

SLAVES SET FREE

A Study in the Book of Exodus

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God with Us Exodus 38–40

"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." Exodus 14:13-14

Day 1: Read Exodus 38–39.

1. Exodus 38 and 39 are again describing the tabernacle and articles of the tabernacle. As you read through these chapters pick one or two items and explain *why* they have new significance to you after studying Exodus.
2. Exodus 38 and 39 appear to be a repetition of what has already been described in previous chapters. Why do you think they are repeated?
3. Is there anything new or different in chapters 38 and 39?
4. Review the intricate details given for worship. What does this reveal about God's character?

Day 2: Read Exodus 39.

5. What is chronicled in Exodus 39:32?
6. What is described in Exodus 39:33?
7. Moses' response is to bless the people (39:42–43). What does it mean that he blessed the people?

8. Did you ever receive a blessing or give a blessing? What was the effect of the giving or receiving?

Day 3: Read Exodus 40.

9. What phrase is repeated several times in this chapter?
10. Remember Moses at the beginning of Exodus. How did Moses think he would rescue his people? (Ex. 2:11-13)

How does this final chapter show how Moses has changed?

11. Although many people helped build the tabernacle, why was Moses the one to set it up?

12. How long did it take for God's presence to fill the tabernacle? What does this reveal about God in relationship to his people? To you?

Day 4: Reflection.

13. Where were the Israelites living at the beginning of the book of Exodus? What were their lives like at that time?

14. At the close of the book, where are the Israelites living, and what are their lives like?

15. Remember why Moses and Aaron were sent to Pharaoh to request the release of God's people (Ex. 3:8; 5:1; 8:1). Were the reasons fulfilled?

16. "So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them" (Ex. 2:25). How is God's concern for his people shown throughout the book of Exodus? How has God shown his concern for you in your life?

Day 5: Reflection (think about at least three of these questions).

17. What are some images you will carry away from your study of Exodus?

18. If you were to write a book for children about Exodus what images would you give to them?

19. How has studying Exodus deepened your understanding of God?

20. Exodus contains many pictures of Christ and his redeeming work (e.g., Passover lamb, manna, Moses, etc.). How has this study helped you to a fuller understanding of this?

21. Share any way in which God has changed both your heart and mind during this study.

