

# Week 1: Preparing Moses

## Preparing Moses: Exodus 1-3

### EXODUS OVERVIEW

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#### 1-18 REDEMPTION : GOD REDEEMS HIS PEOPLE

	1	Israel oppressed as slaves in Egypt		  
	2	The birth of Moses: God raises a deliverer	Moses flees to Midian	
	3	The burning bush: God appears to Moses		
	4	Moses returns to Egypt with signs for Pharaoh		
	5	Pharaoh works Israel harder		
	6	God promises deliverance		
	7	God VS Pharaoh: the ten plagues		
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	11	The plague on the firstborn		
	12	The Passover and Exodus from Egypt		
	13	The Israelites consecrate their firstborn		
	14	Crossing the Red Sea and Pharaoh defeated		
	15	A song of praise to God		
	16	God provides food and water for Israel		
	17	God gives Israel victory over the Amalekites		
	18	Jethro instructs Moses		

#### 19-24 COVENANT : GOD MAKES A COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE

	19	Israel gathered as God's people at Mt Sinai		 
	20	God's covenant with Israel: 'the ten words'		
	21	God's laws for Israel		
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	24	God confirms his covenant with the elders of Israel		

#### 25-40 TABERNACLE : GOD DWELLS WITH HIS PEOPLE

	25	God gives instructions for the tabernacle and its furnishings		   
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	28	God gives instructions for the priests		
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	32	Rebellion: Israel worships the golden calf	Moses intercedes for Israel	
	33	God's glory appears to Moses		
	34	God reconfirms his covenant with the elders of Israel		
	35	The tabernacle and its furnishings are made		
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	39	The priestly garments are made		
	40	God's glory fills the tabernacle		

### Objective:

- Be familiar with the transition from Genesis-Exodus
- The circumstances during the birth of Moses

- Moses is trying to save his people with his own power
- Moses accepts God's call

### **Resources:**

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

### **Reading:**

- General
  - Exodus 1-3
- Specific
  - Exodus 1: 8-22
  - Exodus 2: All
  - Exodus 3: 1-20

### **Key verse(s):**

- "“And he said, “Here I am”” Exodus 3:4
- "And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” Exodus 3:14

### **Comments:**

- Starts by mentioning only 70 persons entered Egypt with Jacob to link with the end of Genesis.
- God blessed the Israelites and they multiplied. We see God's promise to Abraham being fulfilled as his seed being multiplied.
- Joseph wasn't mentioned to those who entered Egypt as he was already there.
- Exodus 2 starts by mentioning that Moses' father is from the tribe of Levi. Priesthood started with Aaron (Moses's brother was the first priest). Priesthood will be kept for the tribe of Levi only.
- We see the transition in Moses' life from relying on his power to save his people to relying completely on God.
- Exodus 3:2: "Angel of the Lord" means God (mentioned many times in the OT) Himself appeared in the bush.
  - Consider mentioning that the bush symbolizes St. Mary and the fire symbolizes our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Exodus 3:14: “I AM WHO I AM” - God mentioned His name for the first time. “I AM WHO I AM” also means "Jehovah".

### **Review/recap questions:**

*\*\*Servant may add more questions*

1. How can you prove that God supported His people during the time of Egyptian persecution?
2. What was Moses's tribe?
3. Who found Moses at the river? What is the meaning of his name?
4. Where did Moses flee to?
5. What was Moses' wife's name?
6. Describe the meeting between God and Moses.
7. What was God's name?

**Homework:**

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ persons entered Egypt.
  2. The names of the two Hebrew midwives were: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Moses was from the tribe of: \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Who was watching Moses while he was in the basket in the river?
  5. What's the meaning of the name "Moses"?
  6. The first fight was between two Hebrew men. (T/F)
  7. What was the name of Moses' wife?
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