

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

EXODUS 11

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Exodus eleven begins the story that will change the course of Biblical history, setting the stage for a chapter twelve event that, by any one's calculation, would be one of the five most important chapters in the entire Old Testament. Chapter eleven begins with the announcement by God of the final plague in the battle with Pharaoh and the Egyptians. God instructs Moses to "spoil" the Egyptians. The LORD had told Moses, when the people came out of Egyptians slavery, it would be with wealth. The Egyptians had taken everything from the Hebrews God had given them as a blessing in the good days in Egypt, before a Pharaoh arose, who knew not Joseph. If it had not been for a Hebrew named Joseph, Egypt could not have been it its present stage of wealth and prosperity. Therefore, God told Moses to tell the Hebrews to go to the Egyptians and ask them for their gold and silver articles to take with them as they left the country. God gave His people favor with the Egyptians and they gladly gave them whatever they desired. This was the way God provided for the new nation He would begin at Mt. Sinai weeks later. According to 11:4 Moses' stature was being raised in Egypt as Pharaoh's power was being diminished. Moses spoke the Words of God to Pharaoh and pronounced the death of the firstborn of all the Egyptians. Israel would be spared

because of God's plan to be revealed in chapter twelve. Moses warned Pharaoh all his servants would be coming to Moses, bowing down, asking him to leave and take every Hebrew with him. Pharaoh hardened his heart as God said. This angered Moses, **"Then he (Moses) went out from Pharaoh in great anger"** (12:8). The hardness of a King, so hardened and proud even angered Moses, as he knew it would cost many in Egypt their lives that very night.

Prayers and Action Steps

God sent nine plagues that had devastated Egypt. He asked over and over for Pharaoh to release the Hebrews from slavery, but he would not. God increasingly turned up the level of suffering on the Egyptians to give Pharaoh opportunity to release them, but He would not. God determined to bring His people out miraculously and dramatically of the bondage of slavery to a life of freedom, God's desire for all men. God does not desire to have any man enslave another. The darkness of this chapter gives way to the light of a new beginning for God's people. Ask God to prepare your heart for a fresh start, a new beginning in your walk with Him

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
