

# **The Birth of the Covenant Nation**



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## A Study of Exodus

*Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians,  
and how I bare you on eagles' wings,  
and brought you unto myself.*

*Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed,  
and keep my covenant,  
then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people:  
for all the earth is mine:*

*And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests,  
and an holy nation.*

*Exodus 19:4-6a*

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## INTRODUCTION

*And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them. Exodus 2:24-25*

The events recorded in the book of Exodus are a result of what we are told about God in Exodus 2:24-25. In His Covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God had committed Himself to bring salvation from sin and the curse. That Covenant stated that the blessing of salvation would come to all the earth through the descendants of the Patriarchs as they dwelt as a great nation in the land of Canaan. Yet when Exodus opens, the people of the Covenant, although now great in number, were not only outside of the Promised Land, but were suffering severe affliction as slaves in Egypt. In fact, their very existence as a people was threatened by their cruel masters. Where was the God of the Patriarchs? The answer to that question is that He was poised to give a magnificent revelation of Himself and His work of redemption. He had heard their grief. He had not forgotten His Covenant. He had looked upon their affliction. He had acknowledged them as the children of the Covenant. He would now act on their behalf to bring closer the promised redemption in the Seed of Abraham.

In the story that unfolds in Exodus, there is a threefold revelation of the salvation of God. First, it is seen in the great deliverance from bondage to Pharaoh. Secondly, it is seen in the giving of the Law at Sinai. Thirdly, it is seen in the experiences of the people as they begin their life as God's Covenant Nation. None of these revelations is an end in itself, but directs the hopes and expectations of the true believer toward the ultimate fulfillment of the Covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Coming Seed. He is the focal point of all that God is doing in Exodus.

### DELIVERANCE

The situation of the children of Israel was hopeless when God sent Moses to deliver them. They were in bondage to one of the great national powers of world history. They had no political or military organization. They had no leader. When YHWH sent Moses, they were hopeful, but when Pharaoh resisted and made their lot worse, they lost all hope of deliverance. Yet YHWH exercised His mighty power in a series of plagues that made it clear that this was a work of YHWH. No one, Pharaoh included, could stand against Him. While Pharaoh saw His fierce and irresistible wrath, the children of Israel learned that He saved by the shed blood of the Passover

Lamb. YHWH was preparing them for the Coming Seed, who as the Lamb of God, would take away the sin of the world.

### DECALOGUE

After their deliverance from Egyptian bondage, YHWH revealed His intent to make them into a holy nation. They would be a special possession of God who would dwell in their midst, but they must keep His Covenant. That Covenant was revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai and presented in summary form in the Decalogue written on tablets of stone. It included instructions for all aspects of their lives. They were also to make a tabernacle for a dwelling place of God. The priesthood of Aaron was established. He was responsible to present the daily and special sacrifices which would make atonement for the sins of the people and enable God to dwell with them. The Decalogue was a revelation of the righteousness of God and the necessity for blood sacrifice to atone for sins. It anticipated the "precious blood" of the righteous Son of God which would remove forever the sins of the people of God.

### DISCIPLINE

At a later time, Moses reminded the people that "...YHWH thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no." (Deuteronomy 8:2) Exodus gives an account of the conduct of the people of God as they learned to live as the Covenant Nation. After their mighty deliverance from Egypt, they eagerly agreed, "All that YHWH hath spoken we will do." (Exodus 19:8) What soon became apparent was that not only could they not do all that YHWH had told them, but neither could they endure with patience the circumstances into which He led them. Both the Decalogue and the discipline of YHWH were beyond their ability to receive. YHWH demanded a holy people and the children of the Promise were not able to meet that requirement.

