1, 2?

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8. What little phrase occurs eight times in verses 16, 19, 21, 27, 29 & 32?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord graciously grants another opportunity in the face of failure.

LESSON #2: The Lord is ready to try again as a result of the intercession of Moses.

LESSON #3: Obedience is the key issue throughout the whole passage.

LESSON #4: The Lord stepped down, stood there with him, and proclaimed His name.

LESSON #5: The Lord is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love, faithful, maintaining love, forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin, and punishes the guilty.

LESSON #6: Moses prays and petitions the Lord for: 1) His presence —"Let the Lord go with us"; 2) His patience—"Forgive our wickedness and our sin"; and 3) His possession—"Take us as Your inheritance."

LESSON #7: Idolatry is the major issue in the Lord's statement with regard to the covenant.

LESSON #8: The glory of God was seen in the radiant face of Moses when he came down the mountain.

LESSON #9: Every part of the tabernacle speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ.

LESSON #10: The cloud and the glory filled the finished tabernacle.

LESSON #11: The children experienced the Lord's presence and His guidance during all their travels.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**


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**STUDY NUMBER FIFTEEN — LEVITICUS 8:1-36, 10:1-20****NOTES**

v. 1 The Lord said to Moses,

v. 2 "Bring Aaron and his sons, their garments, the anointing oil, the bull for the sin offering, the two rams and the basket containing bread made without yeast,

v. 3 and gather the entire assembly at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting."

v. 4 Moses did as the Lord commanded him, and the assembly gathered at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

v. 5 Moses said to the assembly, "This is what the Lord has commanded to be done."

v. 6 Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons forward and washed them with water.

v. 7 He put the tunic on Aaron, tied the sash around him, clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him. He also tied the ephod to him by its skillfully woven waistband; so it was fastened on him.

v. 8 He placed the breastpiece on him and put the Urim and Thummim in the breastpiece.

v. 9 Then he placed the turban on Aaron's head and set the gold plate, the sacred diadem, on the front of it, as the Lord commanded Moses.

v. 10 Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and everything in it, and so consecrated them.

v. 11 He sprinkled some of the oil on the altar seven times, anointing the altar and all its utensils and the basin with its stand, to consecrate them.

v. 12 He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him to consecrate him.

v. 13 Then he brought Aaron's sons forward, put tunics on them, tied sashes around them and put headbands on them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

v. 14 He then presented the bull for the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head.

v. 15 Moses slaughtered the bull and took some of the blood, and with his finger he put it on all the horns of the altar to purify the altar. He poured out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar. So he consecrated it to make atonement for it.

v. 16 Moses also took all the fat around the inner parts, the covering of the liver, and both kidneys and their fat, and burned it on the altar.

v. 17 But the bull with its hide and its flesh and its offal he burned up outside the camp, as the Lord commanded Moses.

v. 18 He then presented the ram for the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head.

v. 19 Then Moses slaughtered the ram and sprinkled the blood against the altar on all sides.

v. 20 He cut the ram into pieces and burned the head, the pieces and the fat.

v. 21 He washed the inner parts and the legs with water and burned the whole ram on the altar as a burnt offering, a pleasing aroma, an offering made to the Lord by fire, as the Lord commanded Moses.

v. 22 He then presented the other ram, the ram for the ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head.

v. 23 Moses slaughtered the ram and took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.

v. 24 Moses also brought Aaron's sons forward and put some of the blood on the lobes of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet. Then he sprinkled blood against the altar on all sides.

v. 25 He took the fat, the fat tail, all the fat around the inner parts, the covering of the liver, both kidneys and their fat and the right thigh.

v. 26 Then from the basket of bread made without yeast, which was before the Lord, he took a cake of bread, and one made with oil, and a wafer; he put these on the fat portions and on the right thigh.

v. 27 He put all these in the hands of Aaron and his sons and waved them before the Lord as a wave offering.

v. 28 Then Moses took them from their hands and burned them on the altar on top of the burnt offering as an ordination offering, a pleasing aroma, an offering made to the Lord by fire.

v. 29 He also took the breast—Moses' share of the ordination ram—and waved it before the Lord as a wave offering, as the Lord commanded Moses.

v. 30 Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood from the altar and sprinkled them on Aaron and his garments and on his sons and their garments. So he consecrated Aaron and his garments and his sons and their garments.

v. 31 Moses then said to Aaron and his sons, "Cook the meat at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and eat it there with the bread from the basket of ordination offerings, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons are to eat it.'"

v. 32 Then burn up the rest of the meat and the bread.

v. 33 Do not leave the entrance to the Tent of Meeting for seven days, until the days of your ordination are completed, for your ordination will last seven days.

v. 34 What has been done today was commanded by the Lord to make atonement for you.

v. 35 You must stay at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting day and night for seven days and do what the Lord requires, so you will not die; for that is what I have been commanded."

v. 36 So Aaron and his sons did everything the Lord commanded through Moses.

10:v. 1 Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, contrary to his command.

v. 2 So fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.

v. 3 Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke of when he said: "Among those who approach me I will show myself holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honored.'" Aaron remained silent.

v. 4 Moses summoned Mishael and Elzaphan, sons of Aaron's uncle Uzziel, and said to them, "Come here; carry your cousins outside the camp, away from the front of the sanctuary."

v. 5 So they came and carried them, still in their tunics, outside the camp, as Moses ordered.

v. 6 Then Moses said to Aaron and his sons Eleazar and Ithamar, "Do not let your hair become unkempt, and do not tear your clothes, or you will die and the Lord will be angry with the whole community. But your relatives, all the house of Israel, may mourn for those the Lord has destroyed by fire.

v. 7 Do not leave the entrance to the Tent of Meeting or you will die, because the Lord's anointing oil is on you." So they did as Moses said.

v. 8 Then the Lord said to Aaron,

v. 9 "You and your sons are not to drink wine or other fermented drink whenever you go into the Tent of Meeting, or you will die. This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come.

v. 10 You must distinguish between the holy and the common, between the unclean and the clean,

v. 11 and you must teach the Israelites all the decrees the Lord has given them through Moses."

v. 12 Moses said to Aaron and his remaining sons, Eleazar and Ithamar, "Take the grain offering left over from the offerings made to the Lord by fire and eat it prepared without yeast beside the altar, for it is most holy.

v. 13 Eat it in a holy place, because it is your share and your sons' share of the offerings made to the Lord by fire; for so I have been commanded.

