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#### The book of Exodus

The book of Exodus is the second book of the Old Testament in the Bible. It tells the story of the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt, led by Moses. Here's a brief description of each chapter in the book of Exodus:

Chapter 1: The Israelites become slaves in Egypt, and Pharaoh orders the killing of all male Israelite babies.

Chapter 2: Moses is born and hidden by his mother, and then adopted by Pharaoh's daughter. Moses kills an Egyptian overseer who was mistreating an Israelite, and flees to Midian.

Chapter 3: God appears to Moses in a burning bush and commands him to go to Pharaoh and demand that he release the Israelites from slavery.

Chapter 4: Moses doubts his ability to persuade Pharaoh, but God gives him miraculous signs to convince the Israelites and Pharaoh of his authority.

Chapter 5: Moses and Aaron meet with Pharaoh and demand that he release the Israelites, but Pharaoh refuses and increases their workload.

Chapter 6: God reaffirms his covenant with the Israelites and promises to rescue them from Egypt. Moses and Aaron are sent back to Pharaoh to demand the release of the Israelites.

Chapter 7: Moses and Aaron perform miracles before Pharaoh, but he remains defiant and refuses to release the Israelites.

Chapter 8: God sends a plague of frogs, lice, and other pests upon Egypt, but Pharaoh still refuses to release the Israelites.

Chapter 9: God sends a plague of livestock disease, boils, and hail upon Egypt, but Pharaoh remains stubborn.

Chapter 10: God sends a plague of locusts, darkness, and death upon Egypt, but Pharaoh still refuses to release the Israelites.

Chapter 11: God announces the final plague, the death of the firstborn in Egypt.

Chapter 12: God institutes the Passover, where the Israelites are to sacrifice a lamb and mark their doorposts with its blood, so that the Angel of Death will "pass over" their homes.

Chapter 13: The Israelites leave Egypt and begin their journey to the Promised Land.

Chapter 14: The Israelites are pursued by Pharaoh's army and are trapped at the Red Sea. God miraculously parts the sea, allowing the Israelites to escape.

Chapter 15: The Israelites sing a song of victory and praise to God for their deliverance.

Chapter 16: God provides manna and quail to feed the Israelites in the desert.

Chapter 17: God provides water from a rock for the thirsty Israelites.

Chapter 18: Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, advises him on how to delegate his responsibilities as leader of the Israelites.

Chapter 19: The Israelites arrive at Mount Sinai and God gives them the Ten Commandments.

Chapter 20: God gives Moses the Ten Commandments and other laws for the Israelites to follow.

Chapter 21-23: God gives various laws and regulations for the Israelites regarding slavery, personal injury, property rights, and other matters.

Chapter 24: Moses confirms the covenant between God and the Israelites with blood sacrifices.

Chapter 25-31: God gives detailed instructions for the construction of the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, and other sacred objects.

Chapter 32: While Moses is on the mountain receiving the law from God, the Israelites make a golden calf and worship it. God threatens to destroy them, but Moses intercedes on their behalf.

Chapter 33: God agrees to continue to lead the Israelites, but warns them not to worship any other gods.

Chapter 34: God renews his covenant with the Israelites and gives them additional laws.

Chapter 35, Moses gathers the Israelites and commands them to bring offerings of materials for the construction of the Tabernacle, including gold, silver, bronze, and precious stones. The people respond generously, and skilled craftsmen are appointed to create the various items needed for the Tabernacle, including the ark of the covenant, the altar, and the priestly garments.

Chapters 36 to 39 describe in detail the construction of the Tabernacle and its furnishings. The Israelites follow God's instructions carefully, and the Tabernacle is completed with great care and precision.

Chapter 40, Moses sets up the Tabernacle and anoints Aaron and his sons as priests. The glory of the Lord then fills the Tabernacle, signifying His presence among His people. In the remaining chapters, the book of Exodus records various laws and instructions given by God to the Israelites, including laws about the Sabbath, the year of Jubilee, and the sacrificial system. The book concludes with the completion of the Tabernacle and the manifestation of God's presence among His people.

