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The studies are taken from the New Kings James Version. There are no right or wrong answers; just fill in the blanks from the Scripture used, write out an occasional verse, and answer some very simple questions from the text.

APRIL Day One: Read Genesis 15 – 17

1) 15:6 And _____ in the LORD, and _____ it to him for _____.

2) 15:12 Now when the sun was going down, _____; and behold, horror *and* great darkness fell upon him.

3) 15:18 On the same day the LORD _____, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

4) 16:1 Now _____, Abram’s wife, had _____ him no _____. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.

5) 16:3 Then _____, Abram’s wife, _____ her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband _____ to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan.

6) 16:15 So _____ Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, _____.

7) 17:5 Write out this verse _____

8) 17:7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, _____

9) 17:15 Then _____ to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but _____ *shall be* her name.

Daily Thought

Key verse is 17:7 - God promises not only to be the God of Abram, but also the God of his descendants. Are we his descendants? See Galatians 3: 26 – 29 – we are those descendants by faith. We trust God and His word – we are the descendants which number as the stars. We are bright as stars and are called to shine before others as precious stars of God radiating His great light in small doses all over for all to see. “SHINE!”

- 1) 18: 2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, _____ were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground,
- 2) 18:9 Then they said to him, “Where is _____ your _____?” So he said, “Here, in the tent.”
- 3) 18:10 And He said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, _____ your wife shall have a _____.” (Sarah was listening in the tent door which *was* behind him.)
- 4) 18:14 _____
At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”
- 5) 19:1 Now the _____ in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw *them*, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.
- 6) 19:3 But _____ strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. _____, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.
- 7) 19:26 Write out this verse _____

- 8) 20:11 And Abraham said, “Because _____, surely the fear of God is not in this place; _____

Daily Thought

Sometimes things can seem in a way which is not so. Lack of obedience does not always mean lack of faith, fear does not always mean doubt, and certain things in life are just life. Abraham was not always honest – “She is my sister”. He didn’t always wait on God – remember Ishmael. But Abraham did always think of God even in his sleep – “In his sleep he saw God as a fire pot.” We are not perfect, we are human and God knows this. God loves us not just for our doings but because we look to him.

Word of Growth

We’ve previously covered the covenant (promise) of Genesis 15. In this chapter, God gave Abram a great reward. God took an oath by Himself ‘without man’. This promise was to eternity, continual blessings as well as the land of Canaan, ‘the land flowing with milk and honey’ (heaven). God promised Abram descendants as numerous as the stars (us) and we are numerous. God promised blessings and Abram was blessed: Isaac, land, possessions and even being known as the friend of God. James 2:23, “And the scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ And he was called the friend of God.”

Why did God do all this? Abraham believed God, he was concerned with doing the righteousness of God. Was Abraham always perfect? No, Abraham, too, sinned before God. He, too, tried human means to obtain his desires, “Hagar”, “Ishmael”, “Egypt”. One thing Abraham had was his faithfulness towards God. In Chapter 15, Abraham fell into a great sleep, a sleep with a great darkness. Fear? While dreaming, Abraham saw God as a firepot and a torch fulfilling the covenant. I first read this as God making a covenant alone while Abraham slept and that is what happened. But notice, Abraham even thought of God in his sleep. While sleeping he saw God – now that’s faithful! This is the faith I wish to obtain. I may not be perfect and may never be, but if we do, we do it toward God, then perfection would be near.

APRIL Day Three: Read Genesis 21 – 23

- 1) 21:1 *What was it that God did for Sarah?*
- 2) 21:15 *How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?*
- 3) 21:10 Therefore she said to Abraham, “Cast out this bondwoman and her son; _____ shall not be heir with my son, *namely* with Isaac.”
- 4) 22:2 Then He said, “Take now your ___ your only ___ Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of _____, and offer him there as a _____ on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”
- 5) 22:8 Write out this verse _____

- 6) 22:12-13 *What was God seeking from Abraham?*
Did God provide an offering?
- 7) 23:1 *How long did Sarah live?*
- 8) 23:19 *Where did Abraham bury Sarah?*

Daily Thought

Why do you think Sarah was buried in Canaan? If you are familiar with your Bible, then you are aware of this land. God promised it – the land of milk and honey – to Abraham in the Book of Genesis. He delivered it in the time of Joshua to His people, Israel. This is heaven to me. God is speaking of blessings more than some land. He is speaking of THE land.

Abraham reached God’s blessing. By faith he was received. Thus Abraham claimed his reward, Sarah went to be with God, in His land, and in His bosom.

APRIL Day Four: Read Genesis 24 – 26

- 1) 24:2 So _____ said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, “Please, put your hand under my thigh,
- 2) 24:4 . . . but you shall go to my _____ and to my family, and take a _____ for my son _____.”
- 3) 24:45 But _____, there was _____, coming out with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down to the well and drew *water*. And I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’
- 4) 25:7 *How long was Abraham’s life on earth?*
- 5) 25:9 *Who buried Abraham?*
- 6) 25:17 *Who lived 137 years?*
- 7) 25:25-26 *Name Isaac and Rebekah’s two sons.*
- 8) 26:5 *What factor weighed in to God keeping His promise with Abraham?*
- 9) 26:7 Write out this verse _____

Daily Thought

Notice today our last question. More than not in life, our children copy our actions, following the examples we set. Just as his father, Abraham, Isaac claims Rebekah as his sister – not trusting God’s protection from man. Lying is a terrible trait to share with our children. Among many horrible examples, what are you sharing with your children, family, friends, or even co-workers? How about our brothers and sisters in Christ? “Set the mark.”