v. 14 But you and your sons and your daughters may eat the breast that was waved and the thigh that was presented. Eat them in a ceremonially clean place; they have been given to you and your children as your share of the Israelites' fellowship offerings.

v. 15 The thigh that was presented and the breast that was waved must be brought with the fat portions of the offerings made by fire, to be waved before the Lord as a wave offering. This will be the regular share for you and your children, as the Lord has commanded."

v. 16 When Moses inquired about the goat of the sin offering and found that it had been burned up, he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's remaining sons, and asked,

v. 17 "Why didn't you eat the sin offering in the sanctuary area? It is most holy; it was given to you to take away the guilt of the community by making atonement for them before the Lord.

v. 18 Since its blood was not taken into the Holy Place, you should have eaten the goat in the sanctuary area, as I commanded."

v. 19 Aaron replied to Moses, "Today they sacrificed their sin offering and their burnt offering before the Lord, but such things as this have happened to me. Would the Lord have been pleased if I had eaten the sin offering today?"

v. 20 When Moses heard this, he was satisfied.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Leviticus 8:1-36 & 10:1-20 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does the Lord command Moses to do in chapter 8:2, 3?

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3. How does the Lord respond to the burnt offering of Moses in verse 21?

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4. How did Moses consecrate the priests and their garments in verse 30?

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5. How did Moses summarize all the happenings of this particular day in verse 34?

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6. What did Nadab and Abihu do in chapter 10:1?

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7. What happened, according to verse 2, and how did Aaron respond in verse 3?

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8. Describe what happens in verses 16-20 and Aaron's explanation and the response of Moses.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Blessing comes when we do as the Lord commands.

LESSON #2: Those who lead in the things of the Lord have a greater responsibility before Him.

LESSON #3: Confession of sin, cleansing by the Word, and conformity to Christ are necessary parts of our cleansing process.

LESSON #4: God makes provision for knowing His will through the Urim and the Thummim.

LESSON #5: What we hear with our ear, what we do with our hand, and where we walk with our feet are important to the Lord.

LESSON #6: God will not allow us to come before Him on our terms.

LESSON #7: When we are operating contrary to His commands there are serious consequences.

LESSON #8: It is best to remain silent in the face of God's just judgment.

LESSON #9: Our conduct should display God's holiness and His name should be honored no matter what happens.

LESSON #10: God acts in judgment in the first of the chapter and in grace in the last of the chapter.

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**STUDY NUMBER SIXTEEN — NUMBERS 11:1-35****NOTES**

v. 1 Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the Lord, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the Lord burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.

v. 2 When the people cried out to Moses, he prayed to the Lord and the fire died down.

v. 3 So that place was called Taberah, because fire from the Lord had burned among them.

v. 4 The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat!"

v. 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic.

v. 6 But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!"

v. 7 The manna was like coriander seed and looked like resin.

v. 8 The people went around gathering it, and then ground it in a handmill or crushed it in a mortar. They cooked it in a pot or made it into cakes. And it tasted like something made with olive oil.

v. 9 When the dew settled on the camp at night, the manna also came down.

v. 10 Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The Lord became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled.

v. 11 He asked the Lord, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me?"

v. 12 Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers?

v. 13 Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!'

v. 14 I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me.

v. 15 If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin."

v. 16 The Lord said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

v. 17 I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.

v. 18 "Tell the people: 'Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The Lord heard you when you wailed, "If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!" Now the Lord will give you meat, and you will eat it.

v. 19 You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days,

v. 20 but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it—because you have rejected the Lord, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?" "'

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v. 21 But Moses said, "Here I am among six hundred thousand men on foot, and you say, 'I will give them meat to eat for a whole month!'"

v. 22 Would they have enough if flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Would they have enough if all the fish in the sea were caught for them?"

v. 23 The Lord answered Moses, "Is the Lord's arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you."

v. 24 So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent.

v. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

v. 26 However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.

v. 27 A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

v. 28 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

v. 29 But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!"

v. 30 Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

v. 31 Now a wind went out from the Lord and drove quail in from the sea. It brought them down all around the camp to about three feet above the ground, as far as a day's walk in any direction.

v. 32 All that day and night and all the next day the people went out and gathered quail. No one gathered less than ten homers. Then they spread them out all around the camp.

v. 33 But while the meat was still between their teeth and before it could be consumed, the anger of the Lord burned against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague.

v. 34 Therefore the place was named Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had craved other food.

v. 35 From Kibroth Hattaavah the people traveled to Hazeroth and stayed there.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Numbers 11:1-35 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What are the people doing in chapter 11:1?

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3. How does the Lord respond to their complaints?

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4. How are the people complaining in verses 4-6?

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5. What does Moses tell the Lord in verse 14?

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6. How does the Lord solve the problem of Moses in verses 16 & 17?

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7. Summarize what the Lord tells Moses to tell the people in verses 18-20.

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8. How does the Lord feel and act toward His people, according to verse 33?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We ought to be characterized as people who are counting our blessings rather than complaining.

LESSON #2: Hardships are designed to help us grow in our faith.

LESSON #3: Our God is a consuming fire.

LESSON #4: When you forget the past and the promises of the future and look only at the circumstances in the present, you will always render a wrong verdict.

LESSON #5: Selfish desires of the past can get us into real trouble.

LESSON #6: Moses is discouraged, down and depressed in this passage.

LESSON #7: The Lord does not bother with explanations or answering questions but only in issuing commands and giving promises.

LESSON #8: The Lord recognizes Moses' limitations and provides the necessary help.

LESSON #9: We must never question God's ability to fulfill and accomplish what He has promised.

LESSON #10: You will speak with power and wisdom as a result of being filled with the Spirit.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

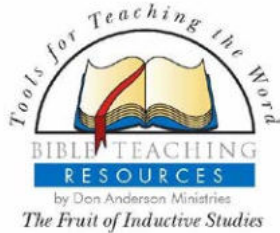
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# What You Need to Know About MOSES

## **“Why He Chose to Suffer Affliction over the Pleasures of Sin”**

### **PART III**

#### **STUDY NUMBER SEVENTEEN — NUMBERS 12:1-13:33**

#### **NOTES**

v. 1 Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite.

v. 2 “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the Lord heard this.

v. 3 (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

v. 4 At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them came out.

v. 5 Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward,

v. 6 he said, “Listen to my words: “When a prophet of the Lord is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams.

v. 7 But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house.

v. 8 With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

v. 9 The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them.

v.10 When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam—leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy;

v.11 and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed.

v.12 Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.”

v.13 So Moses cried out to the Lord, "O God, please heal her!"

v.14 The Lord replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back."

v.15 So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

v.16 After that, the people left Hazeroth and encamped in the Desert of Paran.

