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Moses is the author of the book of Exodus (Mark 12:26).

Pharaoh means "great house" - a title, not a personal name, for the king who lived in the great house.

Jacob and his family entered Egypt to avoid the famine during the reign of Pharaoh Sesostris III (1878-1843 B.C.). Joseph died during the reign of Pharaoh Amenemhat III (1843-1797 B.C.). Three hundred years later, the pharaoh who "did not know Joseph" (Exodus 1:8) was Pharaoh Ahmose I (1570-1546 B.C.).

The Exodus occurred in 1445 B.C. based on the statement of 1 Kings 6:1 (the fourth year of Solomon's reign was 967 B.C.). The Israelites numbered some 2,000,000 (two million) people, based on the census at Sinai (Numbers 1).

Day 32 - Exodus 1-4 • The Israelites were organized into large labor gangs under Egyptian taskmasters. Moses was born in 1525 B.C., a time when midwives were supposed to kill male Hebrew babies at birth. In Exodus 3, Moses is called to deliver the nation of Israel from their oppression in Egypt.

God told Moses to take the people a three days' journey into the wilderness in order to sacrifice to the Lord (Ex. 3:18). God also told Moses that the king of Egypt will not permit them to go, except under compulsion (Ex. 3:19).

What three signs did the Lord enable Moses to perform in order to convince the people that God really did appear to him?

Day 33 - Exodus 5-8 • In response to Moses first encounter with Pharaoh, Pharaoh greatly increased the work involved in making bricks by requiring the Hebrews to gather the straw themselves from fields.

The first four of ten plagues occur in Exodus 7-8.

What did the magicians tell Pharaoh in regard to the third plague (Ex. 8:19)?

Day 34 - Exodus 9-11 • Six more plagues occur in Exodus 9-11. The Israelites were exempt from the last seven plagues.

Briefly list the ten plagues of Exodus 7-11.

Day 35 - Exodus 12-13 • In Exodus 12, the Passover was instituted, which serves as an illustration of the redemption Christ accomplished at Calvary.

What did the Lord instruct Moses to do in Exodus 13:2, 12-13?

Day 36 - Exodus 14-15 • Shortly after Pharaoh let the Israelites go, he and his servants had a change of heart and began to chase after the sons of Israel.

What miracle did God perform to save the Israelites (Ex. 14)?

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Day 37 - Exodus 16-18 • The congregation grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness of Sin due to hunger.

The Lord heard the grumbings, and said to Moses, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread."

In Ex. 18, Moses' father-in-law Jethro brought Moses' wife and two sons to him in the wilderness. Seeing that Moses was bogged down judging civil disputes among the Israelites, Jethro recommended choosing others who were morally qualified to do this job.

What two food items did the Lord provide for the Israelites in the wilderness (Ex. 17:13-15, 31)?

Day 38 - Exodus 19-21 • In Ex. 19:5 the Lord declared, "All the earth is Mine." The Ten Commandments were given to Moses in Exodus 20. Mt. Sinai was all in smoke as the Lord descended upon it in fire.

Q. Briefly list the Ten Commandments.

Day 39 - Exodus 22-24 • Various laws are given in Ex. 21-23. Money was to be lent to the poor without interest. Firstborn children were redeemed with money. Firstborn animals were sacrificed.

In Exodus 24, the Lord revealed His glory to Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel.

Q. Who did the Lord send to guard the Israelites along the way and to bring them to the prepared place (Ex. 23:20-23)?

Day 40 - Exodus 25-27 • Instructions for building the Tabernacle are contained in Exodus 25-31. The Tabernacle served as the place where God met His people. The ark of the testimony (covenant) was constructed at this time.

Q. What three items were kept in the ark (Heb. 9:4)?

Day 41 - Exodus 28-29 • The Lord appointed Aaron and his sons to minister as priests. Exodus 29 describes the installation of the priests, which included washing, anointing, clothing, and offering sacrifices.

Q. What did the precious stones on the priests' breastpiece of judgment represent (Ex. 28:17-21)?

Day 42 - Exodus 30-31 • The Tabernacle and its furnishings were made holy (set apart for God's service).

Q. What was made a sign of the unique relationship between God and the sons of Israel forever (Ex. 31:12-17)?

Day 43 - Exodus 32-34 • During the forty days that Moses was on the mountain with the Lord, the Israelites made a god of gold for themselves. The Lord was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him (Deut. 9:20).

The Lord considered destroying the people, whom he called obstinate, and instead making Moses into a great nation (Ex. 32:9-10). But Moses interceded on their behalf and the Lord changed His mind (32:14). In Exodus 33 the people repented, and the covenant was renewed in Exodus 34.

Q. When Moses saw the calf and the dancing, what did Moses do with the tablets that contained God's writing (Ex. 32:15-19)?

Day 44 - Exodus 35-36 • Exodus 35-40 details the actual construction of the tabernacle.

The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend (Ex. 33:11)

Q. Why were the people afraid to come near Moses in Exodus 34:30?

Day 45 - Exodus 37-38 • Exodus 37-38 describes how the ark, table, lampstand, altar of incense, bronze altar, laver, and court were made. More than a ton of gold, four tons of silver, and 2.5 tons of bronze were given by the people to be used to make the Tabernacle and its implements.

Q. What was the purpose of the bronze altar (Ex. 27:1-8; 38:1-7)?

Day 46 - Exodus 39-40 • Aaron's garments were made in Exodus 39. Moses examined all the work they had done, and they had done it just as the Lord had commanded (Ex. 39:43). So, Moses blessed them.

The Tabernacle was set up one year after the Exodus from Egypt, and it was filled (indwelt) by the Lord Himself.

Q. What was unique about the tabernacle that revealed God's presence (Ex. 40:34-38)?