APRIL Day Five: Read Genesis 27 – 29

- 1) 27:1 Now it came to pass, when _____ and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that _____ his older son and said to him, “My son.” And he answered him, “Here I am.”
- 2) 27:19 _____ to his father, “_____ your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.”
- 3) 28:1-2 *When Isaac spoke to Jacob, where did he tell him to find his wife?*
- 4) 28:9 So _____ went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the _____, Abraham’s son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his _____ in addition to the wives he had.
- 5) 29:1 _____ and came to the land of the people of the East.
- 6) 29:10 And it came to pass, when _____ the daughter of Laban his mother’s brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother’s brother, that Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well’s mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother’s brother.
- 7) 29:20 *How long did Jacob serve Laban for Rachel? (Hint: the number of perfection for a perfect bride.)*
- 8) 29:27 *After Laban had tricked Jacob by giving him the wrong bride, how long did he serve Laban for Rachel? (Hint: double perfection)*

Daily Thought

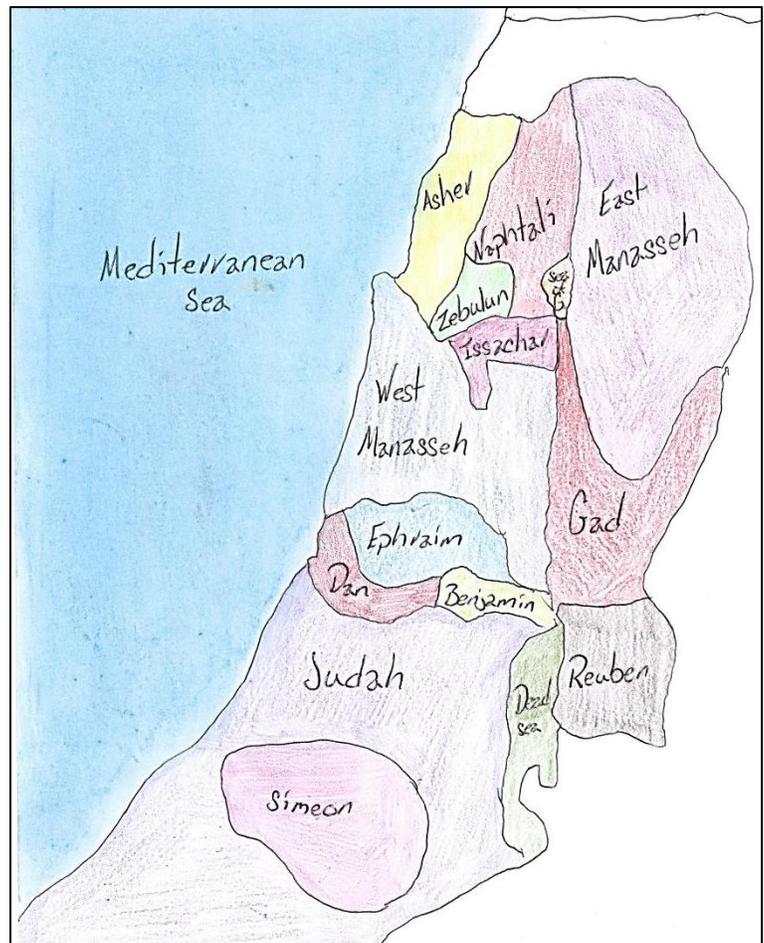
As Jacob with Leah and Rachel, we are to question things which happen to us in life. Things which seem so wrong. Why would God allow certain things to happen? This is not for us to know always, but know if we believe and trust our Lord that all things work together for our good (Romans 8:28). "All Things."

- 1) 29:32-35 and 30:17-20 *Name the six sons Leah bore Jacob.*
- 2) 30:4-8 *Name the two sons Bilhah bore Jacob.*
- 3) 30:9-13 *Name the two sons Zilpah bore Jacob.*
- 4) 30:22-24 and 35:17-18 *Name the two sons Rachel bore Jacob.*
- 5) 31:54 *What did Jacob call the brethren to do?*
- 6) 32:28 *To what did God change Jacob's name?*

Daily Thought

The names of Jacob's sons are a very big deal. These are the beginning of the great nation God promised to Abraham. "Your descendants will be as the stars and as the sand of the seashore."

Twelve sons, minus Joseph (he had his blessings) but later Jacob adopts his two sons (Gen. 48: 5-6). So add Ephraim and Manasseh, then we remove Levi (he will be the beginning of the priesthood). We have our twelve tribes: Reuben, Simeon, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh (see map).



Word of Growth

“Yahweh Yireh” – “The Lord will provide”

I enjoy reading from Genesis (the beginning). This book contains more than meets the eye. Upon a quick read, Genesis seems to be just a bunch of life stories recorded for our sake to know the past. However, these stories contain much wisdom for our living. Each story begins with a person chosen of God. God placed, let's say, a goal or an objective before each person. Now we have free will so each person has a choice to be obedient or not.

We also find some promises in these stories. What are the promises based on? “If you do this, I, the Lord, will make thee _ _ _ _ _.”

These promises are based on blessings from obedience. If we are obedient, we will find blessings which our Father will surely provide. And we can read of our Lord's providence over and over in this book. If we do not obey, we have read of that result as well (Pharaoh). I'm safe to say salvation comes only of Jesus but what blessings can be found in obedience to God's Word! He will not force blessings upon us. When we are obedient, will He not provide? Start claiming your blessings through obedience.