### A GOLDEN CALF

The book comes to a climax in the story of the golden calf. The people became impatient as they waited for Moses before Mount Sinai. They said to Aaron, "Up, make us gods, which shall

## INTRODUCTION (Continued)

*go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.” (Exodus 32:1)* It had been less than a year since they had seen the mighty deliverance of YHWH from Egypt. It was only a few weeks since they had received the Ten Commandments and been sprinkled with the blood of the Covenant. Yet here they were, worshipping and celebrating a golden calf as “...thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 32:4)

YHWH responded with fury. Here was a people more blessed than any other since the creation of the world, but they were stiff-necked and bent on doing evil. He would destroy this evil nation and make Moses a great nation.

### A GOD OF GRACE

The situation of the people was more than a little desperate. They had no reason to expect anything less than total destruction. Furthermore, there is no indication that they had any inclination to repent from their evil and turn back to YHWH. Remarkably, one man stood before God on their behalf and pled with God not to execute His fierce wrath upon this sinful people. His prayers showed that Moses had learned the true basis for YHWH's dealing with His fallen people.

No less than five times in the two chapters that followed, Moses appealed to the grace of God. There was no worthiness in this nation. If they were to be saved, it would be by God's grace and His grace alone.

This is the key to understanding the ways of God in this book. His deliverance was not an indication of the worthiness of the nation. His Decalogue was not an indication of the native ability of the Covenant people. His discipline was not a display of the nobility of a chosen people. Rather, they displayed the grace of God as He delivered a sinful nation, revealed His holy Law to them, and led them in the way of blessing.

It would be sufficient to have only this revelation of God in the Bible. We need only know that He is a God that delivers by grace. But more than this, He is pleased to reveal to us the basis for His wonderful grace. This too is found in Exodus, although in pictures and types. With diligence in study, we are shown pictures of the Coming Son of God whose death and resurrection are that foundation of the grace to which Moses appealed for the survival and blessing of the nation. The book of Exodus is above all a revelation of the grace of God.

## Schedule

September 6, 2020	Lesson 1: God Heard and Remembered Exodus 1-2
September 13, 2020	Lesson 2: The Call of Moses Exodus 3-4
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October 4, 2020	Lesson 5: The Hand of YHWH Exodus 9-10
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November 1, 2020	Lesson 9: Wilderness Trials and Good Advice Exodus 17-18
November 8, 2020	Lesson 10: A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation Exodus 19-20
November 15, 2020	Lesson 11: Judgments for a Holy Nation Exodus 21-23
November 22, 2020	Lesson 12: A Dwelling Place for God Exodus 24-27
November 29, 2020	Lesson 13: A Holy Service Exodus 28-31
December 6, 2020	Lesson 14: The Calf Which Aaron Made Exodus 32
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# Scripture Memorization

## Psalm 107:1-2

1. O give thanks unto the LORD,  
for he is good:  
for his mercy endureth for ever.
2. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

## Psalm 107:8-15

8. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,  
and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
9. For he satisfieth the longing soul,  
and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
10. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
being bound in affliction and iron;
11. Because they rebelled against the words of God,  
and contemned the counsel of the most High:
12. Therefore he brought down their heart with labour;  
they fell down,  
and there was none to help.
13. Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,  
and he saved them out of their distresses.
14. He brought them out of the darkness and the shadow of death,  
and brake their bands in sunder.
15. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,  
and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

# Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts, 1719

Ascribed to William Croft  
Supplement to the New Version, 1708

1. Our God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5. The bus - y tribes of flesh and blood, With all their lives and cares,  
 6. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its sons a - way;  
 7. Our God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come;

Our Shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal Home:  
 Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
 From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 Are car - ried down - ward by thy flood, And lost in fol - lowing years.  
 They fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the open - ing day.  
 Be thou our Guard while trou - bles last, And our e - ter - nal Home. A - men.