13:v. 1 The Lord said to Moses,

v. 2 "Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders."

v. 3 So at the Lord's command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites.

v. 4 These are their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua son of Zaccur;

v. 5 from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat son of Hori;

v. 6 from the tribe of Judah, Caleb son of Jephunneh;

v. 7 from the tribe of Issachar, Igal son of Joseph;

v. 8 from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea son of Nun;

v. 9 from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti son of Raphu;

v.10 from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel son of Sodi;

v.11 from the tribe of Manasseh (a tribe of Joseph), Gaddi son of Susi;

v.12 from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel son of Gemalli;

v.13 from the tribe of Asher, Sethur son of Michael;

v.14 from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi son of Vophsi;

v.15 from the tribe of Gad, Geuel son of Maki.

v.16 These are the names of the men Moses sent to explore the land. (Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua.)

v.17 When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, "Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country.

v.18 See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many.

v.19 What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwallled or fortified?

v.20 How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees on it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land." (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.)

v.21 So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath.

v.22 They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmi, the descendants of Anak, lived. (Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

v.23 When they reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs.

v.24 That place was called the Valley of Eshcol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there.

v.25 At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

v.26 They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land.

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v.27 They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.

v.28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.

v.29 The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”

v.30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

v.31 But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.”

v.32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.

v.33 We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Numbers 12:1-13:33 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Who are the ones opposing Moses and why, according to chapter 12:1?

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3. How is Moses described in verse 3?

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4. What is the difference between how the Lord reveals himself to a prophet and the way He reveals himself to Moses in verses 6-8?

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5. What happens to Miriam, according to verse 10?

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6. How does Moses pray in verse 13?

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7. What does the Lord command Moses to do in chapter 13:2?

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8. Describe the committee report in verses 26-33.

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord deals severely with a critical spirit in this passage.

LESSON #2: An evidence of weak character is going along with the criticisms of another.

LESSON #3: God delights in humility.

LESSON #4: The Lord is quick to vindicate His servants.

LESSON #5: The Lord spoke face-to-face with Moses.

LESSON #6: A critical spirit is the leprosy of the soul.

LESSON #7: Aaron's confession of sin clears the way for God's restoration.

LESSON #8: Moses forgives, forgets, and prays for the healing of his sister.

LESSON #9: The children of Israel are focusing on their circumstances rather than on the Lord who has promised.

LESSON #10: Caleb stands alone when he says, "We should go up and take possession of the land for we can certainly do it."

LESSON #11: Victory is certain in the Lord's strength.

LESSON #12: When we leave God out, they look like giants and we look like grasshoppers.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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### **STUDY NUMBER EIGHTEEN — NUMBERS 14:1-45**

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v. 1 That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud.

v. 2 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert!

v. 3 Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?"

v. 4 And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

v. 5 Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there.

v. 6 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes

v. 7 and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.

v. 8 If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us.

v. 9 Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them."

v.10 But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the Lord appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites.

v.11 The Lord said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them?

v.12 I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they."

v.13 Moses said to the Lord, "Then the Egyptians will hear about it! By your power you brought these people up from among them.

v.14 And they will tell the inhabitants of this land about it. They have already heard that you, O Lord, are with these people and that you, O Lord, have been seen face to face, that your cloud stays over them, and that you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

v.15 If you put these people to death all at one time, the nations who have heard this report about you will say,

v.16 'The Lord was not able to bring these people into the land he promised them on oath; so he slaughtered them in the desert.'

v.17 "Now may the Lord's strength be displayed, just as you have declared:

v.18 'The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.'

v.19 In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now."

v.20 The Lord replied, "I have forgiven them, as you asked.

v.21 Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth,

v.22 not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times—

v.23 not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.

v.24 But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

v.25 Since the Amalekites and Canaanites are living in the valleys, turn back tomorrow and set out toward the desert along the route to the Red Sea."

v.26 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron:

v.27 "How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites.

v.28 So tell them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Lord, I will do to you the very things I heard you say:

v.29 In this desert your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me.

v.30 Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.

v.31 As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected.

v.32 But you—your bodies will fall in this desert.

v.33 Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the desert.

v.34 For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.'

v.35 I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this desert; here they will die."

v.36 So the men Moses had sent to explore the land, who returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it—

v.37 these men responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the Lord.

v.38 Of the men who went to explore the land, only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh survived.

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v.39 When Moses reported this to all the Israelites, they mourned bitterly.  
v.40 Early the next morning they went up toward the high hill country. "We have sinned," they said. "We will go up to the place the Lord promised."  
v.41 But Moses said, "Why are you disobeying the Lord's command? This will not succeed!  
v.42 Do not go up, because the Lord is not with you. You will be defeated by your enemies,  
v.43 for the Amalekites and Canaanites will face you there. Because you have turned away from the Lord, he will not be with you and you will fall by the sword."  
v.44 Nevertheless, in their presumption they went up toward the high hill country, though neither Moses nor the ark of the Lord's covenant moved from the camp.  
v.45 Then the Amalekites and Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and attacked them and beat them down all the way to Hormah.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Numbers 14:1-45 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How do the children of Israel respond to the committee report, according to verses 1-4?

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3. What do Joshua and Caleb have to say in verses 7-9?

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4. What were the children of Israel talking about doing to Joshua and Caleb, according to verse 10?

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5. What does the Lord say to Moses in verses 11 & 12?

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6. The Lord forgives them, but what are the consequences of their sin, according to verse 23?

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7. What two things does the Lord say about Caleb in verse 24?

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8. How do the people respond to this message of judgment from Moses, according to verses 40-45?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There are serious consequences for those who grumble against God's plan, purpose, and promises.

LESSON #2: The children of Israel have forgotten all the wonderful things that the Lord has done for them in the previous months.

LESSON #3: Joshua and Caleb never lost their confidence in God nor His covenant promises.

LESSON #4: The glory of the Lord appears again in the midst of this grumbling and complaining.

LESSON #5: Moses proves to be the great intercessor for the people once again.

LESSON #6: The Lord forgives but He allows the consequences to run their course in judgment.

LESSON #7: Caleb had a different spirit and followed the Lord wholeheartedly.

LESSON #8: There are initially ten fatalities as a result of God's judgment.

LESSON #9: There comes a time when it will be too late to say, "We have sinned."