Psalm 115:13 says He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great.

Fear the Lord in Loving obedience and receive His blessings.

- 1) 33:4 But _____ ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck _____

- 2) 33:16-17 *Did Jacob follow Esau as agreed?*
- 3) 34:2 And when _____ the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and _____ her.
- 4) 34:24 And all who went out of the gate of his city heeded Hamor and Shechem his son; _____, all who went out of the gate of his city.
- 5) 34:25 *What did Dinah's brothers do?*
- 6) 35:2 And _____ said to his _____ and to all who *were* with him, "Put away the _____ that *are* among you, _____ yourselves, and change your garments.
- 7) 35:19 So _____ and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).
- 8) 35:28 *How long did Isaac live?*

Daily Thought

Did you notice Rachel, Jacob's favorite wife, was buried in Bethlehem? Today we only have one spouse unlike Jacob. The death of a loved one is tragic. I know of nothing worse than this – I do know through experience. So take this bad thing – the worse of the worse. Jacob places Rachel in Bethlehem. Now watch God bring good from it! Who was born in Bethlehem? Jesus, our salvation. Sounds a bit extreme – good from bad? God provides.

APRIL Day Eight: Read Genesis 36 – 38

- 1) 36:1 Now this is the _____, who is Edom.
- 2) 36:43 Chief Magdiel, and Chief Iram. These *were* the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession. Esau *was* the father _____.
- 3) 37:2 *What did Joseph bring Jacob?*
- 4) 37:3-4 *Why was Joseph hated by his brothers?*
- 5) 37:7; 9 *What did Joseph's dreams show for the future of Joseph?*
- 6) 37:28 *How much was Joseph sold for?*
- 7) 38:2 And _____ saw there a _____ of a certain Canaanite whose name *was* Shua, and he _____ her and went in to her.
- 8) 38:7 But Er, _____, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD _____.

Daily Thought

Well, Joseph's brothers hated Joseph and envied him. Jacob remembered Joseph's dream. Wise men – pay attention to life! No matter how life seems, if we use it and remember the bumps, foolishness, good times and bad times. Will we not gain wisdom daily? Jacob knew this from experience while his sons were blind with pride and selfish ambition.

Use life's experiences.

APRIL Day Nine: Read Genesis 39 – 41

- 1) 39:4 So _____ found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him _____ of his house, and all *that* he had he put under his authority.
- 2) 39:14-15 *Did Joseph give in to Potiphar’s wife?*
- 3) 39:21-22 *Did God provide for Joseph? How?*
- 4) 40:8 *Who do interpretations of dreams belong to?*
- 5) 40:12, 18 *Did Joseph give interpretation of these dreams?*
- 6) 40:23 *Did the butler remember Joseph?*
- 7) 41:1 Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years, that_____ had a _____; and behold, he stood by the river.
- 8) 41:16-32 *Did Joseph answer Pharaoh’s dreams?*

Daily Thought

Joseph was certainly a man of God. How do we know this? How do we know a man of God, a man who receives revelation from God? His revelations will come to pass. Joseph’s interpretations came true. We then know that Joseph was a man of God. We also can see no matter how bad things became, God used them for good in Joseph’s life (Romans 8:28).

Word of Growth

God’s Testing

Often in life, God will test the obedience and faith of His servants. We can see this in the lives of these men in Genesis. God sent Abraham to places among men he feared. “Sarah, say you are my sister or they will surely kill me.” Abraham feared men though he was obedient and did go to these places: he feared men instead of trusting God.

To me this was a test, because these men also feared God. God was in control; these men would have paid severely for any injury done to Abraham. Just as God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, God was testing his obedience.

Look at Jacob. “Go serve Laban, Jacob.” Jacob did, and Laban cheated him over and over. What did Jacob do? He kept serving Laban and listening to God’s Word. Did Jacob find blessing before the Lord?

God may lead us through some things in life we would rather not see. However, if we follow His Will (guidance through the Bible) won’t He bless us?

We are taught this very thing throughout the whole Bible. Follow God through all life’s situations and you will receive a great reward.

As Abraham, God, too, may test you. Maybe God has tested you as Abraham, placing you right in front of His people – followers of God.

APRIL Day Ten: Read Genesis 42 – 44

- 1) 42:1 Write out this verse _____

- 2) 42:6 Now _____ was _____ over the land; and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down before him with *their* faces to the earth.
- 3) 42:34 And bring _____;
so I shall know that you *are* not spies, but *that you are* honest men.
I will grant your brother to you, and you may trade in the land.'
- 4) 43:2 So it came about when they had finished eating the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, " _____
_____."
- 5) 43:30 Now his heart _____ for his _____; so Joseph made haste and sought *somewhere* to weep. And he went into *his* chamber and wept there.
- 6) 44:2 Also put my _____, the silver _____, in the mouth of the _____ of the youngest, and his grain money." So he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.
- 7) 44:9 With whomever of your servants it is found, _____
and we also will be my lord's slaves."
- 8) 44:12 *Who had the cup?*

Daily Thought

Joseph is just playing with his brothers here; he wants his family to be with him. He is giving them a hard time, though. Who wouldn't? They sold him for a slave. Many wouldn't forgive this. Joseph could see the bigger picture though; he was a man of God, full of love – not hate. Look at what happens: God brought Joseph his family and put them right before him. Under his authority. Only a righteous man of God will use this authority wisely. Let's see what Joseph makes of this.

