

EVENTS IN ONE FAMILY IN EGYPT

Exodus 2:1 - 10; Acts 7:17 - 21

The cruel commands of Egypt's new king must of necessity have very far-reaching effects on the families of Israel. Read to discover how the third command affected one particular family:

A. The Birth of an Infant: Read Exodus 2:1-4

1. From which son of Jacob were the man and woman mentioned in Exodus 2:1 descended?

 2. What happened in their family after the time of the king's third command? Exodus 2:2a

 3. When the mother saw that the son was a goodly child, what did she do, rather than obeying the king's command? Exodus 2:2b

 4. What caused her to do this? (See Hebrews 11:23a -- one word)

 5. When she was finally forced to obey the king's command and put her child into the river, how did she do it? Exodus 2:3

- NOTE:** Remember that an ark is primarily a place of refuge or safety.
6. Who kept watch nearby and why? Exodus 2:4

B. His Early Childhood: Read Exodus 2:5-9

1. Who came down to the river and why? Exodus 2:5a

2. When she saw the ark, what did she do? Exodus 2:5b

3. When she opened it and saw the child, what was it doing? Exodus 2:6a

4. Therefore, how did she react to it? Exodus 2:6b

5. What did she recognize about the baby? Exodus 2:6c

6. What did his sister then offer to do? Exodus 2:7

7. What was the princess's answer? Exodus 2:8a

8. Who did the girl then call? Exodus 2:8b

9. What did the princess tell the woman to do? Exodus 2:9a

10. What did she offer to do for the woman? Exodus 2:9b

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11. What did the woman do for the baby in the succeeding months and possibly years?
Exodus 2:9c

NOTE: Remember that there were no prepared baby foods in those days, and therefore it was customary to nurse babies until about the age of two years. This child's mother may have nursed him even longer, in order to keep him with her as long as possible.

12. About what great persons and events do you suppose this mother taught her child during the time he was with her? (*THINK!*)

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13. What did the mother eventually have to do? Exodus 2:10a

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14. What did her child become? Exodus 2:10b

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15. What name was he given and why? Exodus 2:10c

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16. Trace the ancestry of Moses from Exodus 6:16-20a.

a. Who were the three sons of Levi? Exodus 6:16

b. What were the names of Moses' parents? Exodus 6:20a

c. From which of Levi's three sons was Moses' father descended? Exodus 6:18a_____

d. What was the name of Moses' brother? Exodus 6:20b_____

(Notice from Exodus 7:7 that Aaron was three years older than Moses).

e. What was the name of his sister who watched him? Numbers 26:59

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why was Moses allowed to live, when other Hebrew boys were being killed?

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2. Does God have a purpose in allowing me to be alive today? What is it?
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EARLY EVENTS AT MT. SINAI

Exodus 20

Following God's spectacular appearance on Mt. Sinai, He spoke with Moses in the hearing of all Israel as He had promised. Discover now what he said, and the people's reaction to His words:

A. God's Words at Mt. Sinai: Read Exodus 20:1-17

1. Of what did God remind the Israelites first of all? Exodus 20:2

2. Therefore, what did He tell them they must do? Exodus 20:3

2. For what three things of God's must they show absolute respect?

Exodus 20:4-11

a. vs. 4-6 His _____

b. vs. 7: His _____

c. vs. 8-11 His _____

4. For who else must they also show utmost respect? Exodus 20:12

(Notice that these would be God's representatives on earth to their children).

5. What five things must the Israelites not do to each other? Exodus 20:13-17

a. 13 _____

b. 14 _____

c. 15 _____

d. 16 _____

e. 17 _____

6. What name is commonly given to the rules in this chapter?

7. By observing these rules, with who would each Israelite keep his relationships right?
(See Matthew 22:37, 39)

B. The People's Reaction to God's Words: Read Exodus 20:18-20

1. As the Israelites saw the events on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20:18a), what did they realize?
Deuteronomy 5:24

2. Therefore, what did they do? Exodus 20:18b

3. What two requests did they then make of Moses? Exodus 20:19a, b

a. _____ b. _____

4. How did Moses begin his answer to them? Exodus 20:20a

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5. For what three reasons did he say God had spoken in this way?

Exodus 20:20b-d

- a. 20b _____
- b. 20c _____
- c. 20d _____

C. God's Further Words to Moses: Read Exodus 20:21-26

1. As the people stood afar off from God, what did Moses do? Exodus 20:21

2. What did God tell Moses to tell the Israelites? Exodus 20:22

3. Therefore, what two things must the Israelites not do? Exodus 20:23

4. What two kinds of altars might they make unto God? Exodus 20:24a, 25

- a. _____
- b. _____

NOTE: Hewn is the past tense of *hew*. To cut by blows with an ax or other sharp instrument.