LESSON #10: The sin of presumption brings about a terrible defeat for the children of Israel.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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### **STUDY NUMBER NINETEEN — NUMBERS 16:1-17:13**

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16:v. 1 Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites—Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—became insolent

v. 2 and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council.

v. 3 They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the Lord’s assembly?”

v. 4 When Moses heard this, he fell facedown.

v. 5 Then he said to Korah and all his followers: “In the morning the Lord will show who belongs to him and who is holy, and he will have that person come

near him. The man he chooses he will cause to come near him.

v. 6 You, Korah, and all your followers are to do this: Take censers

v. 7 and tomorrow put fire and incense in them before the Lord. The man the Lord chooses will be the one who is holy. You Levites have gone too far!”

v. 8 Moses also said to Korah, “Now listen, you Levites!

v. 9 Isn’t it enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the Israelite community and brought you near himself to do the work at the Lord’s tabernacle and to stand before the community and minister to them?

v.10 He has brought you and all your fellow Levites near himself, but now you are trying to get the priesthood too.

v.11 It is against the Lord that you and all your followers have banded together. Who is Aaron that you should grumble against him?”

v.12 Then Moses summoned Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab. But they said, “We will not come!

v.13 Isn’t it enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the desert? And now you also want to lord it over us?

v.14 Moreover, you haven’t brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey or given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you gouge out the eyes of these men? No, we will not come!”

v.15 Then Moses became very angry and said to the Lord, “Do not accept their offering. I have not taken so much as a donkey from them, nor have I wronged any of them.”

v.16 Moses said to Korah, “You and all your followers are to appear before the Lord tomorrow—you and they and Aaron.

v.17 Each man is to take his censer and put incense in it—250 censers in all—and present it before the Lord. You and Aaron are to present your censers also.”

v.18 So each man took his censer, put fire and incense in it, and stood with Moses and Aaron at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

v.19 When Korah had gathered all his followers in opposition to them at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, the glory of the Lord appeared to the entire assembly.

v.20 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron,

v.21 “Separate yourselves from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once.”

v.22 But Moses and Aaron fell facedown and cried out, “O God, God of the spirits of all mankind, will you be angry with the entire assembly when only one man sins?”

v.23 Then the Lord said to Moses,

v.24 “Say to the assembly, ‘Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.’”

v.25 Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him.

v.26 He warned the assembly, “Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything belonging to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins.”

v.27 So they moved away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram had come out and were standing with their wives, children and little ones at the entrances to their tents.

v.28 Then Moses said, “This is how you will know that the Lord has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea:

v.29 If these men die a natural death and experience only what usually happens to men, then the Lord has not sent me.

v.30 But if the Lord brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, then you will know that these men have treated the Lord with contempt.”

v.31 As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart

v.32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households and all Korah’s men and all their possessions.

v.33 They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community.

v.34 At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, “The earth is going to swallow us too!”

v.35 And fire came out from the Lord and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense.

v.36 The Lord said to Moses,

v.37 “Tell Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest, to take the censers out of the smoldering remains and scatter the coals some distance away, for the censers are holy—

v.38 the censers of the men who sinned at the cost of their lives. Hammer the censers into sheets to overlay the altar, for they were presented before the Lord and have become holy. Let them be a sign to the Israelites.”

v.39 So Eleazar the priest collected the bronze censers brought by those who had been burned up, and he had them hammered out to overlay the altar,

v.40 as the Lord directed him through Moses. This was to remind the Israelites that no one except a descendant of Aaron should come to burn incense before the Lord, or he would become like Korah and his followers.

v.41 The next day the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. "You have killed the Lord's people," they said.

v.42 But when the assembly gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron and turned toward the Tent of Meeting, suddenly the cloud covered it and the glory of the Lord appeared.

v.43 Then Moses and Aaron went to the front of the Tent of Meeting,

v.44 and the Lord said to Moses,

v.45 "Get away from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once." And they fell facedown.

v.46 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put incense in it, along with fire from the altar, and hurry to the assembly to make atonement for them. Wrath has come out from the Lord; the plague has started."

v.47 So Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly. The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense and made atonement for them.

v.48 He stood between the living and the dead, and the plague stopped.

v.49 But 14,700 people died from the plague, in addition to those who had died because of Korah.

v.50 Then Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, for the plague had stopped.

17:v. 1 The Lord said to Moses,

v. 2 "Speak to the Israelites and get twelve staffs from them, one from the leader of each of their ancestral tribes. Write the name of each man on his staff.

v. 3 On the staff of Levi write Aaron's name, for there must be one staff for the head of each ancestral tribe.

v. 4 Place them in the Tent of Meeting in front of the Testimony, where I meet with you.

v. 5 The staff belonging to the man I choose will sprout, and I will rid myself of this constant grumbling against you by the Israelites."

v. 6 So Moses spoke to the Israelites, and their leaders gave him twelve staffs, one for the leader of each of their ancestral tribes, and Aaron's staff was among them.

v. 7 Moses placed the staffs before the Lord in the Tent of the Testimony.

v. 8 The next day Moses entered the Tent of the Testimony and saw that Aaron's staff, which represented the house of Levi, had not only sprouted but had budded, blossomed and produced almonds.

v. 9 Then Moses brought out all the staffs from the Lord's presence to all the Israelites. They looked at them, and each man took his own staff.

v.10 The Lord said to Moses, "Put back Aaron's staff in front of the Testimony, to be kept as a sign to the rebellious. This will put an end to their grumbling against me, so that they will not die."

v.11 Moses did just as the Lord commanded him.

v.12 The Israelites said to Moses, "We will die! We are lost, we are all lost!

v.13 Anyone who even comes near the tabernacle of the Lord will die. Are we all going to die?"



**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Numbers 16:1-17:13 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Describe the crisis in chapter 16:1-3.

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3. Who is it that these people are rebelling against, according to verse 11?

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4. What command does the Lord give to Moses and to the assembly in verses 23 & 24?

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5. What does Moses have to say to the people in verses 28-30?

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6. How does the Lord respond to all of this, according to verses 31-33?

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7. How many died because of the grumbling against Moses and Aaron for what had happened to all of Korah's men the day before, according to verse 49?

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8. What does the Lord command Moses to do in chapter 17:1-5?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There are serious consequences when we rebel against God-chosen leadership.

LESSON #2: It would be terrible to hear the words, "You have gone too far."

LESSON #3: Contentment with the Lord's direction and provision in our lives is critical.

