

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 5/14/12 TO 5/20/12

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012 Read Exodus 5:1 to 6:30

In the previous chapter (4:29-31), Moses and Aaron presented God's program to the leaders of Israel. Now Moses and Aaron go to Pharaoh himself. The ruler mocks the Hebrew's God and increases their already crushing workload. When the Israelites turn on Moses and Aaron in discouragement and anger, the Lord reassures Israel's leaders and then the people that HE will perform what He has promised.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012. Read Exodus 7:1-24

In the face of Pharaoh's unbelief, the Lord does not try to prove Himself to Moses. Instead, HE simply repeats His word of promise and sends Moses and Aaron back to talk to Pharaoh. Pharaoh refuses to listen. So the first judgment (or "plague") begins.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012 Exodus 8:1 to 9:35

Exodus 8-9 recounts six of the ten plagues God visited on Egypt. The Lord intended each of these plagues to bring Pharaoh to repentance and to show the Egyptians that He was the one true God. Pharaoh and most of his people rejected the Lord and hardened their hearts against His salvation. They did this in the face of overwhelming evidence and to their eternal salvation.

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012 Read Exodus 10:1-29

Plagues eight and nine fall on Egypt in much the same way as did the earlier ones. But we begin to see changes in the hearts and minds of the people involved. As you read, note especially the statements by and about Pharaoh and his officials.

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012 Read Exodus 11:1 to 12:51

One last plague, and Israel will be free. Chapter 11 includes this announcement to Pharaoh. Chapter 12 goes on to describe the tenth plague and the way in which the Savior God spared his people. Exodus 12:14-28 and 42-49 come as parentheses in the story. These verses detail the Lord's instructions about the way Israel was to celebrate God's passover victory in the coming years.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012 Read Exodus 13:1-22

The feast of Unleavened Bread (13:3-10) and the law of the firstborn (13:11-16) will come up later in Exodus. For now, note that both rituals spring from the same root concept- God had redeemed His people from slavery. Now they were free to live as his obedient "first-born son." The nation's first hours and days of freedom (13:17-22) conclude the chapter.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012 Attend worship in the morning and take some time later in the day to catch up on any readings you may have missed this week.