## EXODUS

### CHAPTER 1

Ex. 1:1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with Jacob, each with his family:

Ex. 1:2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah;

Ex. 1:3 Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin;

Ex. 1:4 Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher.

Ex. 1:5 The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all; Joseph was already in Egypt.

Ex. 1:6 Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died,

Ex. 1:7 but the Israelites were fruitful and multiplied greatly and became exceedingly numerous, so that the land was filled with them.

Ex. 1:8 Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt.

Ex. 1:9 "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become much too numerous for us.

Ex. 1:10 Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."

Ex. 1:11 So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labour, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.

Ex. 1:12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites

Ex. 1:13 and worked them ruthlessly.

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Ex. 1:14 They made their lives bitter with hard labour in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their hard labour the Egyptians used them ruthlessly.

Ex. 1:15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah,

Ex. 1:16 "When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live."

Ex. 1:17 The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.

Ex. 1:18 Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

Ex. 1:19 The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive."

Ex. 1:20 So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous.

Ex. 1:21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

Ex. 1:22 Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every boy

that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

Chapter 1 of Exodus in the Bible begins with a summary of the Israelites' descent into Egypt with Jacob, their father, and how they multiplied and grew strong in the land. The chapter goes on to explain how a new Pharaoh came to power in Egypt who did not know Joseph and became fearful of the growing Israelite population.

Pharaoh decided to oppress the Israelites and subjected them to forced labor and harsh conditions. He also ordered the midwives to kill all male Israelite babies at birth, but they disobeyed his orders out of fear of God.

The chapter then introduces Moses, who was born to a Levite family during this time of oppression. Moses' mother hid him for three months before placing him in a basket and setting him adrift on the Nile river. Pharaoh's daughter discovered the baby and decided to raise him as her own, naming him Moses.

As Moses grew up, he witnessed the harsh treatment of his fellow Israelites and one day, he killed an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite. Moses fled Egypt to escape punishment and settled in the land of Midian, where he married and had children.

The chapter concludes with a brief mention of the Israelites' continued suffering under Pharaoh's oppression, as they cried out to God for help.

the key verses Chapter 1 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 1 introduces the book of Exodus and sets the stage for the story of the Israelites' slavery and their eventual deliverance by God through Moses. Here are some

Key verses from Exodus chapter 1:

1. "These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with Jacob, each with his family" (Exodus 1:1): This verse begins the book of Exodus and provides a list of the twelve sons of Jacob (also called Israel) who became the heads of the twelve tribes of Israel.
2. "Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt" (Exodus 1:8): This verse introduces the new Pharaoh who does not remember Joseph and does not have any loyalty to the Israelites.
3. "So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor" (Exodus 1:11): This verse describes how the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves and forced them to do hard labor.
4. "But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites" (Exodus 1:12): This verse shows how God blessed the Israelites and caused them to multiply even in the midst of oppression.
5. "Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: 'Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live'" (Exodus 1:22): This verse describes Pharaoh's cruel order to kill all Israelite baby boys, which sets the stage for Moses' miraculous birth and rescue.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 1:

Exodus chapter 1 marks the beginning of a significant turning point in the history of the Israelites. It describes the time when they found themselves in the land of Egypt, multiplying in number and facing oppression under a new Pharaoh who did not remember Joseph. This chapter sets the stage for the events that will unfold in the rest of the book of Exodus.

One of the striking aspects of this chapter is the contrast between God's promises to the patriarchs and the reality faced by the Israelites. God had promised Abraham that his descendants would become a great nation, but here they were, enslaved and suffering in a foreign land. It is a reminder that God's promises often unfold in unexpected ways and that there can be seasons of hardship and struggle before fulfillment is realized.

Another theme that emerges from this chapter is the fear and insecurity that can arise when we find ourselves in unfamiliar and hostile environments. The Pharaoh, feeling threatened by the growing number of Israelites, subjected them to harsh labor and tried to oppress them. In the face of such adversity, it would have been easy for the Israelites to lose hope and doubt God's faithfulness. Yet, even in the midst of their suffering, God was at work, preparing to intervene on their behalf.

