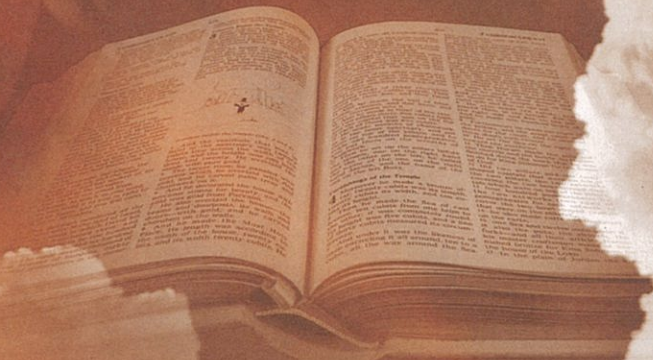


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Hints for Success

1. Begin your study time with prayer, asking God to help you to concentrate and understand.
2. Use either **dark** pencil or pen, as long as the color is not red or green .
3. Print or write **neatly**, and large enough to be read easily.
4. Be sure to print your name and number (or, if you are not incarcerated, include your address) at the beginning of **every** lesson. Things sometimes get mixed in the mail.
5. **Don't rush!** Careful reading and, if necessary, re-reading is the true key to success in these lessons.
6. The numbers of the questions on the pages to be graded match the numbers given on the study pages.
7. Read **all** the Scripture references given in the study notes for each lesson. You will usually find the answers in these passages. It is recommended that you do one question at a time.
8. Read each question carefully. Look for "clue" words, such as: **who** said; **what** happened; **when** did; **list** in order, etc.
9. Give **complete** answers in as few words as possible.
10. Be sure to quote when asked to do so. **Quote** means to copy, word for word, from the Bible or from your study notes. Other ways that you might be asked to quote include: What did "so-and-so" say; Give four facts listed in the lesson; Name three ways to classify; etc. **When you quote from Scripture, always remember to give the reference (book, chapter, verse).**
11. When asked to answer **in your own words**, do so. **Your grade will be lowered** if you quote from the Bible or the lesson material.
12. When you are asked to tell the story or tell what happened, tell the whole story of the miracle, parable or event, not just the final result.

Example: Tell what happened when Jesus raised Jairus' daughter. *Mark 5:37-42*

WRONG	RIGHT
The little girl was alive again.	Jairus' daughter was dying, so he came and asked Jesus to save her. By the time Jesus arrived at the house, the child was dead. Jesus told them not to mourn. He went into the house, taking along her parents, and Peter, James, and John. He took the little girl by the hand and said, "Child, get up." She came back to life, stood up and walked around.

13. **Avoid leaving answers blank**, especially for questions that ask for your personal thoughts or opinions. Questions that ask for your own personal opinions do not have a right or wrong answer; you will receive credit as long as you give an honest response. Always do your best to answer each question. Partial credit is often given where you show that you tried your best to answer the more difficult questions.
14. Please **submit perforated lesson (question) pages** only. Study notes and covers will not be returned, due to the high cost of postage.
15. Please send **all** the lessons from this book at one time for grading. However, if necessary, we will accept one or two lessons at a time.
16. When you have finished this course, and have received the required grade, you will receive a certificate.
17. Please read the comments on your lessons when they are returned to you. They will add to your learning experience.
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Spelling Helps

<u>Aaron</u>	<u>Holy Spirit</u>	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>Satan</u>
<u>Altar</u>	<u>Idols</u>	<u>Mt. Sinai</u>	<u>Savior</u>
<u>Angel</u>	<u>Isaiah</u>	<u>Prophet</u>	<u>Temple</u>
<u>Apostle</u>	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Testament</u>
<u>Baptize</u>	<u>John</u>	<u>Resurrection</u>	<u>Worshiped</u>
<u>Disciple</u>		<u>Sacrifice</u>	

We sincerely hope that you will enjoy and be blessed through this study of the Bible.

God bless you.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

1

MOSES IN EGYPT

1. THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Many years passed from the end of the book of Genesis, where it is recorded that Joseph died, until the birth of Moses. This course of study opens with the birth of Moses and Moses' birth is recorded in the Book of Exodus.