APRIL

Day Eleven:

Read Genesis 45 – 47

- 1) 45:1 Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Make everyone go out from me!” So no one stood with him while _____
- 2) 45:5 *Why did God do this?*
- 3) 45:9, 27 *What position did God give Joseph in Egypt?
Did his brothers relay this to Jacob?*
- 4) 46:7 *Who did Jacob take to Egypt?*
- 5) 46:27 *How many went to Egypt?*
- 6) 46:34 *What were they to say their profession was? Why?*
- 7) 47:20 *How much of Egypt did Joseph buy?*
- 8) 47:28 *What was the lifespan of Jacob?*

Daily Thought

Joseph finally tells his brothers, “I am Joseph, your brother.” Just imagine the feeling they faced at this point. “This great man, this man of such power is our brother?” Imagine the fear. “Will he kill us? Will he make us his slaves?” They couldn’t comprehend the things of God. Joseph acted as the Father: “Come bring our father and family and live here with me in prosperity.” As God with us, Joseph was unconcerned with the flaws of his family: he loved and blessed them!

APRIL Day Twelve: Read Genesis 48 – 50

- 1) 48:5 And now your two sons, _____, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, *are* _____; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.
- 2) 48:19 But his father refused and said, “I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his _____ brother shall be _____ than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations.”
- 3) 49:10 The _____ shall not depart from Judah,
Nor a _____ from between his feet,
Until Shiloh comes;
And to Him *shall be* the _____ of the people.
- 4) 50:3 *How many days did they mourn?*
- 5) 50:7 *How many servants do you think Pharaoh had?*
- 6) 50:26 *How long was the life of Joseph?*

Daily Thought

Verse 50:24: And Joseph said to his brethren, “I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Again, a man of God! In his dying words, Joseph speaks of the deliverance coming for the slavery of Israel. We will see this deliverance in the next book of Exodus.

Holy Week

Sunday	The Triumphal Entry	Mark 11: 1 – 11
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Monday	Cleanses the Temple	Mark 11: 15 – 19
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Tuesday	Challenged by the Sanhedrin	Luke 20:1-8
	Foretells of the Fall of Jerusalem and His Return	Matthew 24 & 25
	Anointed by Mary	John 12: 2 – 8
	Judas makes his deal to betray Jesus	Luke 22: 3 – 6

Thursday	Jesus eats the Passover and institutes the Lord's Supper	John 13: 1 – 30 and Mark 14: 22 – 26
	Prays in the Garden for His Disciples	John 17

Friday	Betrayed and Arrested	Mark 14: 43 – 50
	Questioned by Annas	John 18: 12 – 24
	Condemned by Caiaphas	Mark 14: 53 – 65
	Denied by Peter	John 18: 15 – 27
	Condemned by the Sanhedrin	Luke 22: 66 – 71
	Judas commits suicide	Matthew 27: 3 – 10
	Tried before Pilate	Luke 23: 1 – 5
	Appears before Herod Antipas	Luke 23: 6 – 12
	Sentenced to Death	Luke 23: 13 – 25
	Mocked and Crucified	Mark 15: 16 – 27
	Veil tears in the Temple	Matthew 27: 51 – 56
	Buried in Tomb of Joseph	John 19: 31 – 42

Sunday	Raised from the Dead!	Luke 24: 1 – 9
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APRIL Day Thirteen: Read Exodus 1 – 3

- 1) 1:8 Write out this verse _____

- 2) 1:12 But the ____ they _____ them, the more they _____
and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel.
- 3) 1:22 So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “_____ who is
Born you shall cast into the _____, and every daughter you shall save
alive.”
- 4) 2:1 And a ____ of the _____ of _____ went and took *as wife* a daughter of
Levi.
- 5) 2:10 And the _____ grew, and she brought ____ to Pharaoh’s daughter, and
he became her _____. So she called his name _____, saying, “Because I
drew him out of the water.”
- 6) 3:1 Write out this verse _____

- 7) 3:14 And God said to Moses, “_____.”
And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent
me to you.’”

Daily Thought

We read here of a new king over Egypt – a king who did not know Joseph. This king chose to turn against Israel. However, the more problems he caused them the more prosperous they became. This Pharaoh is about to learn of God’s power real soon.

We are beginning Holy Week. Easter is next. Please check out Jesus’ weekly activities this week. It is good to remember all he endured for you and me.

Word of Growth

Joseph

Joseph is an Old Testament picture of Jesus, our savior. Afflicted in so many ways, yet he kept his mind on Godly living. Joseph continued living a life of love for those around him even in such circumstances. In love, Joseph saved many lives as well; he was in a position to do great harm to all who had harmed him. Joseph didn't have to tell Pharaoh of the famine – he could have let everyone starve. Even at the point of being second to only Pharaoh in Egypt, Joseph still couldn't pay evil with evil but lovingly helped those around him.

Joseph:	Jesus:
Sold as a slave Sold for 20 pieces of silver	Sent to serve us Sold for 30 pieces of silver
Both betrayed by those whom they loved Both served God to deliver His People from their suffering	

God showed us signs of a coming Savior all through the Old Testament Scriptures. God knew He would be sending Jesus to save us from the very beginning of time.

