

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Intro & Exodus 1:1-14

1. What type of book is Exodus?
 - a. Gospel
 - b. Prophets
 - c. It is part of the Pentateuch.
2. Who wrote the Book of Exodus?

3. When did the events in the Book of Exodus take place?
 - a. Perhaps around 1446 BC based on Biblical calculations from other known events (480 years from the Exodus to the 4th year of Solomon's reign, 1 Kings 6:1).
 - b. Some scholars would suggest that historical data contained in the book would indicate closer to around 1260 BC.
 - c. When we're talking about over 3,000 years ago, isn't 186 year window close enough? I can't get within 5 years when remembering events in my own lifetime!
4. What is going on in the Book of Exodus?
 - a. Well...I think it's when somebody 'exit'ed something.
 - b. This is the story of God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt into the promised land...or at least close to it, it was supposed to be into it.
 - c. This is a part of the 5-book (Pentateuch) story of Israel's history leading to their entrance into the promised land.
 - d. This is the establishment of Israel's covenant relationship with God and leads into the establishment of the law and their instructions for life in the promised land.
5. If this is the continuation of a book, what was happening in Genesis before the beginning of Exodus?
 - a. Joseph, one of the 12 sons of Jacob (or Israel) was sold into slavery by his brothers.
 - b. Joseph went through hardship, but eventually rose to be a trusted leader in Egypt who saved Egypt from famine by helping the Pharaoh store grain for it's coming.
 - c. Joseph's brothers were sent to find food because of a famine and found Joseph, whom they didn't recognize. Joseph saved Israel and eventually (huge summarization) brought them all to Egypt where they could survive the famine.
 - d. Jacob died; Joseph died; the end.
6. What happens in the beginning verse of Exodus 1?
 - a. We find out who and how many sons of Israel came to Egypt.
 - b. We learn that this story will take place some time later after the sons of Israel (a whole generation) had died, but their family had been fruitful and had multiplied and increased in numbers.
 - c. Verse 8 tells us that a new king came into power who "knew not Joseph." Our new NIV version says "to whom Joseph meant nothing...."
7. Why does verse 8 sound so ominous to us?
 - a. Because Joseph had shown himself to be valuable to a previous king and had gained favor because of his "foresight" and ability to save the entire kingdom...if Joseph means nothing to this new king, then there may be no favor.
 - b. We find out in verse 9-10, when the king is worried about the multiplication of the Israelites and the possibility of an uprising among these foreigners living among them.
8. Most of us have at least an idea of what happens next. How will we find encouragement in our lives when ominous circumstances arise? _____