# Lesson 1: God Heard and Remembered

## Exodus 1-2

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *The children of Israel prospered in Egypt. Precisely because of this prosperity, they were forced into slavery and harshly treated. An attempt was made to kill all male babies. In this troubled time, Moses was born. He was preserved and taken by Pharaoh's daughter to be her son. When he was grown, Moses identified with his suffering brethren, and in so doing, he killed an Egyptian. He had to flee for his life. The misery of God's people increased. God saw their plight and remembered His Covenant with Abraham.*

1. How did the Children of Israel become slaves in Egypt?
2. What did Pharaoh tell the midwives, and how did the midwives respond?
3. What happened as a result of the actions by the midwives?
4. How did Moses' parents protect him?
5. How did Moses become the son of Pharaoh's daughter?
6. What did Moses do when he saw an Egyptian beating one of his Hebrew brethren?
7. What happened when Moses intervened when two Hebrew men were fighting?
8. How did Moses become a shepherd in Midian?
9. What happened after the death of the king of Egypt?

## Lesson 2: The Call of Moses

### Exodus 3-4

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *YHWH appeared to Moses in a burning bush in the wilderness. He revealed Himself to Moses as "I AM," YHWH of the Patriarchs. He told Moses to lead His people from their bondage in Egypt and take them to a land flowing with milk and honey. A reluctant Moses agreed to go after YHWH gave him special signs and appointed his brother Aaron as his spokesman. Moses returned to Egypt with his family. With Aaron as his spokesman, he told the children of Israel what YHWH had told him.*

1. What did Moses discover when he saw the bush that was burning but was not consumed?
2. What did God tell Moses about His plans?
3. What did God tell Moses when he asked about His name?
4. What did God tell Moses would happen when he went to lead the people out of Egypt?
5. What signs did YHWH give Moses as proof of his Divine commission?
6. How did YHWH answer Moses' objections about his inability to speak?
7. What did YHWH do when Moses asked Him to send someone else?
8. What happened on the return trip to Egypt?
9. What happened when Moses and Aaron returned to Egypt?

### Lesson 3: “Who is YHWH?” Exodus 5-6

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8

**HYMN:** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**SUMMARY:** *“Who is YHWH, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not YHWH, neither will I let Israel go,” roared Pharaoh when Moses told him YHWH had said to let His people go. Instead, he increased the burdens and afflictions of Israel. In a response that would be repeated in the days ahead, the people murmured against Moses. Moses turned to YHWH, who answered, “I am YHWH.” Therefore, He would honor His Covenant with the Patriarchs as He had spoken.*

1. How did Pharaoh answer the Word of YHWH through Moses?
2. What did Pharaoh do to the children of Israel as a result of Moses’ request?
3. How did the taskmasters treat the children of Israel?
4. What did the officers of Israel tell Moses on their way from their meeting with Pharaoh?
5. What did Moses do?
6. What did YHWH tell Moses?
7. What did YHWH tell Moses to tell the children of Israel?
8. What did YHWH tell Moses to tell Pharaoh?
9. How did Moses respond to all this?

## Lesson 4: Signs and Wonders Exodus 7-8

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-9

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *YHWH told Moses that the Egyptians would learn that He is YHWH by the signs and wonders He would bring on Egypt and by the deliverance of His people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened by the miracle with Aaron's rod, and he would not heed Moses and Aaron. For this, YHWH began to plague Egypt. The waters of the Nile River turned to blood first. Then, in succession, the land was covered with frogs, lice, and flies. Pharaoh's heart remained hard. He would not let the people go.*

1. What did YHWH tell Moses would happen when he spoke to Pharaoh?
2. What happened in the miracle with Aaron's rod?
3. What did Moses tell Pharaoh when he met him at the river bank?
4. What was the first plague, and what effect did it have on Pharaoh?
5. What was the second plague?
6. Why did this plague end, and what did Pharaoh do after it was over?
7. What was the third plague, and how did the magicians and Pharaoh respond?
8. What was the fourth plague, and why did YHWH spare Goshen?
9. Why did this fourth plague end, and what did Pharaoh do after it was over?

## Lesson 5: The Hand of YHWH Exodus 9-10

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-10

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** Five more plagues came upon Egypt: death to livestock, boils upon men and animals, devastating hail, locusts, and deep darkness. In each case, it was clear that it was YHWH Himself who sent the plague. It was also clear that YHWH was making a distinction between the Egyptians and His people. The effect upon Pharaoh was the same. His heart became more and more hardened to resist YHWH. Finally, he permanently expelled Moses from his presence.

