

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 5/21/12 TO 5/27/12

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012 Read Exodus 14:1-31

The Exodus could be called the "Old Testament Easter." Again and again the Old Testament writers remind God's people of this decisive victory. As you read about it, contrast Israel's fear with the Lord's faithfulness.

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012 Read Exodus 15

God's people hadn't even gotten feet muddy as they crossed the Red Sea. Their enemies had marched straight into the Lord's trap, and it had snapped shut. To celebrate their freedom and the Lord's victory, the entire group sang and danced a hymn of praise to the Lord. Moving from worship to the wilderness, however, proved difficult. Israel worried and grumbled. In response, the Lord acted to help, and He gave his people an additional promise.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012 Read Exodus 16:1 to 17:16

Thirty days after the Exodus, we see Israel tired, hot, and- above all- hungry. The people begin to complain. God meets their needs in a miraculous way. As you read, note the Lord's care and patience.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012 Read Exodus 18:1-27.

Israel has arrived near the area where Moses had first met and married Zipporah. Moses' father-in-law, Jethro (a.k.a. "Reuel" Exodus 2:18), comes to visit the Israelite camp. He hears and rejoices in what the Lord has done. Then he helps to resolve a major time-management problem in the making.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012 Read Exodus 19:1 to 20:26

The Savior-God never, ever forces anyone to love Him. He draws people to Himself in kindness. In Exodus 19, it's almost as if the Lord asks permission to adopt the nation or take Israel as His bride. Then, in Exodus 20, we see the Lord's instructions. Commands? Yes, but each one given in love with an eye toward everyone in the covenant relationship enjoying a "happy home life" with Him and with each other.

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012 Read Exodus 21:1 to 22:31

The "moral law" is recorded in Exodus 20:1-17. Then the Lord goes on to explain various civil laws and penalties. These applied to Israel when the nation lived under him as King, the form of government known as a theocracy. Even though we no longer observe these laws today, they give us a glimpse into the heart of God. We see His deep concern for human life (21:1-32). We see His justice and His concern for those who are victims of crime (22:1-15). And we see His tender compassion for the weak and helpless in society (22:16-27).

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012 If you are in town, join us for church, and then read anything you missed.