



Lesson 28 – The Exodus

Based on Exodus 12:34-51; 13-15.

The Final and most devastating plague had fallen on Egypt. The death of every first-born male across the land, of the people and animals, had sent a terrible dread into the air. None were exempt except those that had put the blood of the lamb on the doorposts of their dwelling.

1) How did the Exodus begin?

Exodus 12:33-34 And the Egyptians were _____ upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men. And the people took their _____ before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

Exodus 12:35-36 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians _____ of silver, and jewels of _____, and raiment: And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they _____ the Egyptians.

2) How many people were leaving Egypt?

Exodus 12:37-38 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were _____, beside children. And a mixed _____ went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.

The herds were the property of the Israelites, who had never sold their possessions to the king, as had the Egyptians. Jacob and his sons had brought their flocks and herds with them to Egypt, where they had greatly increased. Before leaving Egypt, the people, by the direction of Moses, claimed a recompense for their unpaid labor; and the Egyptians were too eager to be freed from their presence to refuse them. The bondmen went forth laden with the spoil of their oppressors.

3) What prophecy was fulfilled?

Genesis 15:13-14 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them _____ years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great _____.

4) What did Moses record?

Exodus 15:51 And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did _____ the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

5) What did they have also with them?

Exodus 13:19 And Moses took the bones of _____ with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

In their departure from Egypt the Israelites bore with them a precious legacy, in the bones of Joseph, which had so long awaited the fulfillment of God's promise, and which, during the dark years of bondage, had been a reminder of Israel's deliverance.

6) Which direction did they go?

Exodus 13:17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the _____, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

Exodus 13:18 But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the _____: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.



Had they attempted to pass through Philistia, their progress would have been opposed; for the Philistines, regarding them as slaves escaping from their masters, would not have hesitated to make war upon them. The Israelites were poorly prepared for an encounter with that powerful and warlike people. They had little knowledge of God and little faith in Him, and they would have become terrified and disheartened. They were unarmed and unaccustomed to war, their spirits were depressed by long bondage, and they were encumbered with women and children, flocks and herds. In leading them by the way of the Red Sea, the Lord revealed Himself as a God of compassion as well as of judgment.

7) How did they know which way to go?

Exodus 13:21-22 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a _____, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of _____, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Psalms 105:39 He spread a cloud for a _____; and fire to give _____ in the night.

The standard of their invisible Leader was ever with them. By day the cloud directed their journeyings or spread as a canopy above the host. It served as a protection from the burning heat, and by its coolness and moisture afforded grateful refreshment in the parched, thirsty desert. By night it became a pillar of fire, illuminating their encampment and constantly assuring them of the divine presence.

8) How will God's people be protected in the End Times?

Isaiah 4:5-6 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a _____ fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of _____, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

Across a dreary, desert like expanse they journeyed. Already they began to wonder whither their course would lead; they were becoming weary with the toilsome way, and in some hearts began to arise a fear of pursuit by the Egyptians. But the cloud went forward, and they followed. And now the Lord directed Moses to turn aside into a rocky defile and encamp beside the sea. It was revealed to him that Pharaoh would pursue them, but that God would be honored in their deliverance.

9) Where did God take the Children of Israel?

Exodus 14:2-3 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the _____, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are _____ in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

10) What did the Egyptians do when they heard that?

Exodus 14:5 And it was told the king of Egypt that the people _____: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

In Egypt the report was spread that the children of Israel, instead of tarrying to worship in the desert, were pressing on toward the Red Sea. Pharaoh's counselors declared to the king that their bondmen had fled, never to return. The people deplored their folly in attributing the death of the first-born to the power of God. Their great men, recovering from their fears, accounted for the plagues as the result of natural causes.

11) What did Pharaoh do?

Exodus 14:7-8 And he took six hundred chosen _____, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he _____ after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand.



The king himself, attended by the great men of his realm, headed the attacking army. To secure the favor of the gods, and thus ensure the success of their undertaking, the priests also accompanied them. The king was resolved to intimidate the Israelites by a grand display of his power. The Egyptians feared lest their forced submission to the God of Israel should subject them to the derision of other nations; but if they should now go forth with a great show of power and bring back the fugitives, they would redeem their glory, as well as recover the services of their bondmen.

12) What was the reaction when the Israelites saw Pharaoh's army in the distance?

Exodus 14:10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were _____: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

The Hebrews were encamped beside the sea, whose waters presented a seemingly impassable barrier before them, while on the south a rugged mountain obstructed their further progress. Suddenly they beheld in the distance the flashing armor and moving chariots betokening the advance guard of a great army. As the force drew nearer, the hosts of Egypt were seen in full pursuit. Terror filled the hearts of Israel.

