

THE LIFE OF MOSES

I. The Final Plague (Exodus 11:1-12:36)

1. What outcome does the Lord predict for this “one more plague”?
2. What preparation does the Lord direct the people to make? (11:2; see also 12:25-26)
3. How had the experience of the plagues impacted Moses’ reputation? (11:3)
4. Was this final plague announced to Pharaoh?
5. What steps did the Israelites need to take in order to be “passed over” by the Lord when He came to smite all the first-born in the land?
6. How was this Passover to be commemorated in the future?
7. List some parallels between the Passover sacrifice and the death of Jesus (see I Corinthians 5:7).
8. Describe the extent of Pharaoh’s submission to the Lord’s demands after the execution of this plague (12:31-32).

II. Departure From Egypt (Exodus 12:37-13:22)

1. Besides the Passover, what other custom was established to remember the deliverance from Egypt? (13:2, 15)
2. Why did the Lord not take the “direct route” to Canaan? (13:17-18)
3. How did the Lord lead the movement of the people? (13:21-22)
4. What unique item did they carry with them? (13:19)

III. Salvation at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:1-15:21)

1. The Lord leads the people to a location that places them between the Egyptian military and the Red Sea. Does the Lord influence Pharaoh’s decision to come after the people? (14:1-4)

2. As Pharaoh brought his mighty army against the camp of the Israelites (14:5-9), what reaction did that engender among the people? (14:10-12)
3. What does Moses' response to the people demonstrate about his faith and his leadership? (14:13-14)
4. How were the Israelites saved in this situation, and how were the Egyptians destroyed? (14:15-31)
5. How did this episode change the attitude of the people, both toward the Lord, and toward Moses? (14:31)
6. What parallels does this "second deliverance" from Egypt have to New Testament times? (see I Corinthians 10:1-2)
7. What themes do Moses and the people sing about? (15:1-12)

IV. Complaints About Water and Food (Exodus 15:22-17:7)

1. How long did it take the people to start grumbling? (15:22-24)
2. In sweetening the water, and later providing manna to eat, what "ulterior motive" does the Lord have for the people (15:25-26; 16:4-5)
3. Yet, as the congregation journeyed, what did they continue to do? (17:2)
4. What New Testament parallels can you see among those who have experienced the salvation of the Lord, yet complain about difficulty?

V. Battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-16)

1. In what unique way did the Lord demonstrate his control over the outcome of this military conflict?
2. In what ways was Moses to remember this incident?

VI. Jethro's Suggestion (Exodus 18:1-27)

1. After Moses rejoins his family, what problem does his father-in-law see Moses grappling with?
2. What suggestion does he make to help Moses?