The word Exodus means going out. The book of Exodus in the Bible is the record of Jacob's descendants, the Israelites, going out of Egypt to the land that God had promised to Abraham and his descendants.

Jacob's family, the Israelites, had multiplied greatly:

Jacob and his eleven sons (Joseph and his family were already in Egypt) and their families numbered seventy men when Joseph brought them into Egypt to live (*Exodus 1:5*). By the time that Moses was born, the family had increased to many thousand people.

2. THE NEW PHARAOH FEARED THE FOREIGNERS: Exodus 1:8-10

The Israelites were made the slaves of Egypt. *Exodus 1:11-14*

Israelite male babies were ordered killed at birth. *Exodus 1:15-22*

3. MOSES A SPECIAL BABY WAS BORN AND HIDDEN: Exodus 2:1-2

Moses is miraculously saved from death. *Exodus 2:3-10*

4. MOSES TRIED TO HELP HIS PEOPLE IN THE WRONG WAY AND GOT INTO TROUBLE: Exodus 2:11-14

Moses escaped to Midian. *Exodus 2:15-21*

5. MANY YEARS LATER MOSES SAW A STRANGE THING: Exodus 3:6

Moses was called to deliver his people. *Exodus 3:7-10*

6. AN ARGUMENT WITH GOD: Exodus 3:11-22; 4:1-13

Argument #1 — *Exodus 3:11*

Argument #2 — *Exodus 3:13*

Argument #3 — *Exodus 4:1*

Argument #4 — *Exodus 4:10*

God became exasperated with Moses. *Exodus 4:11-17*

7. TROUBLE FOR THE ISRAELITES GOT WORSE: Exodus 5

Moses and Aaron performed miracles for Pharaoh. *Exodus 7:1-13, 19-22*

8. THE TEN PLAGUES GOD BROUGHT UPON EGYPT

Exodus 7:14-25

Exodus 9:8-12

Exodus 8:1-15

Exodus 9:18-34

Exodus 8:16-19

Exodus 10:1-20

Exodus 8:20-32

Exodus 10:21-23

Exodus 9:1-7

Exodus 11:4-7,;12:29-30

9. THE PASSOVER: Exodus 12:3-13

Compare: *Isaiah 53:4-12, John 1:29, and Matthew 26:26-28*

God saved the Israelites from death by having them put the blood of the lamb on the door posts and over the door. Saving them this way was an act that also freed them from slavery. It also foretold what Jesus did for us on the Cross.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, sacrificed His body and shed His blood so that our sins could be blotted out from God's sight. By believing in Jesus as our Redeemer and by obeying Him as our Lord, we, too, can be saved from the wrath of God and His judgment, and freed from the slavery of sin.

As the Israelites were protected by the lamb's blood, we are protected by the blood of Jesus.

10. THE ISRAELITES WERE DRIVEN OUT OF EGYPT: Exodus 12:31-33

Moses took Joseph's bones out of Egypt. *Exodus 13:19*

God gave visible evidence of His presence. *Exodus 13:21-22*



“The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and where I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.”

Exodus 12:13 (NIV)

2

THE WILDERNESS JOURNEY

1. THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WERE DELIVERED OUT OF EGYPT: Exodus 14:5-31

They discovered very quickly, however, that they did not leave all of life's problems in Egypt. Although they had escaped the Egyptians, they still had to learn to trust God

Crossing the Red Sea: *Exodus 14:5-31*

2. THE PEOPLE CRIED FOR BREAD: Exodus 16:1-4, 11-15, and 31

Note that 1,500 years or so later Jesus and others mentioned this bread that God gave to the people in the wilderness. *John 6:30-35*

3. THE PEOPLE CRIED FOR WATER: Exodus 17:1-7

Note that Paul, an apostle of Jesus, about 1,500 years later, explained that the water that the people received from the rock in the wilderness was a symbol of the Living Water that Jesus gives us and bubbles up into everlasting life. *1 Corinthians 10:1-4*.

Jesus also said something about Living Water as recorded in *John 4:14*.