As we reflect on Exodus chapter 1, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, we are reminded that God's timing and methods are not always aligned with our expectations. We may go through seasons of difficulty and uncertainty, but we can trust that God is working behind the scenes to bring about His purposes. Secondly, this chapter encourages us not to lose hope in the face of oppression or adversity. Just as God heard the cries of the Israelites and eventually brought about their liberation, He is attentive to our own struggles and will provide deliverance in His perfect timing.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 1 underscores the importance of remembering our heritage and God's faithfulness throughout history. The Pharaoh who oppressed the Israelites "did not know Joseph," highlighting the danger of forgetting the lessons of the past. It serves as a reminder for us to cultivate a sense of gratitude and remembrance for the ways in which God has been faithful in our own lives and the lives of those who came before us.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 1 invites us to reflect on the challenges faced by the Israelites and their response to adversity. It encourages us to trust in God's faithfulness even when circumstances seem dire, to remain hopeful in times of uncertainty, and to remember the lessons of the past. Through this reflection, we can find inspiration and encouragement in our own journey of faith, knowing that God is with us and working for our ultimate liberation and redemption.

## CHAPTER 2

Ex. 2:1 Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman,  
Ex. 2:2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.  
Ex. 2:3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she

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placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.

Ex. 2:4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Ex. 2:5 Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it.

Ex. 2:6 She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

Ex. 2:7 Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

Ex. 2:8 "Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother.

Ex. 2:9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him.

Ex. 2:10 When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Ex. 2:11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labour.

He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people.

Ex. 2:12 Glancing this way and that and seeing no-one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

Ex. 2:13 The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?"

Ex. 2:14 The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known."

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Ex. 2:15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

Ex. 2:16 Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock.

Ex. 2:17 Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

Ex. 2:18 When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?"

Ex. 2:19 They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock."

Ex. 2:20 "And where is he?" he asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat."

Ex. 2:21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage.

Ex. 2:22 Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become an alien in a foreign land."

Ex. 2:23 During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.

Ex. 2:24 God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob.

Ex. 2:25 So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

Chapter 2 of Exodus in the Bible continues with the story of Moses. After fleeing Egypt, he settled in the land of Midian and married a woman named Zipporah. While tending to his father-in-law's sheep, Moses came across a burning bush that was not consumed by the fire. God spoke to Moses through the bush and revealed His plan for Moses to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

Moses was hesitant and doubted his ability to carry out this task, but God assured him that He would be with him every step of the way. God also gave Moses a sign to prove his authenticity to the Israelites, by turning his staff into a snake and then back into a staff.

Moses returned to Egypt with his wife and children and met with his brother Aaron, who would serve as his spokesperson to Pharaoh. Moses and Aaron went before Pharaoh and requested that he let the Israelites go, but Pharaoh refused.

God then sent a series of plagues upon Egypt, starting with turning the Nile river into blood, then bringing frogs, gnats, and other pests, and eventually culminating in the death of all firstborns in the land. Through these plagues, God demonstrated His power and forced Pharaoh to release the Israelites.

The chapter ends with the Israelites departing from Egypt, led by Moses, and taking with them the spoils of the Egyptians.

the key verses Chapter 2 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 2 continues the story of Moses, who was born in Egypt during a time when the Israelites were oppressed and enslaved.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 2:

1. "Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son" (Exodus 2:1-2): This verse introduces Moses' parents and his birth.
2. "But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile" (Exodus 2:3): This verse describes how Moses'

- mother placed him in a basket and floated him down the Nile River to escape Pharaoh's order to kill all Hebrew baby boys.
3. "Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it" (Exodus 2:5): This verse shows how God orchestrated Moses' rescue by having him discovered by Pharaoh's daughter.
  4. "He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand" (Exodus 2:11-12): This verse describes how Moses killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave, which sets in motion his eventual flight from Egypt.
  5. "Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God" (Exodus 2:15): This verse introduces Moses' time in Midian, where he will receive his calling from God.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 2:

Exodus chapter 2 presents a significant turning point in the story of Moses, one of the central figures in the history of the Israelites. This chapter begins with the birth of Moses during a time of great oppression and persecution of the Israelites in Egypt. It follows his early years, highlighting God's providential hand in his life and setting the stage for his future role as a deliverer and leader of God's people.

