"By faith Moses, when he had grown up refused to be known as the son of Pharoah's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward."

Hebrews 11:24-26

THE ANCIENTS WERE COMMENDED: FROM BURNING BUSH TO BLOOD OF THE LAMB

Exodus 1-12 selections

EXODUS 1:6-17

A new king comes into power who doesn't know Joseph. He fears the ever-growing Hebrew population, so he made their lives bitter. Ultimately as a control measure - he decreed that all the Hebrew boys born were to be killed.

At 3 mos. hidden in the reeds. Discovered by Pharoah's daughter. Nursed by his own mom, but raised as the son of Pharoah's daughter.

As a man, killed an Egyptian he saw beating a Hebrew. Fearing Pharoah's wrath, he fled to Midian where he met and married a wife and settled down, tending his FIL's sheep. Meanwhile, life is getting ugly for his people in Egypt (vss. 23-25)

A right view of God (Vss. 1-6) necessarily preceded the Call of God (Vs. 10)

Vss. 11-14 Moses' hesitation and God's assurance

God equips Moses with miraculous signs to authenticate his mission before Pharoah.

Moses fearfully spits and sputters until God, although very angry with Moses, provides Aaron as a spokesperson to join Moses before Pharoah.

Moses returns to Egypt and strengthens the hearts of the Israelites

Moses' command to Pharoah goes as expected and life gets even harder for the children of Israel.

As a result, they cry out against Moses (5:21) and Moses cries out to God (Vss. 22-23)

"You have not rescued Your people at all." It's hard sometimes to wait on God, isn't it?

CHAPTERS 7-11

Rescue is coming, but not before many plagues come upon Egypt. Pharoah's heart is repeatedly hardened against God and his refusal results in plague after plague.

Of note: Several plagues affected only Egyptian households.

Each plague directly defied a 'god' in Egypt, proving them powerless.

THE PASSOVER CHAPTER 12

Very detailed instructions 1-11, incl. "the blood... on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses..."

Vs. 12 Judgement is coming to all who were not covered by the blood of the lamb.

Vss. 29-30 Judgement came

12:31-42

The exodus

Being ordered out by Pharoah
Plundering the Egyptians (3:21-22)
Moving an enormous crowd
Trusting the timing of God Almighty