

## MOSES Lesson 6

**FIRST DAY:** Read the notes and the references.

### **SECOND DAY:**

#### **Read Exodus 11:1-12:30**

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[6] There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again.

[7] But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any man or animal.’ Then you will know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

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[12] “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. [13] The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

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[17] “Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. [18] In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. [19] For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or native-

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[22] Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning.

[23] When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

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[29] At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. [30] Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

### Question 4c

**John 1:29:** [29] The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**1 Corinthians 5:7:** [7] Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed.

## THIRD DAY:

### Read Exodus 12:31-13:16

#### The Exodus

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[33] The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!” [34] So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. [35] The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. [36] The LORD had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

[37] The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. [38] Many other people went up with them, as well as large droves of livestock, both flocks and herds. [39] With the dough they had brought from Egypt, they baked cakes of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves.

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bones. [47] The whole community of Israel must celebrate it.

[48] “An alien living among you who wants to celebrate the LORD's Passover must have all the males in his household circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land. No uncircumcised male may eat of it. [49] The same law applies to the native-born and to the alien living among you.”

[50] All the Israelites did just what the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron. [51] And on that very day the LORD brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.

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[13:1] The LORD said to Moses, [2] “Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether man or animal.”

[3] Then Moses said to the people, “Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast. [4] Today, in the month of Abib, you are leaving. [5] When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hives and Jebusites —the land he swore to your forefathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey —you are to observe this ceremony in this month: [6] For seven days eat bread made without yeast and on the seventh day hold a festival to the LORD. [7] Eat unleavened bread during those seven days; nothing with yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders. [8] On that day tell your son, ‘I do this because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ [9] This observance will be for you like a sign on your hand and a reminder on your forehead that the law of the LORD is to be on your lips. For the LORD brought you out of Egypt with his mighty hand. [10] You must keep this ordinance at the appointed time year after year.

[11] “After the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your forefathers, [12] you are to give over to the LORD the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the LORD. [13] Redeem with a lamb every

firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.

[14] “In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. [15] When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed every firstborn in Egypt, both man and animal. This is why I sacrifice to the LORD the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.’ [16] And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead that the LORD brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand.”

### Question 5b

**Numbers 3:13; 8:17;** [13] for all the firstborn are mine. When I struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, I set apart for myself every firstborn in Israel, whether man or animal. They are to be mine. I am the LORD.” woman. [17] Every firstborn male in Israel, whether man or animal, is mine. When I struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, I set them apart for myself.

### Question 5c

**Exodus 4:22;** [22] Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son,

## FOURTH DAY:

### Read Exodus 13:17-14:31

#### Crossing the Sea

[17] When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” [18] So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle.

[19] Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, “God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place.”

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[20] After leaving Succoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. [21] By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.

[22] Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

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[14:1] Then the LORD said to Moses, [2] “Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. [3] Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ [4] And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” So the Israelites did this.

[5] When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!” [6] So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. [7] He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. [8] The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. [9] The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

[10] As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD.

[11] They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? [12] Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

[13] Moses answered the people, “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. [14] The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

[15] Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

[16] Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. [17] I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

[18] The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

[19] Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, [20] coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

[21] Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, [22] and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

[23] The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. [24] During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. [25] He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

[26] Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.”

[27] Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. [28] The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

[29] But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. [30] That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. [31] And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the

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LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

### FIFTH DAY:

#### Read Exodus 15:1-21

##### The Song of Moses and Miriam

[15:1] Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD,  
for he is highly exalted.

The horse and its rider  
he has hurled into the sea.

[2] The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

[3] The LORD is a warrior;  
the LORD is his name.

[4] Pharaoh's chariots and his army  
he has hurled into the sea.

The best of Pharaoh's officers  
are drowned in the Red Sea.

[5] The deep waters have covered them;  
they sank to the depths like a stone.

[6] “Your right hand, O LORD,  
was majestic in power.

Your right hand, O LORD,  
shattered the enemy.

[7] In the greatness of your majesty  
you threw down those who opposed you.

You unleashed your burning anger;  
it consumed them like stubble.

