

Israel's Exodus from Egypt

Study 22: Exodus 12:33 – 14:31

1. Generally speaking, what role has God played in Israel's entrance into Egypt and long tenure as slaves there? What role did God play in Israel's exodus from Egypt?
2. How many years did the people of Israel live in Egypt? If the first thirty years were under favorable circumstances, how many years did Israel live as slaves? Was Israel's time frame as slaves consistent or inconsistent with what God promised Abraham in **Genesis 15:12-14**? What did God promise Abraham that He would do to the nation that afflicted Israel as slaves? Did God deliver on that promise as well? What does this say to you about God?
2. According to the LORD, why will God again harden Pharaoh's heart against Israel (14:4)?
3. When the Israelites see the Egyptian army pursuing after them (14:10), they were in "*great fear*" and "*cried out to the LORD*" and complained to Moses that he was "*leading them out to die in the wilderness.*" Why do you think the Israelites had these specific reactions or thoughts? How does Moses respond and what **4-5 things** does Moses tell the Israelites to do or expect? How can these commands to Israel serve as encouragements to those who know God today?
4. What does God do when Israel arrives at the Red Sea? Why did God do this? How did God do this? What do the Israelites do as a result of the Red Sea parting? What happens when the Egyptian army pursues the Israelites? What further favor does God give Israel as they walked through the parted sea? Why does God do all of this?
5. What is the result, in the minds and hearts of the Israelites, after the LORD successfully saves Israel from the Egyptians (14:31)? What, if anything, is the message to you in this result?
6. What are the similarities between Israel's slavery in Egypt and a person's life of sin before that person is saved by Christ? What are the similarities between Israel's redemption and exodus from Egypt and a person's spiritual redemption and new life in Christ? Suggested Reading: *John 8:31-36, Ephesians 2:1-10, Colossians 1:11-14, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12, Titus 3:3-7, 1 Peter 1:3-9, 2:9-12, 1 John 5:19*