

Week 6
Moses and Pharaoh



Israelites increase (Exodus 1)

- Joseph's generation dies
- Israelites multiply
- Another Pharaoh
- Oppressed Israelites



Overview by Stephen

Acts 7:17-43



Egyptians dreaded Israelites

- Ordered midwives to kill babies
- Midwives did not carry it out
- Ordered all Egyptians to kill baby Israelite boys



Levite baby boy (Exodus 2)

- Basket among reeds along Nile
- Discovered by Pharaoh's daughter
- Named Moses
- Raised by Pharaoh's daughter



Moses kills Egyptian

- Egyptian beating Hebrew
- Moses kills Egyptian
- Discovers that it became known
- Moses flees to Midian
- 40 years old (Acts 7:23)



Moses meets Zipporah

- Waters her sheep at well
- Met family, marries Zipporah
- Remains in Midian 40 years



The burning bush (Exodus 3,4)

- God commissions Moses
- Moses resists
- God's name (I AM)
- God lets Aaron speak for Moses



Moses son circumcised Exodus 4:22-26

- The LORD was about to kill Moses
- Apparently due to failure to circumcise son on eighth day (Gen 17:12)
- Zipporah intervenes



Moses and Aaron meet elders

- Told them God's concern
- Performed signs
- Elders believed and worshiped



Moses goes to Pharaoh (Exodus 5)

- Let my people go
- Festival in desert
- Pharaoh refuses



Bricks without straw

- Had to gather their own straw
- Quota not reduced
- Did not meet quota
- Received beating



God sends Moses back to Pharaoh

- Staff becomes snake
- Magicians did same
 - -2 Tim 3:8-9
- Moses' snake swallows theirs
- Spiritual warfare!



Ten plagues on Egypt

- Blood (Exodus 7)
- Frogs, gnats, flies (Exodus 8)
- Livestock, boils, hail (Exodus 9)
- Locusts, darkness (Exodus 10)
- Firstborn (Exodus 11-12)



God's purpose for Pharaoh

Exodus 9:15-16 For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.



Romans 9:17-18 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.



Pharaoh's part in hardening

- Stubborn from beginning Ex 3:19
- His heart unyielding Ex 7:14
- He nearly repents Ex 8:28, 9:27
- He hardens own heart Ex 8:32, 9:34



God's part in hardening

- God says he will harden
 - -Ex 4:21, 7:3, 14:4
- God hardens
 - -Ex 9:12, 10:20, 10:27, 11:10, 14:8



The repeating pattern:

- Pharaoh refuses
- God punishes
- Pharaoh relents
- God relents
- Pharaoh hardens



God disciplines (Heb 12)

- Some hearts respond and repent
- Other hearts harden
- Same discipline, different hearts



The Passover

- Evening of the 14th of month
- 7 day Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Blood over the door post
- Avenger would pass over
- Lasting ordinance
 - -1 Cor 5:6-8



The exodus

- Pharaoh allows them to leave
- Egyptians give them treasure
- Israelites leave Egypt
- > 600,000 men, + women, children
- 430 years in Egypt
- Heb 11:23-29



End of Week 6
Next week
Red Sea
Mount Sinai
Wandering in the Wilderness