4. MOSES WAS CALLED UP TO MOUNT SINAI: Exodus 19:1-6

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments and other laws. *Exodus 20*

5. THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (THE ARK OF AGREEMENT OR PROMISE):

Exodus 25:10-22

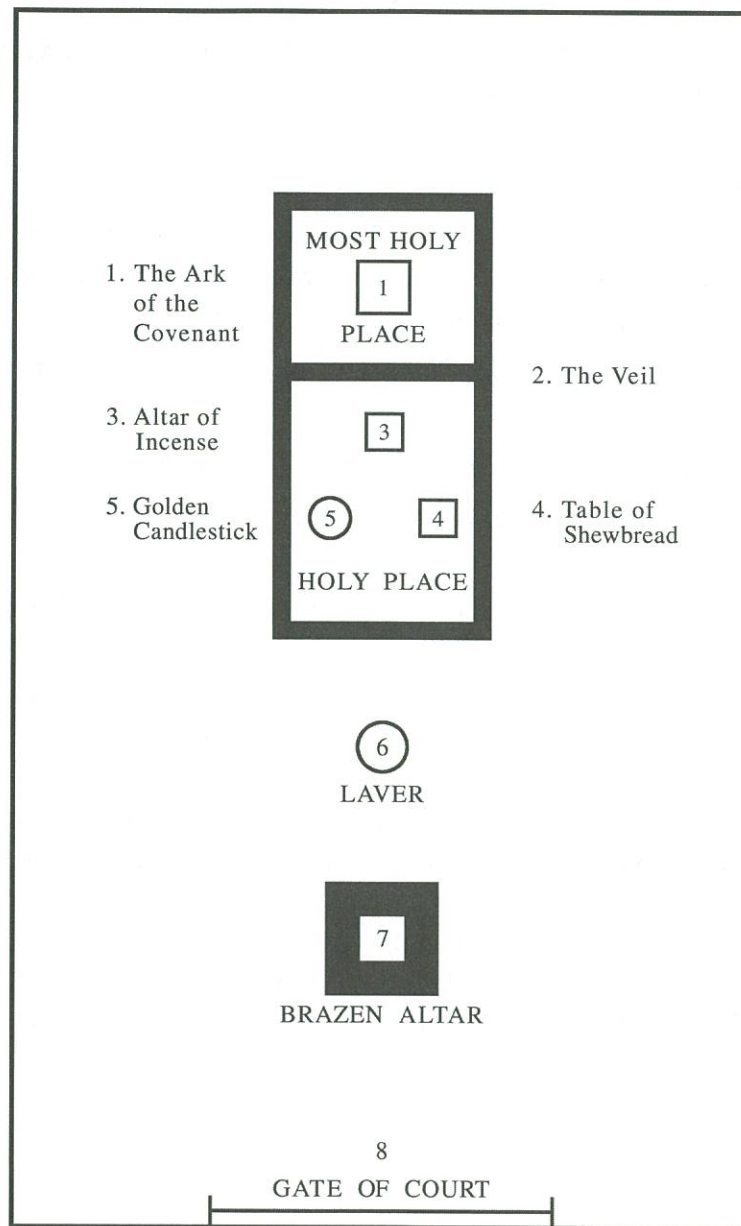
The Ark of the Covenant was a box a little more than three feet long, about 27 inches wide and about 27 inches high. It was made of wood and completely covered with gold. Anyone who touched the Ark of the Covenant (sometimes called, the ark of the testimony) would drop dead; it was to be sacred and respected—so rings were put in the sides of the box through which they slipped poles to carry it. The box had a golden lid or cover. The cover had a golden cherub (a type of angel) at each end, each facing the other. From above the mercy seat and between the cherubim on the cover of the Ark of the covenant God promised to come and meet with Moses, and talk to him. God promised to be wherever the ark was. The priests carried the Ark of the Covenant. God commanded them to put into the ark the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments written on them.

6. THE TABERNACLE OF THE CONGREGATION (THE FIRST HOUSE OF GOD):
Exodus 26

God commanded Moses to have the people make this tent-temple so that there would be a place for God to dwell among the people. *Exodus 25:8*

The tabernacle was made in tent form so that it could be folded and carried by the Israelites as they journeyed.