1. What plague came next, and what distinction did YHWH make in sending it?
2. How did the plague of boils begin, and how did it affect the magicians and Pharaoh?
3. What did YHWH tell Pharaoh before the plague of hail?
4. What happened in the plague of hail?
5. How did Pharaoh respond to the plague of hail and then to deliverance from it?
6. Why did YHWH harden Pharaoh's heart?
7. How did Pharaoh try to avoid the locust plague? Why did he try? Why did he fail?
8. How did the locust plague affect Pharaoh?
9. What was the last (9th) plague here, and what effect did it have upon Pharaoh?

## Lesson 6: The Passover Sacrifice Exodus 11-12

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-11

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *YHWH promised one final plague upon Egypt in which all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast, would die. Israel must sacrifice a lamb and spread its blood upon the doorposts of the house. When YHWH saw the blood, He would preserve the occupants from this plague of death. On the appointed night, YHWH struck the Egyptians, and the children of Israel were sent out of Egypt. From that day, the children of Israel were to observe this Passover as an annual feast.*

1. What was the final plague that YHWH said He would bring upon Egypt?
2. What would be the effect of this plague?
3. What preparations did YHWH tell the people to make for this plague?
4. What were the people to do on the night of the final plague?
5. What would YHWH do on the night of the final plague?
6. What is the Feast of Unleavened Bread?
7. What happened in Egypt the night of the final plague?
8. What happened to the children of Israel the night of the final plague?
9. What final instructions did YHWH give about the Passover?

## Lesson 7: The Honor of YHWH Exodus 13-14

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-12

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *YHWH told Israel to set apart all the firstborn of man and beast for Himself for sacrifice for redemption. Israel must also observe their deliverance from Egypt by an annual feast. After these instructions, YHWH led Israel into a trap between the Red Sea and the pursuing Egyptian army. He did this to gain honor for Himself. When all hope seemed lost, YHWH opened up the Red Sea and provided a dry path for Israel to cross and escape their enemies. The Egyptians followed and were drowned.*

1. How were the children of Israel to remember their deliverance from Egypt?
2. What did YHWH tell them about the firstborn of man and animal?
3. Where did YHWH lead Israel, and how did He lead them?
4. Why did Pharaoh decide to go after the children of Israel?
5. What did the children of Israel do when they saw the Egyptians pursuing them?
6. What did Moses tell the children of Israel?
7. What did YHWH tell Moses?
8. What did YHWH do for the children of Israel?
9. What happened to the Egyptian army?

## Lesson 8: No God Like YHWH Exodus 15-16

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-13

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *Moses led the people in a song of praise to YHWH for His great victory over the Egyptians. In a short time, these same people were murmuring against YHWH because of the bitterness of the water. YHWH made the water sweet. Again, the people murmured against YHWH because of lack of food. YHWH sent quail into the camp, and each morning gave them bread on the ground, which they called manna. They were to gather only what they needed for the day. The provision of manna continued until they entered the land of Canaan.*

1. How did Moses describe YHWH in his song?
2. What had YHWH done?
3. Why is there no god like YHWH?
4. What hope for the future is expressed in the song?
5. Why did the people murmur against YHWH at Marah, and how did He answer?
6. Why did the people murmur against YHWH in the Wilderness of Sin?
7. What provision did YHWH make for their food?
8. What instructions did YHWH give about the manna?
9. What instructions did YHWH give about the Sabbath?