[8] By the blast of your nostrils  
the waters piled up.

The surging waters stood firm like a wall;  
the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

[9] “The enemy boasted,

‘I will pursue, I will overtake them.

I will divide the spoils;

I will gorge myself on them.

I will draw my sword  
and my hand will destroy them.’

[10] But you blew with your breath,  
and the sea covered them.

They sank like lead  
in the mighty waters.

[11] “Who among the gods is like you, O LORD?  
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majestic in holiness,  
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working wonders?

[12] You stretched out your right hand  
and the earth swallowed them.

[13] “In your unfailing love you will lead  
the people you have redeemed.

In your strength you will guide them  
to your holy dwelling.

[14] The nations will hear and tremble;  
anguish will grip the people of Philistia.

[15] The chiefs of Edom will be terrified,  
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the people of Canaan will melt away;

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By the power of your arm  
they will be as still as a stone —  
until your people pass by, O LORD,  
until the people you bought pass by.

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on the mountain of your inheritance—  
the place, O LORD, you made for your dwelling,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, your hands established.

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#### Crossing the Sea

[17] When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” [18] So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle.

[19] Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, “God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place.”

[20] After leaving Succoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. [21] By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. [22] Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

### Exodus 14

[14:1] Then the LORD said to Moses, [2] “Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. [3] Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ [4] And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” So the Israelites did this.

[5] When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!” [6] So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. [7] He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. [8] The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. [9] The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the

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Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

[10] As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD.

[11] They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? [12] Didn't we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

[13] Moses answered the people, “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. [14] The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

[15] Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

[16] Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. [17] I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. [18] The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

[19] Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, [20] coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

[21] Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, [22] and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

[23] The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. [24] During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. [25] He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the

Egyptians said, “Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

[26] Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.”

[27] Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. [28] The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

[29] But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. [30] That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. [31] And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

### Exodus 15

#### The Song of Moses and Miriam

[15:1] Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD,  
for he is highly exalted.

The horse and its rider  
he has hurled into the sea.

[2] The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

[3] The LORD is a warrior;  
the LORD is his name.

[4] Pharaoh's chariots and his army  
he has hurled into the sea.

The best of Pharaoh's officers  
are drowned in the Red Sea.

[5] The deep waters have covered them;  
they sank to the depths like a stone.

[6] “Your right hand, O LORD,

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was majestic in power.

Your right hand, O LORD,  
shattered the enemy.

[7] In the greatness of your majesty  
you threw down those who opposed you.

You unleashed your burning anger;  
it consumed them like stubble.

[8] By the blast of your nostrils  
the waters piled up.

The surging waters stood firm like a wall;  
the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

[9] “The enemy boasted,  
‘I will pursue, I will overtake them.

I will divide the spoils;

I will gorge myself on them.

I will draw my sword

and my hand will destroy them.’

[10] But you blew with your breath,  
and the sea covered them.

They sank like lead  
in the mighty waters.

[11] “Who among the gods is like you, O LORD?

Who is like you—  
majestic in holiness,

awesome in glory,

working wonders?

[12] You stretched out your right hand  
and the earth swallowed them.

[13] “In your unfailing love you will lead  
the people you have redeemed.

In your strength you will guide them  
to your holy dwelling.

[14] The nations will hear and tremble;  
anguish will grip the people of Philistia.

[15] The chiefs of Edom will be terrified,  
the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling,

the people of Canaan will melt away;

[16] terror and dread will fall upon them.

By the power of your arm

they will be as still as a stone —

until your people pass by, O LORD,

until the people you bought pass by.

[17] You will bring them in and plant them  
on the mountain of your inheritance—

the place, O LORD, you made for your dwelling,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, your hands established.

[18] The LORD will reign  
for ever and ever.”

[19] When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and horsemen  
went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of  
the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked  
through the sea on dry ground. [20] Then Miriam  
the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in  
her hand, and all the women followed her, with  
tambourines and dancing. [21] Miriam sang to  
them:

“Sing to the LORD,

for he is highly exalted.

The horse and its rider

he has hurled into the sea.”