LESSON #4: The glory of the Lord appears at critical times in the life of Moses and Aaron.

LESSON #5: Moses again is faithful to intercede on behalf of the people.

LESSON #6: God is not laughed at. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

LESSON #7: Sin exacts a high price of death.

LESSON #8: The leadership of Moses and the priesthood of Aaron are vindicated by the Lord in this passage.

LESSON #9: The Lord protects and provides for those whom He chooses to lead His people.

LESSON #10: Fire and wrath both come out from the Lord in this passage.

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dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

LESSON #11: Aaron's rod was the only one that sprouted, budded, blossomed, and produced almonds.

LESSON #12: Moses did just as the Lord commanded him.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWENTY — NUMBERS 20:1-29, 21:4-35****NOTES**

20:v. 1 In the first month the whole Israelite community arrived at the Desert of Zin, and they stayed at Kadesh. There Miriam died and was buried.

v. 2 Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron.

v. 3 They quarreled with Moses and said, "If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the Lord!

v. 4 Why did you bring the Lord's community into this desert, that we and our livestock should die here?

v. 5 Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!"

v. 6 Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the Lord appeared to them.

v. 7 The Lord said to Moses,

v. 8 "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink."

v. 9 So Moses took the staff from the Lord's presence, just as he commanded him.

v.10 He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?"

v.11 Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

v.12 But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."

v.13 These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the Lord and where he showed himself holy among them.

v.14 Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, saying: "This is what your brother Israel says: You know about all the hardships that have come upon us.

v.15 Our forefathers went down into Egypt, and we lived there many years. The Egyptians mistreated us and our fathers,

v.16 but when we cried out to the Lord, he heard our cry and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt. "Now we are here at Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory.

v.17 Please let us pass through your country. We will not go through any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We will travel along the king's highway and not turn to the right or to the left until we have passed through your territory."

v.18 But Edom answered: "You may not pass through here; if you try, we will march out and attack you with the sword."

v.19 The Israelites replied: "We will go along the main road, and if we or our livestock drink any of your water, we will pay for it. We only want to pass through on foot—nothing else."

v.20 Again they answered: "You may not pass through." Then Edom came out against them with a large and powerful army.

v.21 Since Edom refused to let them go through their territory, Israel turned away from them.

v.22 The whole Israelite community set out from Kadesh and came to Mount Hor.

v.23 At Mount Hor, near the border of Edom, the Lord said to Moses and Aaron,

v.24 “Aaron will be gathered to his people. He will not enter the land I give the Israelites, because both of you rebelled against my command at the waters of Meribah.

v.25 Get Aaron and his son Eleazar and take them up Mount Hor.

v.26 Remove Aaron’s garments and put them on his son Eleazar, for Aaron will be gathered to his people; he will die there.”

v.27 Moses did as the Lord commanded: They went up Mount Hor in the sight of the whole community.

v.28 Moses removed Aaron’s garments and put them on his son Eleazar. And Aaron died there on top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain,

v.29 and when the whole community learned that Aaron had died, the entire house of Israel mourned for him thirty days.

21:v. 4 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way;

v. 5 they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

v. 6 Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died.

v. 7 The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

v. 8 The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.”

v. 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

v.10 The Israelites moved on and camped at Oboth.

v.11 Then they set out from Oboth and camped in Iye Abarim, in the desert that faces Moab toward the sunrise.

v.12 From there they moved on and camped in the Zered Valley.

v.13 They set out from there and camped alongside the Arnon, which is in the desert extending into Amorite territory. The Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

v.14 That is why the Book of the Wars of the Lord says: “. . . Waheb in Suphah and the ravines, the Arnon

v.15 and the slopes of the ravines that lead to the site of Ar and lie along the border of Moab.”

v.16 From there they continued on to Beer, the well where the Lord said to Moses, “Gather the people together and I will give them water.”

v.17 Then Israel sang this song: “Spring up, O well! Sing about it,

v.18 about the well that the princes dug, that the nobles of the people sank—the nobles with scepters and staffs.” Then they went from the desert to Mattanah,

v.19 from Mattanah to Nahaliel, from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

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v.20 and from Bamoth to the valley in Moab where the top of Pisgah overlooks the wasteland.

v.21 Israel sent messengers to say to Sihon king of the Amorites:

v.22 “Let us pass through your country. We will not turn aside into any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We will travel along the king’s highway until we have passed through your territory.”

v.23 But Sihon would not let Israel pass through his territory. He mustered his entire army and marched out into the desert against Israel. When he reached Jahaz, he fought with Israel.

v.24 Israel, however, put him to the sword and took over his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, but only as far as the Ammonites, because their border was fortified.

v.25 Israel captured all the cities of the Amorites and occupied them, including Heshbon and all its surrounding settlements.

v.26 Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and had taken from him all his land as far as the Arnon.

v.27 That is why the poets say: “Come to Heshbon and let it be rebuilt; let Sihon’s city be restored.

v.28 “Fire went out from Heshbon, a blaze from the city of Sihon. It consumed Ar of Moab, the citizens of Arnon’s heights.

v.29 Woe to you, O Moab! You are destroyed, O people of Chemosh! He has given up his sons as fugitives and his daughters as captives to Sihon king of the Amorites.

v.30 “But we have overthrown them; Heshbon is destroyed all the way to Dibon. We have demolished them as far as Nophah, which extends to Medeba.”

v.31 So Israel settled in the land of the Amorites.

v.32 After Moses had sent spies to Jazer, the Israelites captured its surrounding settlements and drove out the Amorites who were there.

v.33 Then they turned and went up along the road toward Bashan, and Og king of Bashan and his whole army marched out to meet them in battle at Edrei.

v.34 The Lord said to Moses, “Do not be afraid of him, for I have handed him over to you, with his whole army and his land. Do to him what you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon.”

v.35 So they struck him down, together with his sons and his whole army, leaving them no survivors. And they took possession of his land.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Numbers 20:1-29 and 21:4-35 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What tragedy happens in chapter 20:1?

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3. What crisis does Moses face in verses 2-5?

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4. What instructions does the Lord give to Moses in verse 8?

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5. How does Moses carry out these instructions, according to verse 11?

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6. What are the consequences for Moses and Aaron as a result of this disobedience, according to verse 12?

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7. Describe what happens to Aaron in verses 22-29.

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8. Describe what happens in chapter 21:4-9 and how this relates to Christ's death upon the cross. See John 3:14.

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord is not pleased with a grumbling, complaining spirit.

