

Bible Study – July 1, 2026

Exodus: Redemption and Deliverance

Exodus 3; Exodus 12; Exodus 20

New Testament Connection: John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7

Genesis Recap

In Genesis, we learned:

- God created the world with purpose.
- Sin entered the world through human disobedience.
- God began His plan of redemption through His covenant with Abraham.
- God worked through Joseph's difficult circumstances to accomplish His purposes.

Genesis ends with God's people living in Egypt.

Exodus begins several generations later when God's people have become slaves in Egypt and are crying out for deliverance.

Big Idea

Exodus teaches us that God sees the needs of His people, delivers them from bondage, and calls them to live as His covenant people.

Icebreaker

When you think of the book Exodus what comes to mind? Or What stories, people, or events do you most associate with the book of Exodus?

Biblical Context

The word Exodus means "departure" or "exit."

The book tells the story of God's deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt.

Exodus reveals God as:

- Deliverer

- Redeemer
- Provider
- Covenant Keeper

The themes of **redemption, freedom, worship**, and obedience introduced in Exodus continue throughout the rest of Scripture.

Theme 1: The God who sees: God's Faithfulness to His Covenant

Scripture

Exodus 3:7-8 (NIV)

"I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt..."

Biblical Insight

When Moses encounters God at the burning bush, God reveals that He has seen Israel's suffering, heard their cries, and knows their pain.

God is not distant or unaware of what His people are experiencing.

The Exodus begins because God chooses to intervene on behalf of His people.

Digging Deeper: The Compassion of God

One of the first things Exodus teaches us is that God is attentive to His people.

Before God delivers Israel, He sees them.

Before He rescues them, He hears them.

God's concern for His people demonstrates His compassion and faithfulness to His covenant promises.

Cross Reference

Psalms 34:17 (NIV)

"The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them..."

Discussion Questions

The Israelites had been suffering in Egypt for generations before God intervened. What do you think this passage teaches us about waiting on God's timing?

Why do you think God wanted Moses and the Israelites to know that He was aware of their suffering?

How might our response to hardship change if we truly believed that God sees, hears, and knows what we are going through?

The Israelites could see their suffering, but they could not see what God was doing behind the scenes. What does this teach us about the limits of our perspective?

Reflection Questions

How does knowing that God sees and knows our struggles affect the way we approach Him?

What does this passage teach us about God's character?

Theme 2: The God who Redeems: Redemption and Deliverance**Scripture**

Exodus 12:13 (NIV)

"When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

Biblical Insight

The Passover was God's means of delivering Israel from slavery.

Each household was instructed to sacrifice a lamb and place its blood on the doorposts.

The blood served as a sign of God's protection and deliverance.

This event became one of the most important symbols of redemption in the Old Testament.

Digging Deeper: The Meaning of Redemption

Redemption means being rescued or purchased from bondage.

Israel could not free itself from Egypt.

God acted on their behalf.

The Passover points forward to Jesus Christ, whose sacrifice delivers believers from the bondage of sin.

Cross Reference

John 1:29 (NIV)

"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Discussion Questions:

The Israelites were instructed to place the blood of the lamb on their doorposts. Why do you think God required them to respond in faith rather than simply telling them they would be protected?

The Israelites could not free themselves from Egypt. What does this teach us about humanity's need for God's intervention?

Why do you think God chose a lamb to be at the center of Israel's deliverance rather than some other sign?

The Israelites had to trust God's promise before they saw God's deliverance.

What does this teach us about walking by faith in our own lives?

Reflection Questions

Why is it difficult for people to admit they need rescue or need help from God ?

What does God's provision of the Passover lamb teach us about His grace?

Theme 3: The God who desires relationship: Covenant Relationship**Scripture**

Exodus 20:1-3 (NIV)

"And God spoke all these words..."

Biblical Insight

After delivering Israel, God gives them the Ten Commandments.

The commandments were not given to earn God's favor.

They were given because God had already redeemed His people.

Obedience was a response to God's grace, not a way to earn it.

Digging Deeper: Freedom with Purpose

God did not rescue Israel simply so they could leave Egypt.

He rescued them so they could belong to Him and live differently.

True freedom is not the absence of boundaries.

True freedom is living according to God's design.

Cross Reference

John 14:15 (NIV)

"If you love me, keep my commands."

Discussion Questions

Why do you think God gave Israel commandments after delivering them?

What do the Ten Commandments teach us about God's priorities?

How is obedience connected to gratitude and worship?

Why do people sometimes view God's commands as restrictions rather than blessings?

Reflection Questions

What does Exodus 20 teach us about the kind of relationship God desires to have with His people?

How can remembering God's faithfulness help us trust His guidance in the present?

New Testament Connection

1 Corinthians 5:7

"For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."

Biblical Insight

The Passover lamb protected Israel from judgment.

Jesus became the ultimate Passover Lamb who delivers believers from sin and death.

The Exodus points forward to the greater redemption found in Christ.

Just as God delivered Israel from Egypt, Jesus delivers us from the power of sin.

Final Reflection Questions

What have you learned about God's character through the book of Exodus?

How does Exodus deepen your understanding of redemption?

What connections do you see between the Exodus story and the work of Jesus Christ?

Reading for Next Week**Leviticus: A Holy God and a Holy People**

Read:

- Leviticus 16
- Leviticus 19

New Testament Connection

- Hebrews 10:1-18
- 1 Peter 1:15-16