5. What must they not make for God's altars? Exodus 20:26

NOTE: Altars of hewn stone, and altars with high steps up to them, were often made for the worship of heathen idols.

6. What were the Israelites to do on the altars they made for God?

Exodus 20:24b

7. What two things did God promise to do in all places where He would record His name?

Exodus 20:24c

8. What must be done to anyone who sacrificed to any god besides the Lord? Exodus 22:20

9. Read a summary of the events of this memorable day in Deuteronomy 5:23-33

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was there any difference between God and the idols of the heathen nations? Why did God speak to Israel from heaven as He did? What did He hope to accomplish? (See Deuteronomy 4:35, 5:29; Exodus 20:20). *Was* this accomplished?

2. Am *I* convinced that the Lord is God, and there is no other god besides Him? Do I fear Him, so that I want to keep His commandments instead of sinning?

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING ISRAEL'S WORSHIP

Exodus 24:1, 2, 24:9 - 25:9, 35:4 - 29, 36:2 - 7

After the Israelites had accepted God's *moral laws* which were to guide them in their relationships to God and to man, and the civil or *judicial laws* which were to guide them in their national government, God then gave *ceremonial laws* which were to govern their worship. Read now to see just what their worship was to be like, and how it resembled and differed from ours today:

A. Instructions to the Leaders of Israel: Read Exodus 24:1, 2, 9-18

1. What two things did God instruct certain of the leaders of Israel to do? Exodus 24:1a, b

2. List the names of those included in this group: _____, the chief *political* leader of the nation; _____, the chief *religious* leader of the nation; and _____ and _____, the two oldest sons of Aaron (Leviticus 10:1), who would be his helpers during his lifetime, and become his successors upon his death; and _____ (how many?) of the elders or lesser political leaders of Israel (See Exodus 18:25, 26).
3. After they obeyed this command, leaving the people at the foot of the mount (verse 9), what were they privileged to see? Exodus 24:10

4. Who alone was to come near the Lord? Exodus 24:2

5. Who accompanied him part of the way up the mountain? Exodus 24:13

6. What did Moses tell the elders to do? Exodus 24:14a

7. What happened as Moses ascended the mountain? Exodus 24:15, 16a

8. As this continued for six days (Exodus 24:16b), what did it look like to the people of Israel gathered at the foot of the mountain? Exodus 24:17

9. What two things took place on the seventh day? Exodus 24:16c, 18a

10. How long did Moses continue there at this time? Exodus 24:18b

B. Instructions to Moses on the Mountain: Read Exodus 25:1-9

1. What did God say the people of Israel were to do? Exodus 25:2a

2. Who among them was to do this? Exodus 25:2b

3. Read through the list of items which might be included in this offering, Exodus 25:3-7. What were they to do with these articles? Exodus 25:8a

NOTE: A *sanctuary* is a consecrated place, or a place set apart or devoted to the service or worship of God.

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4. What was to be the purpose of this sanctuary? Exodus 25:8b
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C. The People's Response to God's Instructions: Read Exodus 35:4-36:7

1. Although Moses' giving God's instructions to the people was delayed by their breaking His law (Exodus 32) and another 40 days on the mountain (Exodus 24:28) during which time he earnestly prayed to God for them (Deuteronomy 9:18), he finally gave them. What two things did he say the people might do to help build the sanctuary for God among them?
 - a. Exodus 35:5 _____
 - b. Exodus 35:10 _____
2. What did the people do after this? Exodus 35:21-29

3. Where did the people get all the materials which they brought? (Compare Exodus 35:21 with 12:35, 36)

4. What was the result of the offering which was taken? Exodus 36:5, 7

5. Therefore, what did they have to tell the people to do? Exodus 36:6

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why would such a holy and powerful person as God want to dwell among sinful people such as the Israelites?