One of the central themes in this chapter is God's faithfulness and protection. Despite the Pharaoh's decree to kill all Hebrew baby boys, Moses' mother placed him in a basket and set him adrift on the Nile River. In a remarkable turn of events, the daughter of Pharaoh discovered the baby and took him as her own. This act of mercy and the subsequent hiring of Moses' own mother as his nursemaid demonstrate God's sovereign intervention to protect Moses and ensure his survival.

The story of Moses' upbringing in Pharaoh's household also reveals God's divine preparation. Although Moses grew up as an Egyptian prince, he never forgot his Hebrew heritage. This unique upbringing equipped him with both the knowledge of Egyptian customs and the empathy for his oppressed people. God used these circumstances to shape Moses' character and prepare him for his future calling as a leader.

Additionally, Exodus chapter 2 introduces us to Moses' impulsive nature. Witnessing an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, Moses took matters into his own hands and killed the Egyptian. However, his actions led to fear and consequences, forcing him to flee Egypt and seek refuge in the land of Midian. This event serves as a reminder that even those called by God are not immune to making mistakes or acting out of their own strength. It foreshadows Moses' later transformation as he learns to rely on God's guidance and power.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 2, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us that God is always at work, even in the most challenging and oppressive



circumstances. God's providence and protection can be seen in the intricate details of our lives, guiding us toward His purposes. Secondly, this chapter highlights the significance of our upbringing and life experiences in shaping our character and preparing us for the plans God has for us. Even the seemingly unrelated aspects of our past can be instrumental in equipping us for future tasks.

Moreover, Exodus chapter 2 calls us to consider our responses to injustice and oppression. While Moses' initial act of defending the Hebrew slave was born out of righteous anger, his impulsive actions led to unintended consequences. It teaches us the importance of seeking God's guidance and relying on His wisdom when confronting injustice, rather than acting solely on our own accord.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 2 presents a pivotal chapter in Moses' life, demonstrating God's faithfulness, protection, and divine preparation. It encourages us to recognize God's hand in our own lives, to trust in His providence even in the most challenging circumstances, and to seek His guidance and wisdom when confronted with injustice. By reflecting on these lessons, we can deepen our understanding of God's work in our lives and find inspiration in the story of Moses as we navigate our own journeys of faith.

### CHAPTER 3

Ex. 3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

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Ex. 3:2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

Ex. 3:3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight — why the bush does not burn up."

Ex. 3:4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

Ex. 3:5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

Ex. 3:6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Ex. 3:7 The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

Ex. 3:8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey — the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

Ex. 3:9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have

seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

Ex. 3:10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

Ex. 3:11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

Ex. 3:12 And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

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Ex. 3:13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

Ex. 3:14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Ex. 3:15 God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob — has sent me to you.’ This is my name for ever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

Ex. 3:16 “Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers — the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob — appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt.

Ex. 3:17 And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites — a land flowing with milk and honey.’

Ex. 3:18 “The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.’

Ex. 3:19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him.

Ex. 3:20 So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go.

Ex. 3:21 “And I will make the Egyptians favourably disposed towards this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty handed.

Ex. 3:22 Every woman is to ask her neighbour and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing,

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which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians.”

Chapter 3 of Exodus in the Bible begins with Moses tending to his father-in-law's sheep near Mount Horeb when he sees a bush that is burning but not consumed by the fire. As he approaches the bush, God speaks to him and tells him to remove his sandals, as he is standing on holy ground.