## Lesson 9: Wilderness Trials and Good Advice Exodus 17-18

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-14

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *At Rephidim, the people tempted YHWH because they had no water. YHWH provided water from a rock. When the Amalekites came against Israel, Israel defeated them as Moses held his rod over the battlefield. When Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came to the camp, he rejoiced to hear of YHWH's goodness, but was troubled that Moses alone judged the people. He advised the appointment of just, God-fearing men to handle the minor matters while Moses would handle the more weighty matters. Moses heeded his advice.*

1. How did the people tempt YHWH at Rephidim?
2. How did YHWH answer them?
3. What was the battle plan against the army of Amalek?
4. How did the battle end, and what happened after the battle?
5. Who was Jethro, and why did he come to the camp?
6. What did Moses tell Jethro?
7. How did Jethro react to what he learned?
8. What did Jethro learn that he thought was not good?
9. What advice did Jethro give?

## Lesson 10: A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation Exodus 19-20

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-15

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *YHWH told Moses that the children of Israel would be a special treasure to Him above all people. They would be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Only they must keep God's Covenant. The people willingly accepted the obligation. YHWH then came to them in a fearful display of power at Mount Sinai to which they could not approach. He gave them the terms of this Covenant summarized in the Ten Commandments.*

1. What did YHWH tell Moses to say to the children of Israel?
2. How did the people answer when they heard what YHWH had said?
3. What instructions did YHWH give for the third day?
4. What happened on the third day?
5. What did YHWH say to Moses when He came down upon Mount Sinai?
6. List the Ten Commandments:
7. How did the people react, and what did they say when they saw the fearful display?
8. What did YHWH tell the people not to make, and what should they make?

## Lesson 11: Judgments for a Holy Nation Exodus 21-23

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-15

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *Israel had entered into a covenant with YHWH to do all that He had spoken. These chapters give some of God's requirements for a holy nation. They include regulations for treatment of servants, violent behavior, control of animals, care for private property, and treatment of widows, orphans, and strangers. They must exercise impartial justice. They must observe a Sabbath day and a Sabbath year. They must keep three annual feasts. YHWH would then send His Angel before them to prosper them in the Promised Land.*

1. What were some of the commandments concerning Hebrew servants?
2. How were they to deal with violent or threatening behavior?
3. What responsibility did a man have for his own animal or for another man's animal?
4. How were they to treat a thief?
5. What responsibility did a man have for another man's property in his possession?
6. What sins called for execution, and what sins would be dealt with directly by God?
7. How were they to show respect for all men?
8. What special days were they to observe?
9. What promise and warning did YHWH give concerning His Angel?

## Lesson 12: A Dwelling Place for God Exodus 24-27

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-15

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *Moses first told the people all the words of YHWH and then wrote them in a book and read them to the people, who vowed to do all that YHWH had said. Moses then offered burnt offerings and sprinkled the blood on the people. Moses and the elders were invited into the presence of YHWH, but Moses alone went onto the mountain upon which the glory of YHWH rested like a consuming fire. It was here that YHWH wrote out the Ten Commandments and gave instructions for His dwelling place among the people.*

1. How was the Covenant reaffirmed?
2. Who went to the mountain with Moses, and what happened there?
3. Why did Moses go up on the mountain, and what happened when he did?
4. What did YHWH tell Moses to tell the children of Israel, and why did He do so?
5. What were the first three articles of furniture, and what was their purpose?
6. How was the Tabernacle divided, and what was in each part?
7. What instructions were given about the construction of the altar?
8. What were the dimensions of the courtyard and its gate?
9. What special instructions were given about the lamp?

## Lesson 13: A Holy Service Exodus 28-31

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-15

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *Aaron and his sons were set apart for the priesthood. They were given holy garments to wear and were consecrated by anointing with oil and blood, and by offering sin offerings and burnt offerings. Instructions were given for the daily morning and evening sacrifices, the altar of incense, the ransom payment for each man in the nation, the bronze laver, and the holy anointing oil. YHWH called and gifted Bezaleel and Aholiab to construct the Tabernacle. Finally, YHWH repeated His command concerning the Sabbath.*

1. How were Aaron and his sons consecrated for their work?
2. What was the continual burnt offering?
3. What did YHWH say He would do at the Tabernacle?
4. Where was the altar of incense, and how was it used?
5. What was the ransom payment?
6. Where was the bronze laver, and how was it used?
7. What special instructions were given about the anointing oil and the incense?
8. Who were Bezaleel and Aholiab?
9. What is the Sabbath?