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

- 1) 4:2-4 *What did Moses' rod turn into?*
- 2) 4:6-7 *What happened to Moses' hand?*
- 3) 4:9 *Turn water into what?*
- 4) 4:1 *What message did Moses and Aaron give Pharaoh from God?*
- 5) 5:11 *What was Pharaoh's answer?*
- 6) 5:21 *Were God's people, Israel, happy with Moses?*
- 7) 6:1 Then the LORD said to _____, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a _____ he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land."
- 8) 6:3 I appeared to _____, as God Almighty, but *by* My name LORD I was not known to them.

Daily Thought

In verse 6:3, God says, "Oh, they are going to know my name!" YHWH, the greatest, most holy name for God was used here in the original Hebrew text. God is going to show His authority to Pharaoh and all who are present here. In the end of this chapter, God says not only "Let My people go" but He names His people! God knows all His people by name! Just imagine that He cares enough to know our names as well. He says to Satan, "All right, you evil one. You let My people go! I want John, Jo, Brenda, Betty, Bob, Randy, Zack and Elizabeth!"

APRIL

Day Sixteen:

Read Exodus 10 – 12

- 1) 10:4 Write out this verse _____

- 2) 10:21 Then the LORD said to _____, “Stretch out your _____,
_____, that there may be darkness
over the land of Egypt, darkness *which* may even be felt.”
- 3) 11:5 . . .and all the _____ in the land of Egypt _____, from
the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of
the female servant who *is* behind the hand mill, and all the firstborn of
the animals.
- 4) 11:10 *Would Pharaoh let God’s people go now?*
- 5) 12:5 Write out this verse _____

- 6) 12:7 And they shall take *some* of the _____ and put *it* __ the two doorposts
and on the lintel of the _____ where they eat it.
- 7) 12:40 *How long did God’s children remain in Egypt?*

Daily Thought

Blood, frogs, lice, flies, dead cattle, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the death of the firstborn. God sent ten plagues upon Pharaoh. Did Pharaoh change his heart? Men are stubborn but God had His plan. God did all this to demonstrate His power. Pharaoh’s heart remained hard for the glory of God. God said, “I am YHWH. You will hear Me.” God can make us do all He wishes, but He wants us to do these things willingly.

Many will not – it is a shame – but God’s Word says this plainly. Few will be chosen. “Strive to be one of them.” As Paul said, run to win the prize!

Word of Growth

Lamb:

Again, a picture of Christ in the Old Testament. The plague of the firstborn called for a lamb without blemish to save lives. “Take a lamb without blemish for each household, sprinkle its blood on the door of the house and I will pass by you.” We take Jesus, the blemish-free lamb. We take His blood (death) upon our house (person) and place His blood upon our hearts (Door). And our faithful Father passes by our house. This blood saves us unto salvation into eternity in Christ. God is good, and this is our Passover. We have a week to remember His forgiveness, His passing by our sin. What a Great Gift - our Lord even paid for our forgiveness with the blood of His Son, our Lamb. Free of cost to us and undeserved. I pray that you know His Name – YHWH!

Remember this week, this life onto eternity is His gift to you. God bless you and your households.

APRIL

Day Seventeen:

Read Exodus 13 – 15

- 1) 13:4 *What month was Israel delivered from Egypt?*
- 2) 13:14 *From where in Egypt did God bring His people from?*
- 3) 13:19 *What did Moses bring with them?*
- 4) 13:21 *In what forms did God lead His people?*
- 5) 14:8 And the LORD hardened the heart of _____ king of Egypt, and he pursued the _____ of Israel; and the children of Israel _____ with boldness.
- 6) 14:21 *Moses did what?*
- 7) 14:27 *Did God deliver Israel? How?*
- 8) 15:2 The _____,
And He has become my salvation;
He is my God, and I will praise Him;
My father's God, and I will exalt Him.
- 9) 15:18 *How long shall our Lord reign?*

Daily Thought

God delivered Israel (us) from the house of bondage (sin). He brought us through the way of the wilderness (temptation). Think about that. He brought us from sin but left us to temptation – “free will”. God’s hand is with us, though we need to choose to receive His protection. Trust me, God can keep you in all situations. He’s proved Himself right here. Only a fool would doubt this.

APRIL

Day Eighteen:

Read Exodus 16 – 18

- 1) 16:3 *Were the children of Israel glad to be free?*
- 2) 16:4 *What was God's answer? Did He provide?*
- 3) 16:20, 27 *Did Israel obey God's commands of not gathering on the seventh day or only gathering enough each day?*
- 4) 17:2 Therefore the people contended with _____, and said, "Give us _____, that we may drink." So _____ said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"
- 5) 17:11 *What happened when Moses would reach to heaven?*
- 6) 18:3-4 *Name the sons of Moses.*
- 7) 18:17-27 *What does this system that Moses' father-in-law came up with remind you of?*

Daily Thought

Equality is our Lord. Chapter 16:18 says

So when they measured *it* by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need.

Every man had gathered to each one's need. Some of us may believe we are something – some believe the opposite – but either way, God supplies us. Our works do nothing compared to His and He supplies His children in righteousness. Equally.

APRIL

Day Nineteen:

Read Exodus 19 – 21

- 1) 19:6 And you shall be to Me a _____ and a holy nation.’
These *are* the words which ___ shall speak to the children of Israel.”
- 2) 19:9 And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I come to you in the _____
_____, that the people may _____when I _____ with you, and believe
you forever.”
- 3) 19:19 And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder
and louder, Moses spoke, and _____
- 4) 20:12 Write out this verse _____

- 5) Chap 20 *List the Ten Commandments*
- 6) 21:1 Now these *are* the _____ which you shall set before them. . .
- 7) 21:24-25 *What was the penalty for the injury of another?*

Daily Thought

In chapter 21, we see God teaching Israel as a father teaching a child. Often it’s easier to learn in circumstance. “I know I don’t want you to bite me, so I won’t bite anyone. It hurts.” “I’m surely not willing to hit you because I don’t want you to hit me.” God is teaching cause and effect and Israel, as a child, is about to learn the hard way.