1. Does God want a sanctuary to dwell among people on earth today?
(See Acts 7:48, 49)
What does He want? (See 2 Corinthians 6:16b)

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANCTUARY

Exodus 31:1 - 11; 35:30 - 36:1; 26; 27:9 - 19; 36:8 - 38; 38:9 - 23

After Moses had received from God minute details concerning the place and manner of Israel's worship, construction of their sanctuary began. Study now about the first step:

A. Workmen for the Sanctuary: Read Exodus 31:1-11, 35:30 - 36:1, 38:21-23

1. Who did God choose to be overseer of making the sanctuary?
Exodus 31:1, 2

2. What did God do for him, to fit him especially for this task? Exodus 31:3

3. With what materials was he especially fitted to work? Exodus 31:4, 5

4. Who was to be his chief helper? Exodus 31:6a

1. Who were to assist these two in making all that was commanded?
Exodus 31:6b

6. What were Bezaleel and Aholiab to do to all the others? Exodus 35:34

7. What additional arts were these men skilled in? Exodus 35:35

8. Did these men do the work assigned to them? Exodus 36:1, 38:21-23

B. The Construction of the Sanctuary: Read Exodus 26, 27:9-19

1. What was Israel's sanctuary to be called? Exodus 26:1a

 2. Of what was it to be made? Exodus 26:1b

- NOTE:** A *cherub* is a type of angel; *cherubim* is the plural of cherub.
3. With what two items were the curtains to be held together? Exodus 26:4, 6

 4. Of what three materials were three coverings for the tent to be made? Exodus 26:7, 14

 5. Notice that while there were only 10 curtains for the inner tent, there were 11 for the outer covering of goats' hair. What was to be done with the extra curtain? Exodus 26:9

 6. Over what kind of framework were these curtains to be stretched? Exodus 26:15

 7. How long was each of these boards to be? Exodus 26:16a

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8. Since each board was to be standing up, this would also be the height of the structure. Remember that a cubit equaled about 1 1/2 feet; therefore, how tall would the structure be?

9. How broad was each board to be? Exodus 26:16b

10. Figure the length and breadth of the structure in feet, from Exodus 26:18-20, and 22-25.

11. What was to hold these boards in place at the bottom? Exodus 26:17, 19

NOTE: Exodus 30:11-16, 38:24-31 may tell where they got all the silver needed.

12. What was to hold the boards together vertically? Exodus 26:26-28

13. What was to be done with all boards, bars and rings? Exodus 26:29

14. What was to divide the Tabernacle? Exodus 26:31-33a

15. What were the two parts to be called? Exodus 26:33b

16. What was to cover the door of the structure? Exodus 26:36-37

17. What was to surround the structure of the Tabernacle? Exodus 27:9a

18. What was to be made to enclose this area? Exodus 27:9b

19. Figure the length and breadth of this area in feet: Exodus 27:18

20. Figure the width of the opening on the east side for the gate: Exodus 27:16

21. Read about how these items were made in Exodus 36:8-38, 38:9-20.

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why was Israel to make such a dwelling place, of such materials as those outlined above? Why did they not make a more permanent structure?

2. Has God given me special artistic gifts or monetary assets? For what purpose?

FURNISHINGS FOR THE TABERNACLE

Exodus 25:10 - 40; 30:1 - 10, 22 - 38; 37:1 - 29

Having seen just how the Tabernacle itself was constructed, let us go on to see what furnishings were placed inside of this structure:

A. The Ark of the Testimony: Read Exodus 25:10-22

1. An *ark* is a place of safety. Of what material was this ark to be made? Exodus 25:10a

2. Figure the length _____, breadth _____, and height _____ of it in feet:
Exodus 25:10b
3. With what material was it to be overlaid inside and out? Exodus 25:11

4. What was to be upon the top of it? Exodus 25:11b

5. What two other items were to be upon it, and why? Exodus 25:12-15

6. What was to be placed inside this ark? Exodus 25:16

7. What was to be made for the lid of this ark? Exodus 25:17, 21a

8. What was to be placed on either end of the mercy seat? Exodus 25:18-20

9. What was to take place there? Exodus 25:22

10. Read how these instructions were carried out: Exodus 37:1-9

B. The Table of Showbread: Read Exodus 25:23-30

1. Of what material was this table to be made? Exodus 25:23a

2. Figure its length _____, breadth _____, and height _____ in feet:
Exodus 25:23b
3. With what material was it to be overlaid? Exodus 25:24a _____
4. What was to be added to the top of it? Exodus 25:24b-25

5. What two other items were to be added to it, and why? Exodus 25:26-28

6. What four items were to be used with this table? Exodus 25:29a

7. Of what material were these to be made? Exodus 25:29b _____
8. What was always to be upon this table? Exodus 25:30; Leviticus 24:5-9

7. Read how these instructions were carried out: Exodus 37:1-9

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C. The Golden Candlestick: Read Exodus 25:31-40

1. Of what material were all the parts of the candlestick to be made?
Exodus 25:31 _____
2. How many branches were to come out of it? Exodus 25:32 _____
3. This would make a total of how many lamps? Exodus 25:37 _____
4. What two items would be used in connection with the candlestick?
Exodus 25:38a _____
5. Of what material were these to be made? Exodus 25:38b _____
6. What was to be used to cause the lamp to burn? Exodus 27:20