The Tabernacle:



7. AARON AND HIS SONS BECAME THE FIRST PRIESTS: *Exodus 28:1*

We will study about the priests in Lesson Three.

The people sinned. *Exodus 32:1-7, 15-28*

Moses prayed for the people. *Exodus 32:30-34*

8. SPIES WERE SENT TO THE PROMISED LAND: *Numbers 13:1-3, 17-25*

The spies reported to Moses and the people. *Numbers 13:26-33*

The people feared and refused to go into the Promised Land. *Numbers 14:1-10*

An angry God told the people they could not enter the Land. *Numbers 14:22, 23*

The People changed their minds and went without God's blessing. *Numbers 14:40-45*

Disaster resulted!

9. MOSES' SIN

Because of Moses' sin he was not allowed to enter the promised land. *Numbers 20:1-12*

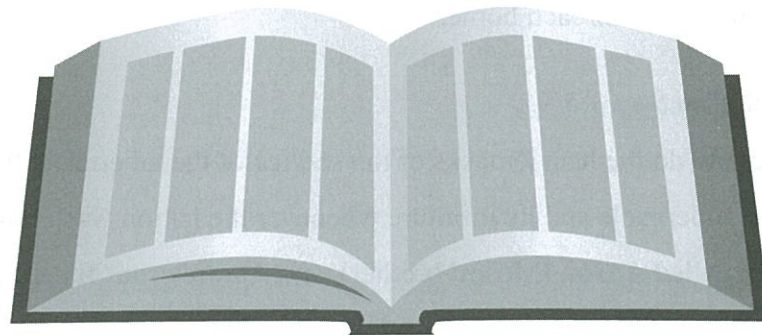
10. THE BRAZEN SERPENT: *Numbers 21:4-9*

Note what Jesus said about 1,500 years later. *John 3:14-15*

God chose Joshua to take Moses' place. *Numbers 27:15-23*

Moses had a heart to heart talk with Joshua and the people. *Deuteronomy 31:1-13*

Moses died. *Deuteronomy 31:14-15; 32:48-52; 34:1-12*



“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.’”

Numbers 21:8 (NIV)

3

THE PRIESTHOOD

During the journey from Egypt to Canaan, the people of Israel learned to work together. Even more important, they learned to worship together. Until God called Moses up to the top of Mount Sinai and gave him the Law and the plans for the tabernacle of the congregation and all that related to the worship center, worship of God was carried on in the family as an individual unit. After the Sinai experience worship became a national activity as well as a family practice. It was at this time that the priesthood came into being.

1. THE PRIEST AS LINK BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

The priest was the link between man and God. Because of fear and the timidity of mankind (caused by the knowledge of his own weakness), mankind is naturally uncomfortable in the presence of a holy God.

2. THE PRIEST AS GO-BETWEEN

To perform this go-between task the priest would approach God **on behalf** of His people and in return **would communicate God's message and will to the people.**

3. PRIEST OVER THE FAMILY

In the beginning the head of each family was appointed by God as the priest of that family. The family was the center of worship from the time that sin put a barrier between God and men until the tribe of Levi was chosen as the priestly tribe for the nation of Israel. Levi was one of Jacob's sons. At the time the tabernacle of the congregation was set up in the wilderness on the way to Canaan, God selected the tribe of Levi to be dedicated to God in place of the firstborn son of each home.

4. THE LEVITES: Numbers 3:5-9

The Levites were to do the heavier tasks of the service of the tabernacle for the priests.

They carried the tabernacle and its furniture whenever the nation was on the march.

God selected, or called **Aaron** (Moses' brother), and Aaron's sons for the priesthood.
Exodus 28:1

He later told Moses to anoint and ordain them. *Exodus 28:41*

Only Aaron and his descendants were allowed to do this intimate service to God.

5. DAY OF ATONEMENT: *Leviticus 16:6-34*

Once a year, and **once a year only**, the High or Head Priest was commanded of God to go into the Holy of Holies section of the tabernacle of the congregation to offer sacrificial atonement for his own sins, and the sins of his family and the people of the whole nation.

6. SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY: *Leviticus 16:1-2*

Carelessness or disobedience to the commanded strict procedure of this ceremony would bring instant death to the High Priest. This was a very sacred responsibility.

7. DUTIES OF THE PRIESTS

Offer a lamb sacrifice upon the altar of burnt offering daily, morning and evening.

Exodus 29:38-42

Daily fill the lamp of the tabernacle with oil and care for the lamps to keep them burning.

Exodus 27:20-21

Bring live coals in a censer (bronze vessel) from the altar of burnt offering to the altar of incense. *Leviticus 16:12-13*

Burn incense (offer prayer) upon the golden altar of incense every morning and evening.

Exodus 30:7-8

Bake twelve new loaves of bread for the shewbread table once each week. *Leviticus 24:5-9*

Blow the trumpets as a signal for the people to start the daily march or journey.

Numbers 10:1-10

8. SUPPORT FOR THE PRIESTS

The priests were supported by the people. The priests and Levites were separated for full-time service to God. The offerings that the people brought to God were shared by the priests and Levites.

9. DIFFERENT OFFERINGS

The Fellowship Offering (Peace Offering). *Leviticus 3:6-7*

The Wave Offering as recorded in this Scripture, part of the animal sacrifice, which the people gave voluntarily to God to show love and thanksgiving to Him, was given to the priest to feed his family (*Leviticus 7:28-34*). Note verses 31-33.

The Offering of Bread *Leviticus 24:5-9*

The Offering of Money *Numbers 3:51*

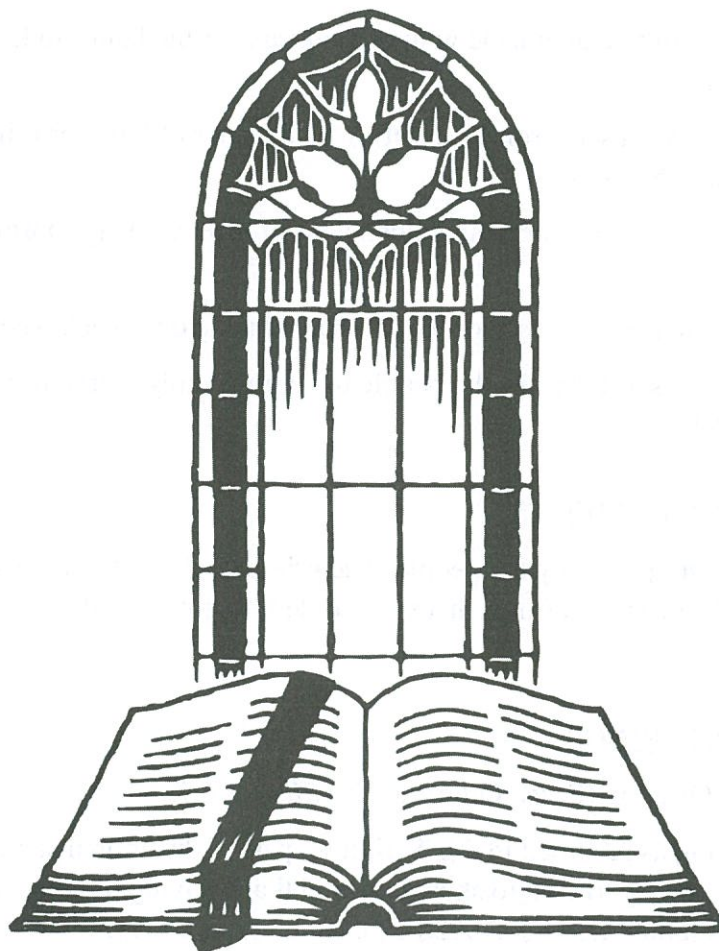
Later, when Joshua divided the land of Canaan among the twelve tribes, the tribe of Levi (including the priests) was not given any land. The priests and Levites spread themselves among the other eleven tribes and were given homes and support by the entire tribe with which they lived.

10. HOLY GARMENTS FOR THE PRIESTS: *Exodus 28:2; 4-43*

The garments' colors

The materials used for the garments

How the garments were made



“You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2:5 (NIV)

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