Experience is a crude teacher; better not to learn this way. Read and study God’s Word; listen to your elders, and prayerfully you won’t need to learn as so many have.

APRIL Day Twenty: Read Exodus 22 – 24

- 1) 22:18-20 *What should happen to a witch or anyone acknowledging other gods?*
- 2) 22:26 *If we've received collateral from a brother what shall happen before the day is over?*
- 3) 23:15-16 *Name the three annual feasts.*
- 4) 23:30 Little by _____ I will _____ from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land.
- 5) 24:3-4 *What two things did Moses do with God's Word?*
- 6) 24:7 *What was the book Moses was reading?*
- 7) 24:8 And _____ took the blood, sprinkled it on the _____, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

Daily Thought

Moses read from the Book of the Covenant (promise). This book was the beginning of our Bible. All we are reading of people, laws, and stories here are all the beginning of the biggest and most important blessing we will ever have chance to receive. All these have meaning and fit into the New Testament almost word for word.

Look at the blood Moses sprinkled on the people – the blood of the covenant (promise to be God's people). This blood was payment for sin to make Israel right with God. This blood is symbolic of the blood of Jesus, which now makes us right before God. This was all planned from the beginning.

Word of Growth

Little by little:

In the end of Chapter 23, God promise to drive out the inhabitants of the land He had given to Israel. God is doing an amazing work for His children, but on a closer look He is doing it in wisdom as caring Father. God said he would drive these inhabitants out little by little, that the land and animals would not overtake them. As children, God was only going to give Israel a little responsibility at a time. "I will give you ten square miles, work with that for now, and if you do well . . ." God won't leave us to fail, but He will allot us as we are able. What father or mother wants their child to fail? How wise would God seem if He did so? God is above all the wisest and greatest, most gracious Father anyone could ever have.

God is working this very same way with us. He wishes to bless us in such ways we could not even imagine, but we are not ready. If God gave us everything now we would probably stumble. He is not willing to see that.

Trust Him. Obey Him. Claim these blessings.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

With responsibility comes temptation and God won't leave you to failure. Do good, build your blessings.

APRIL

Day Twenty One:

Read Exodus 25 – 27

- 1) 25:2 *How were these offerings to be?*
- 2) 25:8 *Why did God want a sanctuary?*
- 3) 25:19-20 *Where were the cherubim to be?*
- 4) 26:14 *What color was the covering to be? This covering is as the blood of Christ which covers us today.*
- 5) 26:33 *Where was the ark to be placed? This is the same veil which was torn top to bottom at the death of Christ - Mark 15:38*
- 6) 27:8 You shall make it _ _ _ _ _ with _ _ _ _ _; as it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it
- 7) 17:21 *Who was responsible for the tabernacle night and day?*

Daily Thought

God asked Israel for offerings to build Him a sanctuary so He could have a place to dwell among His people. The only standard was this offering had to be willingly given. God wants to be our only God; He made us for a reason. However, God wants us to choose Him (free will).

“Choose Me, obey Me, live righteously and find prosperous living.” God doesn’t wish anything but good for us – but this good comes with standards. Belong to God and live in abundance.

- 1) 28:2 *For whom were they to make these garments?*
- 2) 28:16 *How long is a span?*
- 3) 28:30 And you shall put _____
of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over
_____ 's heart when he goes in before the LORD. So Aaron shall bear
the judgment of the children of Israel over his heart before
the LORD continually.
- 4) 29:9 And you shall gird them with sashes, _____
and put the hats on them. The _____ shall be theirs for a
perpetual statute. So you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons.
- 5) 29:14 *Were they to ban the sin offering?*
- 6) 29:35-37 *How many days were they to do these things?*
- 7) 30:12-13 *What was each person to pay at their numbering?*
- 8) 30:16 *What was this money to be used for?*

Daily Thought

Chapter 28:11-12 – Aaron was to have two stones engraved as a signet and these were to be placed on the shoulders of his ephod. The names of the children of Israel were to be on these stones. Twelve names, six per side. Now the engraving of a signet is opposite usually of engraving letters that stand up. A king would endorse his letters with a signet right with his stamp in a wax seal. What I'm getting at is Israel spared no cost on labor – all on God's command.

APRIL

Day Twenty Three:

Read Exodus 31 – 33

- 1) 31:2,6 Which two men did God call to do these works?
- 2) 31:4-5 What works were these men called for?
- 3) 31:18 Written with what?
- 4) 32:4 And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and _____.
Then they said, “This is _____, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!”
- 5) 32:32 Write out this verse _____

- 6) 33:3 *Go up* to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume ___ on the way, for you *are* a _____ - _____ people.”
- 7) 33:20 But He said, “_____”; for no man shall see Me, and live.”
- 8) 33:23 *Did Moses see God? How about God’s face?*

Daily Thought

Chapter 33: 4- 6 tell us that Israel upset God and tried to do something to make it better. They put on all their holy clothing and looked to God to see His reaction. These stories remind me so much of parents and children. When a child gets into trouble they often try to change the topic. “I know, Mom, I was naughty, but look what I can do. Aren’t I cute?” Well, Israel had crossed that line. God said “Not this

time. Remove those garments – you are no longer my holy people. I will no longer dwell with you.”