God identifies himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and reveals to Moses that he has heard the cries of the Israelites in Egypt and has come to deliver them. God tells Moses that he will send him to Pharaoh to demand that he release the Israelites, and that he will perform miraculous signs and wonders to convince Pharaoh to let them go. Moses is hesitant to accept this task, feeling unworthy and lacking in credibility with the Israelites. However, God reassures him and tells him that He will be with him every step of the way. God then reveals his name to Moses, saying "I Am Who I Am" or "I Will Be What I Will Be."

God gives Moses specific instructions on what to say and do when he goes to Pharaoh, and also tells him to gather the elders of the Israelites and inform them of his mission. God promises that the Israelites will not leave empty-handed but will plunder the Egyptians and take their wealth with them.

The chapter ends with God instructing Moses to assemble the elders and tell them that God has heard their cries and will deliver them from slavery in Egypt.

the key verses Chapter 3 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 3 is a pivotal chapter in the book of Exodus, as it describes how God reveals himself to Moses and calls him to be the leader who will deliver the Israelites from slavery.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 3:

1. "Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God" (Exodus 3:1): This verse describes how Moses encounters God at the burning bush on Mount Horeb.
2. "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt" (Exodus 3:10): This verse shows how God calls Moses to be the leader who will bring the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.
3. "Moses said to God, 'Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?'" (Exodus 3:13): This verse shows how Moses asks God for his name, and God responds with the famous phrase, "I am who I am" (Exodus 3:14).
4. "And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain'" (Exodus 3:12): This verse shows how God promises to be with Moses and gives him a sign of the Israelites' eventual deliverance.
5. "The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering'" (Exodus 3:7): This verse shows how God is moved by the Israelites' suffering and chooses to act on their behalf through Moses.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 3:

Exodus chapter 3 is a significant chapter in the book, marking a pivotal moment in the life of Moses and the history of the Israelites. In this chapter, Moses encounters God in a burning bush on Mount Horeb, leading to his commissioning as the deliverer of the Israelites from their bondage in Egypt.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the holiness and transcendence of God. Moses, going about his daily tasks as a shepherd, encounters a bush that is burning but not consumed. This supernatural phenomenon captures his attention, and when he approaches, God speaks to him from within the burning bush. This encounter reveals the awe-inspiring nature of God's presence and His holiness that transcends ordinary experiences.

God reveals Himself to Moses as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, reminding Moses of the covenant made with their forefathers. God expresses His concern for the suffering of the Israelites and His intention to deliver them from Egypt, leading them to a land flowing with milk and honey. In this encounter, God chooses Moses to be His instrument of deliverance, commissioning him to go before Pharaoh and demand the release of the Israelites.

Another important theme in this chapter is Moses' reluctance and insecurity. Despite God's clear call and assurance of His presence, Moses questions his own ability and raises objections. He expresses doubt in his own standing and asks for God's name to present to the Israelites when they ask who sent him. God reassures Moses by revealing His divine name, "I AM WHO I AM," signifying His eternal and unchanging nature. God promises to be with Moses, equipping him for the task at hand.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 3, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of God's holiness and transcendence. The burning bush serves as a powerful symbol of God's presence and His ability to reveal Himself in extraordinary ways. It encourages us to approach God with reverence and awe, recognizing His greatness and majesty.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes God's faithfulness to His covenant promises. Despite the suffering and oppression faced by the Israelites, God has not forgotten His people. It serves as a reminder that God is intimately aware of our own struggles and hardships, and He is actively working for our deliverance and redemption.

Moreover, Exodus chapter 3 teaches us about the role of obedience and trust in responding to God's call. Moses initially hesitates and raises objections, but he eventually surrenders to God's will and accepts his role as the deliverer. It reminds us that God equips and empowers those whom He calls, and our willingness to trust and obey Him is essential in fulfilling His purposes.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 3 presents a powerful encounter between Moses and God, where God commissions Moses as the deliverer of the Israelites. It reminds us of God's holiness, His faithfulness to His promises, and the importance of obedience and trust in

responding to His call. By reflecting on these lessons, we can deepen our understanding of God's character and His work in our lives, and we can find encouragement to embrace our own calling and participate in His redemptive plans.