7. When was the lamp to burn? Exodus 27:21; Leviticus 24:1-4

8. Read how these instructions were carried out: Exodus 37:17-24

D. The Altar of Incense: Read Exodus 30:1-10

1. Of what material was this altar to be made? Exodus 30:1 _____
2. Figure the length _____, breadth _____, and height _____ of it in feet:
Exodus 30:2a _____
3. What two things were to be on the top of it? Exodus 30:2b, 3b

4. With what was it to be overlaid? Exodus 30:3a _____
5. What two other items were to be on it, and why? Exodus 30:4, 5

6. Where was this altar to be placed? Exodus 30:6

2. At what two times was Aaron to offer sweet incense upon this altar?
Exodus 30:7, 8 _____
8. Read the recipe for the incense which was to be offered: Exodus 30:34-38
9. Was any other incense, or any other substance, ever to be offered there? Exodus 30:34-38

10. What was to be done upon this altar once each year? Exodus 30:10

11. Read how these instructions were carried out: Exodus 37:25-29

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was the most important article of furnishings for the Tabernacle? What was the most important activity which was to take place there?
Exodus 25:22, 30:6b

2. Of what am I most aware when I attend church? What do I do there? Do I really meet with God, and allow Him to commune with me of all He commands me to do?

THE TABERNACLE COMPLETED

Exodus 27:1 – 8, 30:17 – 21, 38:1 - 8; 28, 39, 40

In addition to the furnishings inside the Tabernacle itself, there were also furnishings outside the Tabernacle, in the court. Read now about these, and how the work of making the Tabernacle was completed:

A. The Altar of Burnt Offering: Read Exodus 27:1-8

1. Of what material was this altar to be made? Exodus 27:1a

2. Figure its length _____, breadth _____, and height _____ in feet: Exodus 27:1b
3. What was it to have on its four corners? Exodus 27:2a

4. With what metal was it to be overlaid? Exodus 27:2b

5. What five types of vessels were to be used in connection with this altar? Exodus 27:3a

6. Of what material were these to be made? Exodus 27:3b

7. What was to cover the top of the altar? Exodus 27:4

8. What else was to be on the altar, and why? Exodus 27:6-7

9. Read how these instructions were carried out: Exodus 38:1-7

B. The Laver: Read Exodus 30:17-21

1. Of what material was the laver to be made? Exodus 30:18a

2. For what was the laver to be used? Exodus 30:18b, 19-21

3. Where was the laver to be placed? Exodus 30:18c

4. From what was the laver made? Exodus 38:8

C. Garments (Clothing) for the Priests: Read Exodus 28

1. Who were to be the priests, who would lead the worship in the Tabernacle? Exodus 28:1

2. What kind of garments or clothing were to be made for Aaron, the High Priest, and why? Exodus 28:2

3. Of what materials were the ephod and the *girdle*, or sash-like belt, which was worn upon it, to be made? Exodus 28:6, 8

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NOTE: An *ephod* is a short, sleeveless garment reaching to just below the hips. The girdle was wrapped around it two or more times at the upper part of the waist, and tied in front, with the ends left hanging at great length.

4. What was to be attached to the shoulders of the ephod? Exodus 28:9-12

5. What else was to be attached to the front of the ephod? Exodus 28:15, 28

6. Notice that this was to have 12 costly stones set in it, Exodus 28:17-20. What was to be engraved upon these stones? Exodus 28:21

7. Of what material was the robe to be made? Exodus 28:31

8. This garment was worn under the ephod, and extended to below the knees. What decorated its hem? Exodus 28:33, 34

9. Of what material were the *coat*, which was worn underneath the robe and extended to the feet, and the *mitre* which was worn on the head, to be made? Exodus 28:39

10. What was to be fastened to the front of the mitre? Exodus 28:36-38

11. What three garments were to be made for Aaron's sons, the priests, and why? Exodus 28:40

12. Read about how these articles were made: Exodus 39:1-31
13. Notice that with the completion of these garments, all the work of the Tabernacle was completed: Exodus 39:32-43

D. The Tabernacle Set Up: Read Exodus 40

1. On what day was the completed Tabernacle set up for use?
Exodus 40:17

2. What happened after the Tabernacle was set up? Exodus 40:34, 35

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did God accept Israel's gift of the Tabernacle for His dwelling place among them?

2. What may I expect to happen if I present myself to God for His dwelling place today?
(See Revelation 3:20; Ephesians 3:17a, 19b)