LESSON #2: The glory of the Lord always appears when the spirit of unthankfulness manifests itself.

LESSON #3: Moses forgot whose power is going to produce water from the rock.

LESSON #4: Moses and Aaron lost their chance to take the people into the land because they did not trust and honor the Lord in the sight of the people.

LESSON #5: Moses loses his sister Miriam, his brother Aaron, and his opportunity to take the people into the land, all in a matter of four months.

LESSON #6: Death is being described as being “gathered to his people” in this passage.

LESSON #7: The poisonous snakes are a picture of sin and what it does to us.

LESSON #8: Our Savior was lifted up on a pole and made sin for us that we might look to Him and live.

LESSON #9: Israel has gotten back its song in this passage, and “the joy of the Lord will be their strength.”

LESSON #10: The children of Israel are experiencing victory as they follow in the Lord’s footsteps.

LESSON #11: They need not fear for the Lord has granted them the victory.

LESSON #12: Moses is comforted by these victories on this occasion.

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## **STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-ONE — NUMBERS 27:12-23, DEUT. 6:1-25, 8:1-20**

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#### **Numbers 27:12-23**

27:v.12 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go up this mountain in the Abarim range and see the land I have given the Israelites.

v.13 After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was,

v.14 for when the community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honor me as holy before their eyes.” (These were the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.)

v.15 Moses said to the Lord,

v.16 “May the Lord, the God of the spirits of all mankind, appoint a man over this community

v.17 to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord’s people will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

v.18 So the Lord said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him.

v.19 Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence.

v.20 Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him.

v.21 He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the Lord. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”

v.22 Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly.

v.23 Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the Lord instructed through Moses.

#### **Deuteronomy 6:1-25, 8:1-20**

6:v. 1 These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,

v. 2 so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

v. 3 Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, promised you.

v. 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

v. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

v. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

v. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

v. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.



v. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

v.10 When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build,

v.11 houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied,

v.12 be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

v.13 Fear the Lord your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.

v.14 Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you;

v.15 for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land.

v.16 Do not test the Lord your God as you did at Massah.

v.17 Be sure to keep the commands of the Lord your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you.

v.18 Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land that the Lord promised on oath to your forefathers,

v.19 thrusting out all your enemies before you, as the Lord said.

v.20 In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?"

v.21 tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

v.22 Before our eyes the Lord sent miraculous signs and wonders—great and terrible—upon Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household.

v.23 But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that he promised on oath to our forefathers.

v.24 The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today.

v.25 And if we are careful to obey all this law before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."

8:v. 1 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the Lord promised on oath to your forefathers.

v. 2 Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

v. 3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

v. 4 Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years.

v. 5 Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.

v. 6 Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and revering him.

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v. 7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills;

v. 8 a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey;

v. 9 a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

v.10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

v.11 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

v.12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down,

v.13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied,

v.14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

v.15 He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock.

v.16 He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you.

v.17 You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.”

v.18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

v.19 If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed.

v.20 Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the Lord your God.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Numbers 27:12-23, Deuteronomy 6:1-25, and 8:1-20 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does the Lord tell Moses to do in Numbers 27:12, 13?

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3. What does Moses request of the Lord in Numbers 27:15-17?

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4. Who is going to assume the leadership over the children of Israel, according to Numbers 27:18?

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5. What does Moses command the children to do in Deuteronomy 6:3?

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6. What are the children of Israel supposed to do with the commands of the Lord, according to Deuteronomy 6:6-9?

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7. What warning does Moses give to the people in Deuteronomy 8:1?

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8. What does Moses tell the people to do in Deuteronomy 8:10?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Moses is unselfishly concerned about his people when the announcement of his impending death comes.

LESSON #2: The Lord has Joshua take over the task.

LESSON #3: The life of Moses is characterized by doing as the Lord commanded him.

LESSON #4: The result of obedience is long life, things going well, and increasing greatly.

LESSON #5: We are to love the Lord our God intensely with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength.

LESSON #6: We are responsible to parent our children and to teach them these principles.

LESSON #7: It is a peril of prosperity to forget the Lord in the process.

LESSON #8: All of these blessings come from the unconditional promises made to Abraham.

LESSON #9: The Lord humbles, tests, teaches, and disciplines us that we might experience His adequacy in every situation.

LESSON #10: Discipline is part of the divine curriculum toward Christlikeness.

LESSON #11: The three perils of prosperity are complacency, arrogance, and the rejection of God.

LESSON #12: It is possible to have spiritual poverty in the midst of plenty.

LESSON #13: The adversities of life are to teach us dependence so we will not take the credit for what the Lord has provided.

LESSON #14: We must learn to see all of His provisions as manifestations of divine grace.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-TWO — DEUTERONOMY 31:1-29****NOTES**

v. 1 Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel:

v. 2 "I am now a hundred and twenty years old and I am no longer able to lead you. The Lord has said to me, 'You shall not cross the Jordan.'

v. 3 The Lord your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the Lord said.

v. 4 And the Lord will do to them what he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, whom he destroyed along with their land.

v. 5 The Lord will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you.

v. 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

v. 7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their forefathers to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance.

v. 8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

v. 9 So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel.

v.10 Then Moses commanded them: "At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Feast of Tabernacles,

v.11 when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing.

v.12 Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the aliens living in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this law.

v.13 Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess."

v.14 The Lord said to Moses, "Now the day of your death is near. Call Joshua and present yourselves at the Tent of Meeting, where I will commission him." So Moses and Joshua came and presented themselves at the Tent of Meeting.

v.15 Then the Lord appeared at the Tent in a pillar of cloud, and the cloud stood over the entrance to the Tent.

v.16 And the Lord said to Moses: "You are going to rest with your fathers, and these people will soon prostitute themselves to the foreign gods of the land they are entering. They will forsake me and break the covenant I made with them.

v.17 On that day I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will hide my face from them, and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and difficulties will come upon them, and on that day they will ask, 'Have not these disasters come upon us because our God is not with us?'

v.18 And I will certainly hide my face on that day because of all their wickedness in turning to other gods.