#### CHAPTER 4

Ex. 4:1 Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you'?"

Ex. 4:2 Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.

Ex. 4:3 The LORD said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.

Ex. 4:4 Then the LORD said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

Ex. 4:5 "This," said the LORD, "is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob — has appeared to you."

Ex. 4:6 Then the LORD said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow.

Ex. 4:7 "Now put it back into your cloak," he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

Ex. 4:8 Then the LORD said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first miraculous sign, they may believe the second.

Ex. 4:9 But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground.

The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."

Ex. 4:10 Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

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Ex. 4:11 The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

Ex. 4:12 Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

Ex. 4:13 But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

Ex. 4:14 Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you.

Ex. 4:15 You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.

Ex. 4:16 He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him.

Ex. 4:17 But take this staff in your hand so that you can perform miraculous signs with it.”

Ex. 4:18 Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, “Let me go back to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive.” Jethro said, “Go, and I wish you well.”

Ex. 4:19 Now the LORD had said to Moses in Midian, “Go back to Egypt, for all the men who wanted to kill you are dead.”

Ex. 4:20 So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.

Ex. 4:21 The LORD said to Moses, “When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

Ex. 4:22 Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son,

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Ex. 4:23 and I told you, “Let my son go, so that he may worship me.” But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.””

Ex. 4:24 At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met Moses and was about to kill him.

Ex. 4:25 But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son’s foreskin and touched Moses’ feet with it. “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me,” she said.

Ex. 4:26 So the LORD let him alone. (At that time she said “bridegroom of blood”, referring to circumcision.)

Ex. 4:27 The LORD said to Aaron, “Go into the desert to meet Moses.” So he met Moses at the mountain of God and kissed him.

Ex. 4:28 Then Moses told Aaron everything the LORD had sent him to say, and also about all the miraculous signs he had commanded him to perform.

Ex. 4:29 Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites,

Ex. 4:30 and Aaron told them everything the LORD had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people,

Ex. 4:31 and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshipped.

Chapter 4 of Exodus in the Bible begins with Moses expressing his doubts and fears to God about his ability to convince the Israelites and Pharaoh to listen to him. In response,

God performs several miraculous signs for Moses, including turning his staff into a snake and then back into a staff, making his hand leprous and then healing it, and turning water from the Nile into blood.

God tells Moses that if these signs do not convince the Israelites or Pharaoh to listen to him, he can perform more signs such as causing a plague of frogs, lice, or locusts. God also promises to be with Moses and his brother Aaron, who will speak on Moses' behalf to the Israelites and Pharaoh.

Moses then returns to his father-in-law Jethro to ask for permission to return to Egypt. After receiving his blessing, Moses sets out with his wife and sons, and on the way, God tries to kill Moses but relents after his wife circumcises their son.

When Moses and Aaron arrive in Egypt, they meet with the Israelite elders and perform the signs that God had given to Moses. The people believe that God has sent Moses to deliver them, and they worship him.

Moses and Aaron then go to Pharaoh and demand that he let the Israelites go. However, Pharaoh refuses, and instead, he makes the Israelites work even harder. The chapter ends with the Israelites blaming Moses and Aaron for making their lives even more difficult.

The key verses Chapter 4 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 4 continues the story of Moses and his call to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 4:

1. "Moses answered, 'What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'" (Exodus 4:1): This verse shows how Moses expresses his doubts and concerns to God about his ability to convince the Israelites to follow him.
2. "Then the Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' 'A staff,' he replied" (Exodus 4:2): This verse shows how God demonstrates his power to Moses by turning his staff into a snake and then back into a staff.
3. "But Moses said to the Lord, 'O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue'" (Exodus 4:10): This verse shows how Moses expresses his fear of public speaking to God.
4. "The Lord said to him, 'Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say'" (Exodus 4:11-12): This verse shows how God reassures Moses that he will provide the words he needs to speak to the Israelites.
5. "Then Moses set out with his wife and sons and took the staff of God in his hand. The Lord said to Moses, 'When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go'" (Exodus 4:20-21): This verse shows how Moses sets out on his mission to deliver the Israelites from slavery, but also how God warns him that Pharaoh's heart will be hardened and he will not let the Israelites go easily.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 4:

