

**CHRISTADELPHIAN BIBLE POSTAL COURSE**

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**LESSON 4**

The History of God's People - Their Slavery

To read: Acts 22-28 , Acts 7

To learn: Romans 11:25,26

**QUESTIONS**

Note: The form of this lesson is different to the rest. After the reading, choose the right answer for the questions. We are going to enter into a study of an important period of a 100 years in the history of Israel, the people of God. We are going to think on three aspects of this period.

1. The slavery in Egypt.
2. The power of God to favour His people.
3. The freedom from bondage.

At this stage of the history of Israel, we will see ourselves - our slavery to sin, the power of God in us through Jesus, and our salvation in the remission of sin. According to the previous paragraph, answer the following question:

What is the application to ourselves in this study? \_\_\_\_\_

**SLAVERY IN EGYPT**

Read carefully Exodus 1:6-14,  
and answer the questions:

1. The Israelites in Egypt were:
  - a) Very weak.
  - b) Increased and strengthened exceedingly.
2. The Israelites worked in
  - a) Jerusalem b) the offices of Egypt
  - c) the field
3. In their manual work, they built a) offices and homes b) cities c) suburbs
4. Their slavery was a) very hard
  - b) of little importance
  - c) pleasant

In Exodus chapters 2 to 4, we find the birth and the calling of Moses.

**THE FIRST MEETING OF MOSES AND PHARAOH**

Read carefully Exodus 4:28 - 5:14,  
and answer the following:

5. God gave Moses a) signs and words
  - b) signs and gifts for Pharaoh
  - c) gift for Pharaoh
6. Moses and Aaron gathered all the elders of the people - The people
  - a) rejected Moses
  - b) listened and accepted Aaron
  - c) believed and bowed down and adored God.
7. Pharaoh, the great king of Egypt a) knew God
  - b) did not know God nor did he let Israel go
  - c) let Israel go
8. After Moses met Pharaoh, the Israelites a) had less work
  - b) were given straw c) had to gather the straw by themselves and still produce the same number of bricks.
9. Israel's slavery was
  - a) of little importance
  - b) pleasant
  - c) very hard

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### THE POWER OF GOD - HIS PROMISE

Read Exodus 6:1-8, and answer the following questions:

10. God would work in Egypt a) with a weak hand.  
 b) through natural circumstances.  
 c) with a strong hand.
11. The LORD God a) listened and responded to the call of His people. b) He did not hear the cry of the children of Israel.

THE POWER OF GOD - THE PLAGUES Read Exodus 7:1-7 and answer these questions:

12. The LORD God would take the Israelites out of Egypt by means of: a) natural circumstances in Egypt. b) miracles in Canaan. c) signs and wonders in the land of Egypt.
13. Through God's great judgement, the Egyptians would know:  
 a) that God hears and answers His people.  
 b) that Moses was strong.  
 c) that Pharaoh was weak.
14. In Exodus 7:14 -12:51 we find the ten plagues. Write down these plagues.

EXODUS FROM EGYPT Read Exodus 12:29-42 and answer the following questions:

15. The Israelites, a nation of slaves, came out of Egypt with (much / not much) silver and gold, and with (much / not much) cattle. (livestock)
16. The Israelites left Egypt, receiving God's blessings. These blessings were:  
 a) only spiritual. b) spiritual and material.  
 c) only material.
17. Their time of slavery was long and  
 a) of little importance.  
 b) very hard  
 c) pleasant.

### IN CONCLUSION

18. The LORD God heard the cry of His people and answered: a) with a weak hand, not doing anything. b) with a strong hand, doing signs and wonders.
19. Moses, through the power of God, was a) a friend of the Israelites. b) a saviour to the Israelites. c) an enemy to the Israelites.
20. The slavery of the Israelites in Egypt was a) pleasant.  
 b) of little importance  
 c) very hard.

### APPLICATIONS

Read John 8:31-38 and answer the following questions:

21. The disciples of Jesus a) do not listen to his word. b) hold fast to his word. c) are free of the word.
22. He who sins is a) slave to sin. b) master of sin. c) free.
23. slavery is a) pleasant. b) of little importance. c) very hard.
24. Through Jesus a) we can sin. b) we are freed from sin c) we cannot sin.
- The following is a short summary of the history of Israel and the plan of God, for your own study and reference.

### HISTORY IN SHORT OF ISRAEL

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Joseph in Egypt                   | Genesis 37-50                    |
| 2. Israel's slavery in Egypt         | Exodus 1-2                       |
| 3. The Exodus under Moses            | Exodus 3-20                      |
| 4. Israel in the desert              | Numbers 10-36, Deuteronomy 31-34 |
| 5. The conquest of Canaan            | Joshua 1:11                      |
| 6. The Judges                        | Judges, I Samuel 1-7             |
| 7. Israel is changed into a kingdom  | 1 Samuel 16-31, 2 Samuel         |
| 8. The divided kingdom               | 1 Kings 12                       |
| 9. The captivity of Israel and Judah | 1 Kings 17, 24-25                |
| 10. The partial restoration          | Ezra, Nehemiah                   |