## Lesson 14: The Calf Which Aaron Made Exodus 32

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-15

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *While Moses was in the mountain with YHWH, the people asked Aaron to make gods for them. He made a golden calf and led the people in worshipping it. YHWH saw it and was angry. When Moses prayed for the people, YHWH turned from His wrath. Moses went into the camp, destroyed the calf and rebuked Aaron. He told the Levites to go through the camp and kill their sinful brethren. Moses then sought forgiveness from YHWH. God promised wrath for the sinner and sent a plague on the people.*

1. What did the people ask Aaron to do, and why did they ask him?
2. What did Aaron do?
3. What did YHWH tell Moses about what He saw and what He would do about it?
4. How did Moses respond to the wrath of God?
5. What did Moses discover in the camp, and what did he do?
6. What did Moses say to Aaron, and how did Aaron answer him?
7. What did the sons of Levi do, and why did they do it?
8. Why did Moses return to YHWH, and what did he say?
9. How did YHWH answer Moses?

## Lesson 15: The God of Grace Exodus 33-34

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-15

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *YHWH told Moses to lead the people into the Promised Land, but He would not go with them because of their sin. The people mourned, and Moses appealed to YHWH for grace. YHWH was gracious and agreed to go with the people. He also gave Moses a special revelation of His glory. The tablet of stone was replaced and the Covenant renewed. When Moses returned from the mountain, his face shone with the glory of God so that the people could not bear to look upon him. Moses covered his face when he was with the people.*

1. What did YHWH tell Moses?
2. How did the people respond, and what did Moses do?
3. What did Moses say to YHWH?
4. How did YHWH answer Moses?
5. What happened when Moses went up on Mount Sinai with the tablets of stone?
6. What did YHWH say He would do for the people?
7. What did it mean to the people that YHWH was a jealous God?
8. What did Moses do when he was on the mountain?
9. Why did Moses wear a veil?

## Lesson 16: Holiness to YHWH Exodus 35-39

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-15

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *Moses told the people what YHWH had commanded. He reminded them of their duty to keep the Sabbath day. He also told them to bring gifts for the construction of the Tabernacle. YHWH then specially gifted two men to do the artistic workmanship of the Tabernacle. Other gifted craftsmen worked with them to build the Tabernacle, the courtyard, the articles of furniture, and Aaron's garments. The materials given by the people were more than enough to do the work exactly as YHWH had commanded.*

1. What did YHWH tell the people about the Sabbath?
2. What preparations were the people supposed to make for the Tabernacle?
3. How did the people respond, and why did they respond this way?
4. What did YHWH do for Bezaleel and Aholiab?
5. What happened when Moses called all the workers together to begin the work?
6. Describe the Tabernacle and courtyard and their furnishings.
7. Describe Aaron's holy garments.
8. How was the work completed?



## Lesson 17: The Cloud and the Glory Exodus 40

**MEMORY:** Psalm 107:1-2, 8-15

**HYMN:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**SUMMARY:** *On the first day of the second year, Moses set up the Tabernacle as YHWH had commanded him. He anointed everything with oil. He also sanctified Aaron and his sons for their ministry as priests and clothed them in their holy garments. When he finished his work, a cloud covered the Tabernacle, and the glory of YHWH filled it. From this time on, the people were led in their wilderness journey by this cloud.*

1. What was in the Tabernacle?
2. What was in the courtyard?
3. What was Moses supposed to do after he set up the Tabernacle, and why?
4. What did YHWH tell Moses about Aaron and his sons?
5. What did Moses do when he set up the room behind the veil?
6. What did Moses do when he set up the room in front of the veil?
7. What did Moses do when he set up the courtyard?
8. What happened when Moses had finished his work and the Tabernacle was set up?
9. How were the people of Israel led on their journey?

