



Exodus – Study Guide



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Chapter 19:1-Chapter 20:23

- What did God tell Moses to tell the people? What promises did He make? What requirements did the people have to experience these promises? How did the people respond?
- How were the people required to prepare themselves for the revelation from God? Why do you think God prohibited anyone but Moses from going up the mountain?
- How did God demonstrate His presence on the mountain? What does this tell us about God's character? How did the people respond?
- What are the ten commands that God gave Israel at that time? What is the reason that God gave before the actual commands? How is this connected with the commands and the covenant as a whole?
- Describe each of the ten commandments in your own words. What does each of these tell us about God's character and what He demands from His people? How can we best obey and honor each of these today?
- How did the people respond to hearing the ten commandments? What did God say about this? How is fearing God a good motivation to obey God? How does this apply in your own life?

Chapter 23:1-9, 20-23

- How were the people to avoid wickedness and injustice with regard to going along with the crowd or with the powerful? What does this tell about God's character and how we should follow Him?
- How does God require His people to treat their neighbors? How does these principles apply today in cultures that don't have many donkeys?

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- Why is God against falsehood and bribes? How do these corrupt true justice? Why is God against this?
- What did God promise about an angel? What would the angel do for them?
- How were the people commanded to respond? Why? What is the significance of this?

Chapter 24

- How did the people respond when they heard the words of the Lord?
- Describe the covenant ceremony. Why did they build an altar? Why did they offer sacrifices? Why did they sprinkle blood? How is this related to the covenant ceremony that Abraham experienced?
- How did God appear to the elders of Israel? What is the significance of this?
- How did the glory of the Lord appear to all the people on the mountain? What is the significance of this?
- How does the end of this chapter prepare for the chapters that follow?

Chapter 25

- Why did God tell Moses to receive offerings from the people? What kinds of things were offered?
- Describe the “ark of the covenant” as depicted in this passage. Describe the “atonement cover” as depicted in this passage. What does this chapter say will be the function of these two things? What is the significance of this?
- Describe the table as depicted in this passage. Describe the lampstand as depicted in this passage. What do you think was the function of these two things? How does this chapter tell the people to make these things? Why is that important?
- What can we learn about God and the way He relates to His people from the things described in this chapter?

Chapter 29:1-37, 44-46

- Describe the ceremony for installing the priests in your own words. Why do you think each of these things were done? What does this tell us about the character and requirements of the priesthood?
- What are the sacrifices that were made for installing the priests? What was done with the blood and each of the carcasses? What do you think is the significance of this?
- How are the priests and the altar to be atoned and consecrated? What does this tell us about God and what He requires from His people?
- How did God say He would consecrate the tabernacle and priests? Why? How is this related to His presence with and relation to His people? What difference does this make for us today?

Chapter 31:1-11

- Who did God appoint for a special task? What did He appoint them to do? From where does it say they received their special abilities?
- In what way does this chapter emphasize how they were to make these things? Why is that important?

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Chapter 32

- What did the people ask Aaron to do? Why did they make this request? How did Aaron respond? Should they have done this? Why or why not?
- How did God describe what had happened to Moses? What did God claim He would do? How did Moses respond? What did he say to plead with God? How was this connected with God's character and prior revelation? What is the significance of this?
- What did Moses do when he arrived back at the camp? Why?
- How did Aaron try to excuse his actions? Do you think he was speaking truthfully?
- How did Moses punish the people? How did Moses rebuke the people? What hope did he give the people?
- What did Moses say to God? How did the Lord respond? How did God punish the people?
- How does the overall episode of this chapter fit into the entire Exodus narrative? What does this tell us about the people of God at that time? How does this compare to the covenant made a few chapters earlier? What do you expect would happen as a result of this?

Chapter 33

- What did God say He would do for the people? What did He say He would NOT do? Why? How did the people respond?
- What does this chapter say about the "tent of meeting"? What was its function? How did the people respond? Why do you think this information was included at this point in the narrative?
- What did Moses request from God? What basis did he give for this request? How did God respond? What did He promise?
- What is the reason Moses gave why they could not go without God's presence? What is the significance of this? How did God respond?
- What did Moses ask for after this? What did God promise in response? What does God reveal about Himself? What difference does this make for our relationship with God?
- What instructions did God give Moses? How does this prepare for what will happen next? Why were these things needed?

Chapter 34

- How did Moses prepare for his meeting with God? Why were these preparations necessary?
- What did God do and say as He proclaimed His Name to Moses? How did He describe Himself? Explain each part of this description in your own words. What does each part tell us about God? How do all the parts of the description fit together with each other? How should we respond?
- How did Moses respond to the revelation of God's Name? What did He ask for?
- How did God renew the covenant? Why do you think He did so after the sin of the people? What promises did God give them? How are these related to the promises given earlier?

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- What instructions did God give regarding the nations around them? Why? What reason did He give for the people to obey these commands? Why is this important? How does it apply to us today?
- What other commands did God give in the rest of this chapter? What does each tell about the character and purposes of God? What should we learn from each of these commands?
- What did Moses do after hearing all of these commands? Why is this important for us and our study of the Old Testament?
- Why did Moses's face glow? Why do you think these details were included in the narrative? What difference does this make?

Chapter 35:4-Chapter 36:8

- What did God ask the people to provide? What did God ask the people to do? What specific items are mentioned in this section? What was the purpose for each? What was the purpose for all of these things as a whole?
- How did the people respond to what God had asked? Why?
- Describe the kind of things that were offered. How was each type of material to be used? What does this section emphasize about why these things were given?
- Which two individuals are specifically mentioned in this section as craftsmen? What is said about them? How were they qualified for this work? What work were they to do?
- Describe the work they were doing. What (good) problem did they have to deal with? How did Moses deal with this? What does this tell us about the success of this project? What should we learn from this?

Chapter 40

- What was done in this chapter? What are the specific items that were mentioned?
- What specific people were mentioned in this chapter? How were they prepared for their work?
- Describe how the tabernacle was set up. What specific items are mentioned? How is each significant for the purpose of the tabernacle?
- What happened after the tabernacle was completed? Why is this significant? What does this tell us about the purpose of the tabernacle and how God led His people? What difference does this make?

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 6

Theological Significance of the Exodus

- According to the textbook, how is the Exodus related to the rest of the Old Testament? How is it related to the rest of the Bible? Why is this significant?

Deliverance

- How does the textbook define the idea of deliverance in Exodus? How did God accomplish this deliverance? What does this teach us about God and His ways? How does this apply?

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Covenant

- How is the covenant at Sinai similar to and connected with the covenant with Abraham? What is different and new in the Sinai covenant?
- What is the meaning and significance of the term “Torah”? How does this apply to current Christian life?
- How are the terms and requirements of the covenant related to God’s deliverance, according to the textbook? Why is this significant?
- What point is made about breaking God’s laws? Do you agree? Why or why not?

Presence of God

- How does the textbook summarize the purpose of the Exodus and the covenant? Why is this important? How does this apply to us today?
- How is God’s presence related to the promise of the land? How is God’s presence related to the revelation of His Name? How should we respond?
- What is the significance of God’s desire for a “priestly kingdom and a holy nation”? How is this connected with God’s presence?
- How did the tabernacle function as a means for God’s presence?
- What part(s) of the promises given to Abraham were fulfilled at the end of Exodus? What part(s) were still awaiting fulfillment? How does this place the events of Exodus in the larger Old Testament story?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter