

Exodus 13-14

November 6th, 2020

Study Guide

Pray: Ask God to help you see and hear His word rightly and ask Him to reveal himself to you as you read through the designated chapters this week.

Read through **Exodus 13-14**. Then, **reflect** upon what you read as you consider the study questions.

Exodus 13

1. How is the special relationship God had with Israel described in **Exodus 4:22**?
2. In Exodus 13:1, 'The Lord said to Moses, "Consecrate to me every firstborn male... whether man or animal.'" The consecration of the firstborn was closely connected with the Passover. Since the firstborn of the Israelites had been spared, the Lord commanded that these be set apart for special service to him. By this practice of observance and worship, what was the Lord hoping the Israelites would remember? (**verse 16**)
3. The Israelites had come to Egypt some 400 years before the exodus when Joseph, one of the 12 sons of Jacob (Israel), had become a high officer of Egypt and invited his family to settle there to escape a famine in Canaan (Genesis 37-50). Toward the end of his life Joseph requested that his bones be taken back to the land God had promised His people. How did the directions for his burial (**Genesis 50:24-25**) give evidence of his faith (**Hebrews 11:22**)?
4. Although the road through "the Philistine country" was the most direct route to Canaan, it was strongly fortified by Egyptian fortresses. Note what God knew about the Israelites, as evidenced in **Exodus 13:17**, and what He did about it (**verse 18**). What insights does this give us about the way(s) God guides and leads us in our lives today? (Also, consider **1 Corinthians 10:12-13** & **2 Timothy 4:18**)
5. *For personal reflection.* The Lord's presence was signified in a pillar of cloud by day and one of fire by night (**verse 21**). Meditate on the following promises of His presence that God gives you. Share with God, your Father, the fears in your heart. Then ask for His Spirit to enable you more fully to rest on these His promises to you: **Isaiah 41:10**; **Joshua 1:9**; **Psalms 23:4**; **Matthew 28:20**.

6. What are way(s) God guides you?

- Proverbs 15:22 –
- Galatians 6:1 –
- Colossians 3:16 –
- James 1:5 –

Exodus 14

7. How did God gain glory through the Egyptians (**verse 4**; see also **verses 23-31**)?

8. The Israelites were terrified (**verse 10**). How does faith help us face our fears? (**verses 13-14**; also consider **Psalm 118:6-7**.)

9. Moses told the Israelites, “Stand firm...be still” (**verses 13-14**). Then God ordered them, “Move on” (**verse 15**). With the sea in front of them and the enemy behind, what did it take for the people to obey God’s command?

10. When we face a problem that seems insurmountable, what should we do? (Review answers to question 6 and consider **Psalm 119:133** & **Psalm 27:14**).

11. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. Who parted the waters (**verse 21**)?

12. After God’s mighty act of deliverance, His people feared Him and put their trust in Him (**verse 31**). How can God’s great act of salvation on the cross strengthen our conviction that God will sustain us in the crises of everyday living (**Romans 8:32**)?