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v.19 “Now write down for yourselves this song and teach it to the Israelites and have them sing it, so that it may be a witness for me against them.

v.20 When I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, the land I promised on oath to their forefathers, and when they eat their fill and thrive, they will turn to other gods and worship them, rejecting me and breaking my covenant.

v.21 And when many disasters and difficulties come upon them, this song will testify against them, because it will not be forgotten by their descendants. I know what they are disposed to do, even before I bring them into the land I promised them on oath.”

v.22 So Moses wrote down this song that day and taught it to the Israelites.

v.23 The Lord gave this command to Joshua son of Nun: “Be strong and courageous, for you will bring the Israelites into the land I promised them on oath, and I myself will be with you.”

v.24 After Moses finished writing in a book the words of this law from beginning to end,

v.25 he gave this command to the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord:

v.26 “Take this Book of the Law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God. There it will remain as a witness against you.

v.27 For I know how rebellious and stiff-necked you are. If you have been rebellious against the Lord while I am still alive and with you, how much more will you rebel after I die!

v.28 Assemble before me all the elders of your tribes and all your officials, so that I can speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to testify against them.

v.29 For I know that after my death you are sure to become utterly corrupt and to turn from the way I have commanded you. In days to come, disaster will fall upon you because you will do evil in the sight of the Lord and provoke him to anger by what your hands have made.”

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Deuteronomy 31:1-29 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is the Lord going to do for the children of Israel, according to verse 3?

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3. What are the commands and promises given by Moses in verse 6?

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4. What are the promises and commands in verse 8?

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5. What does the Lord tell Moses in verse 14?

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6. What does the Lord prophesy with regard to the children of Israel in verses 16-18?

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7. What command does the Lord give to Joshua in verse 23?

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8. What does Moses do with the words of the law after he finishes writing them in a book, according to verses 24-26?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Moses recognizes with great maturity that the time has come for him to step down.

LESSON #2: Moses also recognizes his own limitations.

LESSON #3: Moses restates the fact that the Lord will destroy the nations and give them the land.

LESSON #4: “Be strong and courageous” occurs three times in the passage.

LESSON #5: The Lord has promised His presence with them.

LESSON #6: If the leadership is strong and courageous it will inspire the people to be the same.

LESSON #7: They are to listen to the Law and learn it.

LESSON #8: They are to fear the Lord and follow the Law.

LESSON #9: They are to follow carefully all the words of this Law.

LESSON #10: The day of death for Moses is known to the Lord.

LESSON #11: The unfaithfulness of the people does not affect the unconditional promises made to Abraham.

LESSON #12: What idols do you have in your life?

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## **STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-THREE — DEUTERONOMY 31:30-32:52**

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31:v.30 And Moses recited the words of this song from beginning to end in the hearing of the whole assembly of Israel:

32:v. 1 Listen, O heavens, and I will speak; hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

v. 2 Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.

v. 3 I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!

v. 4 He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

v. 5 They have acted corruptly toward him; to their shame they are no longer his children, but a warped and crooked generation.

v. 6 Is this the way you repay the Lord, O foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you?

v. 7 Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you.

v. 8 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.



v. 9 For the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance.  
v.10 In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye,  
v.11 like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions.  
v.12 The Lord alone led him; no foreign god was with him.  
v.13 He made him ride on the heights of the land and fed him with the fruit of the fields. He nourished him with honey from the rock, and with oil from the flinty crag,  
v.14 with curds and milk from herd and flock and with fattened lambs and goats, with choice rams of Bashan and the finest kernels of wheat. You drank the foaming blood of the grape.  
v.15 Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; filled with food, he became heavy and sleek. He abandoned the God who made him and rejected the Rock his Savior.  
v.16 They made him jealous with their foreign gods and angered him with their detestable idols.  
v.17 They sacrificed to demons, which are not God—gods they had not known, gods that recently appeared, gods your fathers did not fear.  
v.18 You deserted the Rock, who fathered you; you forgot the God who gave you birth.  
v.19 The Lord saw this and rejected them because he was angered by his sons and daughters.  
v.20 "I will hide my face from them," he said, "and see what their end will be; for they are a perverse generation, children who are unfaithful.  
v.21 They made me jealous by what is no god and angered me with their worthless idols. I will make them envious by those who are not a people; I will make them angry by a nation that has no understanding.  
v.22 For a fire has been kindled by my wrath, one that burns to the realm of death below. It will devour the earth and its harvests and set afire the foundations of the mountains.  
v.23 "I will heap calamities upon them and spend my arrows against them.  
v.24 I will send wasting famine against them, consuming pestilence and deadly plague; I will send against them the fangs of wild beasts, the venom of vipers that glide in the dust.  
v.25 In the street the sword will make them childless; in their homes terror will reign. Young men and young women will perish, infants and gray-haired men.  
v.26 I said I would scatter them and blot out their memory from mankind,  
v.27 but I dreaded the taunt of the enemy, lest the adversary misunderstand and say, 'Our hand has triumphed; the Lord has not done all this.'  
v.28 They are a nation without sense, there is no discernment in them.  
v.29 If only they were wise and would understand this and discern what their end will be!  
v.30 How could one man chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, unless the Lord had given them up?  
v.31 For their rock is not like our Rock, as even our enemies concede.  
v.32 Their vine comes from the vine of Sodom and from the fields of Gomorrah. Their grapes are filled with poison, and their clusters with bitterness.  
v.33 Their wine is the venom of serpents, the deadly poison of cobras.

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v.34 “Have I not kept this in reserve and sealed it in my vaults?  
v.35 It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them.”  
v.36 The Lord will judge his people and have compassion on his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free.  
v.37 He will say: “Now where are their gods, the rock they took refuge in,  
v.38 the gods who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up to help you! Let them give you shelter!  
v.39 “See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.  
v.40 I lift my hand to heaven and declare: As surely as I live forever,  
v.41 when I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand grasps it in judgment, I will take vengeance on my adversaries and repay those who hate me.  
v.42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood, while my sword devours flesh: the blood of the slain and the captives, the heads of the enemy leaders.”  
v.43 Rejoice, O nations, with his people, for he will avenge the blood of his servants; he will take vengeance on his enemies and make atonement for his land and people.  
v.44 Moses came with Joshua son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people.  
v.45 When Moses finished reciting all these words to all Israel,  
v.46 he said to them, “Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law.  
v.47 They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”  
v.48 On that same day the Lord told Moses,  
v.49 “Go up into the Abarim Range to Mount Nebo in Moab, across from Jericho, and view Canaan, the land I am giving the Israelites as their own possession.  
v.50 There on the mountain that you have climbed you will die and be gathered to your people, just as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people.  
v.51 This is because both of you broke faith with me in the presence of the Israelites at the waters of Meribah Kadesh in the Desert of Zin and because you did not uphold my holiness among the Israelites.  
v.52 Therefore, you will see the land only from a distance; you will not enter the land I am giving to the people of Israel.”

