

Sunday School Live Lesson

March 2, 2025

A Kingdom of Priests, A Holy Nation

Exodus 19:1-14

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Questions for Us Today

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How obedient are you to God's Holy Word?

Do you know what God wants you to do?

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Objectives

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To understand God's messaging to Moses and to the Children of Israel – the Israelites.

To ensure that we will follow God's Holy Word.

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: *Moses*

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember This

Points of Information – Moses

The first five Books of our Bible – known as the Pentateuch – are attributed to the hand of Moses. Jesus confirmed the writing of Moses. John 5:45-47.

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Moses initially was a reluctant spokesperson for God. He complained that he was not a good speaker. Exodus 4:10. God had a powerful plan for his life nonetheless.

Points of Information – Moses

Moses experienced a theophany – an in person encounter with God – on more than one occasion. Exodus 33:11 shows the close relationship between God and Moses: “The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.”

Moses was not allowed by God to go into the Promised Land with the Children of Israel. But, he was allowed to see it from Mount Nebo. Deuteronomy 34:1.

Points of Information – Moses

Moses lived for 120 years. Deuteronomy 34:7. His life can be divided into three periods of 40 years each: 1) in Egypt, as one of favor and ultimately as a prince in the palace of Pharaoh; 2) in the Midian desert, as a shepherd; and 3) in the wilderness, as the leader of the Children of Israel.

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Moses is the only person in Scripture whom God Himself buried! Deuteronomy 34:5-6.

Points of Information – Moses

Jesus was observed – by His three closest Disciples (Peter, James and John) – talking with Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration. Matthew 17:1-3; Mark 9:2-4; Luke 9:28-30.

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The importance of Moses in Scripture cannot be overstated. Moses is mentioned almost 800 times in our Bible. The final reference is in Revelation 15:3, where he is called “the servant of God.”

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Lesson Context

The Book of Exodus, attributed to the hand of Moses, begins with a listing of the Israelites who were in Egypt, where Joseph died.

The Pharaoh was fearful of the growing Israelite population and ordered that their newborn babies be killed. The midwives disobeyed this order and remained faithful to God.

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The Book of Exodus continues with the birth and young life of Moses, who was taken as a baby into the palace of Pharaoh by the ruler's daughter.

After he was seen killing an Egyptian, Moses fled into Midian. Subsequently, he married the daughter (Zipporah) of a Midian priest (Jethro).

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The population of the Israelites had grown immensely.

Moses and Aaron teamed up.

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Lesson Context

On Mount Sinai (Mount Horeb), Moses experienced a theophany – a direct encounter with God – whereupon he received instructions from the Lord – “the Great I Am.”

Moses and Aaron teamed up.

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The Book of Exodus provides a series of encounters between the Pharaoh and Moses with Aaron. The Egyptian ruler repeatedly refuses to free the Israelites as God commanded. Therefore, a number of plagues are put upon the Egyptians.

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In Chapter 12, we see the initiation of the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

After living in Egypt for 430 years (12:40) the actual Exodus begins as the Children of Israel are finally permitted to leave.

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As the Israelites traveled through the desert, they became trapped between the Red Sea and the pursuit of Pharaoh's army.

The Lord saved the people by having Moses part the mighty sea with the staff in his hand. Pharaoh's army perished when God had Moses again stretch out his staff.

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After the Children of Israel grumbled to Moses and Aaron, God provided them with meat (quail) and bread (manna) each day.

After even more grumbling from the people about their thirst, the Lord had Moses strike a rock (with his staff) and water came out of it.

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In the latter Verses of Chapter 17, the Amalekites – enemies of the Lord – were defeated by Joshua as Moses's arms were held up, preserving the victory.

In Chapter 18, Moses served as a judge for the people. But, after getting advice from his father-in-law Jethro, Moses delegated the task to other, capable men.

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Now, in today's text, we find Moses back up on the holy mountain, ready to receive instructions from God.

After even more grumbling from the people about their thirst, the Lord had Moses strike a rock (with his staff) and water came out of it.

Exodus 19:1 (NIV)

On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt – on that very day – they came to the Desert of Sinai.

Exodus 19:2

After they set out for Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

Exodus 19:3

Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel:

Exodus 19:4

‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.

Exodus 19:5

Now if you obey me fully and keep My Covenant, then out of all nations you will be My treasured possession. Although the whole earth is Mine,

Exodus 19:6

you will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

Exodus 19:7

So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak.

Exodus 19:8

The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

Exodus 19:9

The LORD said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear Me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you.” Then Moses told the LORD what the people had said.

Exodus 19:10

And the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes

Exodus 19:11

and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

Exodus 19:12

Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, ‘Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain is to be put to death.

Exodus 19:13

They are to be stoned or shot with arrows; not a hand is to be laid on them. No person or animal shall be permitted to live.’ Only when the ram’s horn sounds a long blast may they approach the mountain.”

Exodus 19:14

After Moses had gone down the mountain to the people, he consecrated them, and they washed their clothes.

Remember these things:

We believers hold a special place in the mind and heart of Our Lord.

Thank God for His Son – Christ Jesus, Our Lord and Savior – Who enables us to live under the Grace of the Father.

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