

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God we should commitment reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Exodus 1**

We resume our Journey Through the Bible this week with the Book of Exodus. Remember that we finished Genesis with the Israelites as guests of the Egyptians due to severe famine. But in time things have drastically changed in the Israelites' status. Read verses 1-5. These are the descendants or tribes of Jacob's twelve sons. Two of these tribes are actually Joseph's, in that each of his sons makes up one of the tribes. Verses 6-8 demonstrate a passing of time. What does it say to indicate that Exodus is taking place much later? What happens to Israel's descendants now (vss. 9-14)? And while it was a miserable time for the Hebrews, what positive thing kept happening (vs. 12)? In fact, because they continue to grow so much, what does Pharaoh command (vss. 15-16)? Why do you think the boys are to be killed and the girls kept alive? What does the text tell us about these midwives (vss. 17-19)? How does God respond to the midwives' faithfulness to God and disobedience to Pharaoh (vss. 20-21)? When Pharaoh can't get his plan accomplished, what does he finally resort to (vs. 22)? Consider how terrible a time this must have been for the Israelites. Slave labor and an order of death for their sons. Put yourself in their shoes. What would you be thinking? Yet notice that God does not abandon them. Where did you see God moving in the midst of their suffering? Notice God did not instantaneously remove their suffering, but blessed them in the midst of it. What does this tell you about God? How does this point to Jesus? What does this tell you about your own life?

### **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Exodus 2**

Today we will meet Moses. Read verses 1-2. What do we learn about Moses' ancestry? Why do you think it is important to know that Moses is from the tribe of Levi? What did Moses' mother notice about her son (vs. 2)? Doesn't every mother think her children are special? Could there have been something else that caused her to protect her son? When Mom could no longer hide the child, what did she do (vs. 3)? Who watched as he floated down the river (vs. 4)? The baby's sister is Miriam, a name we will read about later. What happens to the child (vss. 5-9)? Notice that the Princess is completely aware that he is a Hebrew child. Also notice God's providence in that the child's mother will not only be able to care for him until he is weaned, but will get paid for doing so as well. In verse 10, the boy is named Moses. Why Moses? As we move to verse 11, we take a jump into the future. Moses is no longer a child but a man. Read verses 11-12. What does Moses do and why? Everything we do has a consequence. What was the consequence for Moses' actions (vss. 13-15)? What happens to Moses in Midian (vss. 16-17)? What was the consequence for this action (vss. 18-22)? We will again jump ahead a few years. How do we know this (vs. 23)? What is happening back home in Egypt (vs. 23)? What is about to change (vss. 24-25)? Why do you think God delayed in acting? What might it have to do with Moses? What might it have to do with Israel? What does this reveal about God's timing and our desires? What is the driving force of God's action (vss. 24)? God is faithful to His promises. How does that point to Jesus? What does this tell you about yourself?

### **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – Exodus 3**

We now turn to Moses' encounter with God. How does this encounter begin (vss. 1-3)? What happens next (vss. 4-6)? How do you respond when face to face with God? In verses 7-10, God lays out the plan for Moses. What does He say? What is Moses supposed to do? How does Moses respond (vs. 11)? Notice Moses does not protest once but twice (vs. 13)? What is Moses' first argument and God's response (vss. 11-12)? What is Moses' second argument and God's response (vss. 13-15)? What is God's first set of instructions and promises (vss. 16-18)? But as with all of God's plans, not all humans are going to cooperate. How do we know this and how is God going to deal with it (vss. 19-20)? And not only will God's plans prevail, but the Israelites will be blessed by it. How will this blessing come about (vss. 21-22)? What does this tell you about God and His plans? How does this point to Jesus (think God's plan)? What does this reveal about humanity (think Moses and Egypt)? Finally, where do you find yourself more often? Like Moses protesting, what is God calling you to do? Like Egypt, are you flat out rebelling against God? Like Israel, are you under severe oppression? What might you need to change in your life because of this text?

### **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Exodus 4:1-17**

We begin today with another protest from Moses. What is the issue this time (vs. 1)? How often we use the same excuse today in sharing the Gospel. How does God address this very real matter with Moses (vss. 2-9)? But Moses is still not buying in. Moses goes from protesting to pleading. What is the concern now (vs. 10)? How does God address the concern (vss. 11-12)? What is Moses' response to this affirmation of God (vs. 13)? Moses is pushing it, as we see in verse 14. But God's plan will happen. How do we know that (vss. 15-17)? So, God will tell Moses and Moses will tell Aaron and Aaron will tell the people. That's the plan. Is Moses off the hook? Nope, he still has to go, but God has compromised, allowing Aaron to speak. We will need to remember this, because in a few weeks we will come back to this text to see how it is working. What have you learned about God in this text? What have you learned about humanity and yourself? How often do you tell God "no" or just don't even notice the call? What might you need to do differently in response to God's call on your life? Spend some quiet time asking God where you have tuned Him out or argued with him. Then repent and obey.

### **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Exodus 4:18-31**

Today we will finish the mission plan for Moses. Since God has offered a compromise, how does Moses respond (vss. 18-20)? What assurances does God give Moses (vs. 19)? Read verses 20-23. How does God prepare Moses for what is going to happen when the Mission starts? What strikes you most in this preview? Verses 24-26 are a break in the storyline and some scholars feel they were added in. As you read these verses, what is the issue at hand? Moses, being raised in an Egyptian home, would not have seen the practice of circumcision. Living in Midian, there was no covenant with them, so there was probably no circumcision there either. But as one whom God would use to help redeem his people, he and his family, as descendants of Levi, were to be circumcised. Moses' wife catches on quite quickly and springs into action. Now Moses would have been circumcised and would have been exposed to why the Hebrews were circumcised. Yet when it came to his son, Moses had not yet done yet what God required. Even Moses could not break the covenant. As we continue to verse 27, who joins the story? What happens from this point forward (vss. 28-31)? Why did the Israelites believe (vs. 30)? So, the stage is set for a showdown between God and Pharaoh. What does this text reveal about God? What does it reveal about humanity? Where did you see glimpses of Jesus?

### **Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Prepare for tomorrow by reading Exodus 7:1-5.**