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Deuteronomy 31:30-32:52 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does Moses do, according to chapter 31:30?

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3. How does Moses describe God in chapter 32:4?

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4. What does Moses command them to do in verse 7?

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5. What are the children of Israel guilty of doing, according to verse 18?

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6. How are the children of Israel described in verses 28 & 29?

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7. What is the Lord going to do, according to verse 36?

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8. What command does the Lord give to Moses in verses 48-52?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: How good it is when His children praise Him in song!

LESSON #2: His Word is like rain to refresh our drooping spirits.

LESSON #3: In this song, *He is the Rock*. His works are perfect and His ways are just.

LESSON #4: He is a faithful God who does no wrong.

LESSON #5: Our heavenly Father knows best what makes us happy.

LESSON #6: We are commanded to remember the days of old.

LESSON #7: His portion and His inheritance are His people.

LESSON #8: Like an eagle, He hovers over us, spreads His wings, and carries us.

LESSON #9: Prosperity can cause us to forget the One who has made it possible.

LESSON #10: They deserted the Rock who had fathered them and forgot the God who gave them birth.

LESSON #11: Our God is a consuming fire.

LESSON #12: The sovereign wish for the nation and the world is in verse 29: "If only they were wise and would understand this and discern what their end will be!"

LESSON #13: His words are not idle words. They are life.

LESSON #14: Our responsibility is to take to heart and to obey carefully all of His words.

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**STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR — DEUT. 33:1-34:12, HEBREWS 11:23-29****NOTES****Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12**

33:v. 1 This is the blessing that Moses the man of God pronounced on the Israelites before his death.

v. 2 He said: "The Lord came from Sinai and dawned over them from Seir; he shone forth from Mount Paran. He came with myriads of holy ones from the south, from his mountain slopes.

v. 3 Surely it is you who love the people; all the holy ones are in your hand. At your feet they all bow down, and from you receive instruction,

v. 4 the law that Moses gave us, the possession of the assembly of Jacob.

v. 5 He was king over Jeshurun when the leaders of the people assembled, along with the tribes of Israel.

v. 6 "Let Reuben live and not die, nor his men be few."

v. 7 And this he said about Judah: "Hear, O Lord, the cry of Judah; bring him to his people. With his own hands he defends his cause. Oh, be his help against his foes!"

v. 8 About Levi he said: "Your Thummim and Urim belong to the man you favored. You tested him at Massah; you contended with him at the waters of Meribah.

v. 9 He said of his father and mother, 'I have no regard for them.' He did not recognize his brothers or acknowledge his own children, but he watched over your word and guarded your covenant.

v.10 He teaches your precepts to Jacob and your law to Israel. He offers incense before you and whole burnt offerings on your altar.

v.11 Bless all his skills, O Lord, and be pleased with the work of his hands. Smite the loins of those who rise up against him; strike his foes till they rise no more."

v.12 About Benjamin he said: "Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the Lord loves rests between his shoulders."

v.13 About Joseph he said: "May the Lord bless his land with the precious dew from heaven above and with the deep waters that lie below;

v.14 with the best the sun brings forth and the finest the moon can yield;

v.15 with the choicest gifts of the ancient mountains and the fruitfulness of the everlasting hills;

v.16 with the best gifts of the earth and its fullness and the favor of him who dwelt in the burning bush. Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

v.17 In majesty he is like a firstborn bull; his horns are the horns of a wild ox. With them he will gore the nations, even those at the ends of the earth. Such are the ten thousands of Ephraim; such are the thousands of Manasseh."

v.18 About Zebulun he said: "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and you, Issachar, in your tents.

v.19 They will summon peoples to the mountain and there offer sacrifices of righteousness; they will feast on the abundance of the seas, on the treasures hidden in the sand."

v.20 About Gad he said: "Blessed is he who enlarges Gad's domain! Gad lives there like a lion, tearing at arm or head.

v.21 He chose the best land for himself; the leader's portion was kept for him. When the heads of the people assembled, he carried out the Lord's righteous will, and his judgments concerning Israel."

v.22 About Dan he said: "Dan is a lion's cub, springing out of Bashan."

v.23 About Naphtali he said: "Naphtali is abounding with the favor of the Lord and is full of his blessing; he will inherit southward to the lake."

v.24 About Asher he said: "Most blessed of sons is Asher; let him be favored by his brothers, and let him bathe his feet in oil."

v.25 The bolts of your gates will be iron and bronze, and your strength will equal your days.

v.26 "There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides on the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty."

v.27 The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you, saying, 'Destroy him!'

v.28 So Israel will live in safety alone; Jacob's spring is secure in a land of grain and new wine, where the heavens drop dew.

v.29 Blessed are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword. Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample down their high places.

34:v. 1 Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan,

v. 2 all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea,

v. 3 the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar.

v. 4 Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it."

v. 5 And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said.

v. 6 He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is.

v. 7 Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.

v. 8 The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

v. 9 Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

v.10 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,

v.11 who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land.

v.12 For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

### **Hebrews 11:23-29**

11:v.23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

**NOTES**

v.24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

v.25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin;

v.26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

v.27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

v.28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the first-born might not touch them.

v.29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12 and Hebrews 11:23-29 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does Moses do beginning with verse 1?

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3. What blessing does Moses give to Benjamin in verse 12?

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4. What does Moses say about God in verse 27?

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5. What does Moses do in chapter 34:1?

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6. Describe the death of Moses and how the people responded to it in verses 5-8.

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7. What right decisions did Moses make, according to Hebrews?

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8. How was Moses able to endure, according to Hebrews 11:27?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: May it be said of us that we are in His hand, at His feet, receiving instruction.

LESSON #2: Our security is to be in His hand, our worship is to be at His feet, and our teachable spirit is seen in receiving instruction.

LESSON #3: It is possible for us to rest and be secure in Him.

LESSON #4: May we experience His fullness and His favor.

LESSON #5: May we rejoice in our work and in our homes.

LESSON #6: May we be abounding with favor and full of His blessing.

LESSON #7: Is the Eternal God your Refuge and do you find underneath yourself the everlasting arms?

LESSON #8: In the Lord's eyes are you a man or a woman of God and a servant of the Lord?

LESSON #9: God is faithful to fulfill His promises in taking the people into the land.

LESSON #10: Are you making the right choices even though it is going to cost you something?

LESSON #11: Are your treasures in heaven or in Egypt?



LESSON #12: Have you found your shelter beneath the blood of Christ?

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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