Israel had some serious thinking to do. God was no longer willing to allow them to act as they were. “Grow up!”

Word of Growth

Self for Others:

In Exodus 32:32 Moses did something so very amazing, so courageous, that we should notice. Israel had made a terrible sin, they made and worshipped an idol – a golden calf. God was going to kill them all and start over. This was a serious offense and they knew better. God had written of this sin in the Ten Commandments which Moses received on the mount. Imagine, God no more said it and they did it. Now God said, “Let me get rid of these stubborn people.” Moses said “God, please forgive these people. Do not let Your wrath burn upon Your children, but forgive them. And if not, you can just remove my name from Your book as well.” When Moses came down from the mount to see Israel worshipping a calf he was furious. Moses made Israel eat that calf! They melted it down and put it in water and he made the people drink that calf all up! Sin is costly. Moses did punish Israel and now he was standing up for these stubborn people he put so much work into.

Moses said, “God, why did you have me do all this if You were just going to destroy these people? If You do this, let me be a part with them. Kill me too.” Moses could have said they were horrible and to kill them, but he put his own neck out there.

This is our example. Yes, John messed up, Sandy did wrong, but these are our family and we too can make a stand for them. Not approving of their sin, but not condemning.

We can work on these things and God has forgiven them through Christ!

- 1) 34:2 *Name the mountain Moses was to take these two tablets.*
- 2) 34:14 *What is God's Name?*
- 3) 34:29 *What did Moses' face do?*
- 4) 35:5 *What was needed to make an offering?*
- 5) 35:21 Then everyone came whose _ _ _ _ _ was stirred, and everyone whose
_ _ _ _ _ was _ _ _ _ _ , *and they brought the LORD's offering for the
work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy
garments.*
- 6) 36:5 *How much did the people willingly offer?*
- 7) 36:7 . . . for the _ _ _ _ _ they had was sufficient for all the work to be
done—indeed _ _ _ _ _ .

Daily Thought

How great are the works of God! "Build Me a sanctuary. Build it all of offerings from My people. However, only receive what is given willingly. Use all who offer their service to build these things."

God's whole tabernacle was built with free-will offerings! "Yes, I will work free and I will spend hours in hard labor without expectation of pay. I will not complain but will enjoy this work and I will supply the materials as well."

Not often do we see such great faith. Love God and love the work no matter how big or small it may seem. Do it without question with a willing heart.

God bless you all today.

- 1) 37:1 *Who made the ark?*
- 2) 37 & 38 *Were all these things being made as commanded by God?*
See Chapters 25-27 to compare.
- 3) 38:21 This is the inventory of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the Testimony, which was counted according to the commandment of Moses, for the _____ of the Levites, by the _____ of Ithamar, son of _____ the priest.
- 4) 39:1 Of the blue, purple, and scarlet *thread* they made garments of ministry, _____, and made the holy garments for Aaron, as the LORD had commanded Moses.
- 5) 39:30 *What was engraved on the holy crown?*
- 6) 37 – 39 *Once again, were all these tasks completed as commanded by Moses?*
- 7) 39:43 Then _____, and indeed they had done it; as the LORD had _____, just so they had done it. And Moses blessed them.

Daily Thought

What an amazing sight all of these works must have been. These men did things – works of gold, silver, bronze, wood, and all the skins of the tabernacle – which would be difficult for us even today. God does amazing things through those He chooses when He decided to have them done. God gives His work to the babes, to the simple, unexperienced man who holds a humble heart and mind. Be ready and willing! God can use you for great things at any moment He chooses.

See 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31.

- 1) 40:2 *When was the tabernacle to be set up?*
- 2) 40:16 *Moses did all according to what?*
- 3) 40:34-38 *Now when the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle, what did Israel do? And when the cloud moved?*
- 4) 1:3 If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a _____
 _____; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD.
- 5) 1:9 *What was this burnt offering to the Lord?*
- 6) 2:2 He shall bring it to _____', _____, the priests, one of whom shall take from it his _____ of fine flour and oil with all the frankincense. And the priest shall burn *it as* a memorial on the altar, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.
- 7) 2:13 *What was to be offered with all offerings?*

Daily Thought

Now here in Chapter 40 of Exodus, Israel is finally willing to follow God. Though we will still read of more sin, Israel is finally learning to trust God. God, in the form of a cloud, stayed with Israel when God moved Israel to follow Him! Israel didn't say "We need to pack all these things – it's too late or too early." They just without question followed God. One would think it easier to follow a God we can see – but would it? Israel had no excuse – they knew what God wanted. We could say, "I didn't know." Israel couldn't get away with that. Of course, we still know God's will, it is right here in our Bibles. Obey and love God.

APRIL

Day Twenty Seven:

Read Leviticus 3 - 5

- 1) 3:1 'When his offering is a sacrifice of a _____, if he offers *it* of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD.
- 2) 3:16 . . . and the priest _____ them on the altar *as* food, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma; all the fat *is* the LORD's.
- 3) 3:17 *This shall be a* _____ throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall eat neither fat nor blood.
- 4) 4:3-4 *What shall the priest do if he sin? Where shall this be done?*
- 5) 4:13 *What is an unintentional sin?*
- 6) 4:35 *What is accomplished with the sacrifice of a lamb?*
- 7) 5:5 And it shall be, when he is _____ in any of these *matters*, that he shall _____ that he has _____ in that *thing*.
- 8) 5:16 *What shall be made for the harm done?*

Daily Thought

Unintentional sin: this sin is such that is beyond the sinner's understanding. Once unintentional sin is brought to one's attention, there is need of repentance.