Moses was greatly troubled that his people should manifest so little faith in God, notwithstanding they had repeatedly witnessed the manifestation of His power in their behalf. How could they charge upon him the dangers and difficulties of their situation, when he had followed the express command of God? True, there was no possibility of deliverance unless God Himself should interpose for their release; but having been brought into this position in obedience to the divine direction, Moses felt no fear of the consequences.

13) What did he tell the congregation?

Exodus 14:13-14 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye _____, stand still, and _____ the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall _____ for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

It was not an easy thing to hold the hosts of Israel in waiting before the Lord. Lacking discipline and self-control, they became violent and unreasonable. They expected speedily to fall into the hands of their oppressors, and their wailings and lamentations were loud and deep.

14) What raised the hopes of the embattled escapees?

Exodus 14:19-20 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went _____ them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the camp of the _____ and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

But now, as the Egyptian host approached them, expecting to make them an easy prey, the cloudy column rose majestically into the heavens, passed over the Israelites, and descended between them and the armies of Egypt. A wall of darkness interposed between the pursued and their pursuers. The Egyptians could no longer discern the camp of the Hebrews and were forced to halt. But as the darkness of night deepened, the wall of cloud became a great light to the Hebrews, flooding the entire encampment with the radiance of day.

15) What did Moses do next?

Exodus 14:21-22 And Moses stretched out his hand over the _____; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea _____, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a _____ unto them on their right hand, and on their left.



Moses stretched out his rod the waters parted, and Israel went into the midst of the sea, upon dry ground, while the waters stood like a wall upon each side. The light from God's pillar of fire shone upon the foam-capped billows, and lighted the road that was cut like a mighty furrow through the waters of the sea and was lost in the obscurity of the farther shore.

16) When they were a safe distance away, what did God allow the Egyptians to do?

Exodus 14:23-24 And the Egyptians _____, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and _____ the host of the Egyptians,

The mysterious cloud changed to a pillar of fire before their astonished eyes. The thunders pealed and the lightnings flashed.

17) How did the Psalmist describe their horror?

Psalm 77:17-18 The clouds poured out _____: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad. The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth _____ and shook.

18) What did Moses do at the command of the LORD?

Exodus 14:26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine _____ over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

The Egyptians were seized with confusion and dismay. Amid the wrath of the elements, in which they heard the voice of an angry God, they endeavored to retrace their steps and flee to the shore they had quitted. But Moses stretched out his rod, and the piled-up waters, hissing, roaring, and eager for their prey, rushed together and swallowed the Egyptian army in their black depths.

From the most terrible peril, one night had brought complete deliverance. That vast, helpless throng, bondmen unused to battle, women, children, and cattle, with the sea before them, and the mighty armies of Egypt pressing behind, had seen their path opened through the waters and their enemies overwhelmed in the moment of expected triumph. Jehovah alone had brought them deliverance, and to Him their hearts were turned in gratitude and faith.

19) What did Miriam (Moses' sister) lead out in?

Exodus 15:1-2 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this _____ unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my _____: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him...

Far over desert and sea rang the joyous refrain, and the mountains re-echoed the words of their praise, ***"Sing ye to Jehovah, for He hath triumphed gloriously."***

20) Who else will be singing the song of Moses?

Revelation 15:2-3 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the _____ over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the _____, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

God in His providence brought the Hebrews into the mountain fastnesses before the sea, that He might manifest His power in their deliverance and signally humble the pride of their oppressors. He might have saved them in any other way, but He chose this method in order to test their faith and strengthen their trust in Him. The people were weary and terrified, yet if they had held back when Moses bade them advance, God would never have opened the path for them.



21) How did Paul put it?

Hebrews 11:29 By _____ they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

In marching down to the very water, they showed that they believed the word of God as spoken by Moses. They did all that was in their power to do, and then the Mighty One of Israel divided the sea to make a path for their feet.

The great lesson here taught is for all time. Often the Christian life is beset by dangers, and duty seems hard to perform. The imagination pictures impending ruin before and bondage or death behind. Yet the voice of God speaks clearly, "Go forward." We should obey this command, even though our eyes cannot penetrate the darkness, and we feel the cold waves about our feet.

The cloud that was a wall of darkness to the Egyptians was to the Hebrews a great flood of light, illuminating the whole camp, and shedding brightness upon the path before them. So. the dealings of Providence bring to the unbelieving, darkness and despair, while to the trusting soul they are full of light and peace. The path where God leads the way may lie through the desert or the sea, but it is a safe path.

Can you see that God truly is in charge?

Would you like to be delivered?

When is it time go forward?