Jesus was the sacrificed Lamb which has already paid the price of this sin. All that is left for the sinner is confession and repentance. Admit this sin and move forward anew.

This is God's Will for every sinner. Confess, change, and be blessed. God hates sin but loves the sinner.

Word of Growth

Chapter 5:1 says:

If a person sins in hearing the utterance of an oath, and is a witness, whether he has seen or known *of the matter*—if he does not tell *it*, he bears guilt.

Meditate on this verse for a moment.

What does it mean? Everyone can see scripture in their own way. What I am seeing is that if one sins by using an oath (which is a sin: we are to let our yes be yes and no be no), one shall speak on the issue. This sin is to be confronted and brought into the open if known of or if you've seen the sin. If one does not speak against this sin, they are to become guilty of it.

Let's widen the picture. If you witness any sin but do not confront the sinner, you are seen as sinning as the sinner. The sin could be unintentional – unknown to the sinner. Now, if you don't confront this, aren't you leaving a sinner equipped for condemnation? If your child does something wrong, don't you bring it to their attention? Of course you do – you want the best for your children. What is different about any other human being? We are to love our brothers and sisters and that means looking out for one another. If one does not listen, that sin is no longer on you but on the sinner.

People don't often take well to correction – that's up to them. But as for me I will do my part. This is love and people don't even know how to react to love. Love is lacking so when we see it we don't understand it. Love takes discipline. Nothing weak in that.

Start sharing it.

APRIL

Day Twenty Eight:

Read Leviticus 6 - 8

- 1) 6:4-5 *What shall the person guilty of theft do?*
- 2) 6:13 *When shall fire be on the altar?*
- 3) 6:23` *Is one allowed to eat of the grain offering of the priest?*
- 4) 7:7 *How much of a trespass or sin offering shall belong to the priest?*
- 5) 7:26 Write out this verse _____

- 6) 8:5-6 *What did the Lord command? Did Moses do so?*
- 7) 8:33 *How many days of consecration?*
- 8) 8:36 *Were Aaron and his sons obedient to the Lord's Words given by
Moses?*

Daily Thought

Why do you think fire was to always be on God's altar? Can you believe Israel was so sinful the altar was always to be ready? Do you think we are too? Perhaps we are sinning so often we are always in need of that blood. However, if under the blood of Christ, even as we sin we are covered. Not that we should sin but remember when you do, that sacrifice was already complete. Thanks be to Jesus! Peace and grace to you all. Amen.

APRIL

Day Twenty Nine:

Read Leviticus 9 - 11

- 1) 9:3-4 *What was to be sacrificed?*
- 2) 9:6 *What was the occasion?*
- 3) 10:1 *Who offered profane fire to the Lord?*
- 4) 10:2 *What was the penalty of this fire?*
- 5) 10:9 *Could a priest drink wine or an intoxicating drink before going into the tabernacle? What would be the outcome if he did?*
- 6) 11:1-23 *Clean animals?*
- 7) 11:24-47 *Unclean animals?*

Daily Thought

Things were pretty strict in those days. Mess up and die! This would make one really think of their conduct. "If I do this sinful thing, can I outrun a flame from heaven?" Not a difficult decision. If this verse is still the case imagine how different our lives would be.

Clean / unclean animals. I just wanted you to think of what we eat. Do we eat of the unclean things listed? Why is it okay now? See Colossians 2:11-23 and Acts 10:9-16.

APRIL Day Thirty: Read Leviticus 12 - 14

- 1) 12:2 *How long was a woman unclean after she had birthed a son?
How many days of purification?*
- 2) 12:5 *How long is she unclean if she has a daughter?
How many days of purification?*
- 3) 12:3 *How old shall a son be before his circumcision?*
- 4) 13:1-46 *Leprosy was a very serious issue – did the Lord give the priest the
understanding and ability to understand it?*
- 5) 13:47-59 *How about leprosy of clothing?*
- 6) 14:1-32 *When you were healed of leprosy, did that make you clean or was
there more to do first?*
- 7) 14:33-57 *Did you know a house could be leprous? Was the connection of it
made known to the priest?*

Daily Thought

Leprosy was not exactly what we see as leprosy today. Leprosy could be any rash or sore, mold or any ailment upon the surface of the skin, clothing or material with any imperfection upon it.

Word of Growth

Law and Life:

I know we are starting some difficult, tiring reading. Please stick with it. The law is a necessity to learn even though we are no longer held to it for salvation. Our trust in the work of Jesus alone brings us to eternity. No law can do this for us. The law is our teacher and our guide for righteous living. Even if our works don't buy our

salvation, does this mean we shall not do them? If you love the Lord wouldn't you honor His wishes? If these things were righteous, then aren't they still righteous?

Galatians 3:24

Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Luke 6: 46

But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

Often in life the things which are good are the hardest to do and the things we need we find no interest in. Don't fall for this but apply yourself and learn all you can of God our Father. Know all of His Words to you. Don't only read the good parts but also understand the convicting parts. Don't ignore what is upsetting – pray upon it. God only wishes the best for us as a good father to his child.

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

God blesses all His children.