Exodus chapter 4 continues the narrative of Moses' encounter with God and his commissioning to deliver the Israelites from Egypt. In this chapter, Moses expresses his doubts and concerns, and God provides reassurance and miraculous signs to confirm His presence and power.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the faithfulness and patience of God in response to human doubts and insecurities. Moses, feeling inadequate and lacking eloquence, questions his ability to speak before Pharaoh and lead the Israelites. In response, God reassures Moses by reminding him of His presence and promise to be with him. God declares that He will provide the words and teach Moses what to say, emphasizing that it is His power, not Moses' own abilities, that will bring about the liberation of the Israelites.

To further reassure Moses, God provides him with miraculous signs. He turns Moses' staff into a snake and back again, demonstrating His authority and power over creation. God also afflicts Moses' hand with leprosy and then heals it, illustrating His ability to bring both affliction and healing. These signs serve as a visible confirmation of God's presence and enable Moses to perform miracles before the Israelites and Pharaoh.

Another important theme in this chapter is the need for obedience and trust in God's instructions. Despite the signs and reassurances, Moses continues to express his reluctance and asks God to send someone else in his place. In response, God's anger is kindled, but He still provides a solution by allowing Moses' brother, Aaron, to accompany him as a spokesperson. This interaction reveals the importance of obedience and trust in fulfilling God's purposes, even in the face of doubt and hesitation.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 4, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of God's faithfulness and patience in responding to our doubts and insecurities. Like Moses, we may feel inadequate or ill-equipped for the tasks God has called us to. However, God assures us of His presence, promises, and power, empowering us to step forward in obedience and trust.

Secondly, this chapter underscores the importance of relying on God's strength rather than our own. Moses' doubts about his speaking ability highlight the tendency to depend on our own capabilities, but God reminds us that it is through His power and guidance that we can accomplish His purposes. It encourages us to surrender our weaknesses and limitations to God, allowing Him to work through us.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 4 teaches us the significance of obedience and trust in responding to God's call. Despite Moses' initial hesitation, God patiently guides him and provides a solution to address his concerns. It reminds us that God equips and enables us for the tasks He assigns, and our obedience and trust in following His instructions are crucial.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 4 portrays God's faithfulness, patience, and miraculous provision in response to Moses' doubts and concerns. It emphasizes the need for reliance



on God's strength, obedience to His instructions, and trust in His promises. By reflecting on these lessons, we can find encouragement to step forward in faith, even when faced with doubts or insecurities, knowing that God is with us, equipping us, and working through us for His purposes.

## CHAPTER 5

Ex. 5:1 Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert.’”

Ex. 5:2 Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go.”

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Ex. 5:3 Then they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword.”

Ex. 5:4 But the king of Egypt said, “Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labour? Get back to your work!”

Ex. 5:5 Then Pharaoh said, “Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working.”

Ex. 5:6 That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and foremen in charge of the people:

Ex. 5:7 “You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw.

Ex. 5:8 But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don’t reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’

Ex. 5:9 Make the work harder for the men so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies.”

Ex. 5:10 Then the slave drivers and the foremen went out and said to the people, “This is what Pharaoh says: ‘I will not give you any more straw.

Ex. 5:11 Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.’”

Ex. 5:12 So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw.

Ex. 5:13 The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, “Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw.”

Ex. 5:14 The Israelite foremen appointed by Pharaoh’s slave drivers were beaten and were asked, “Why didn’t you meet your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?”

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Ex. 5:15 Then the Israelite foremen went and appealed to Pharaoh: “Why have you treated your servants this way?”

Ex. 5:16 Your servants are given no straw, yet we are told, ‘Make bricks!’ Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people.”

Ex. 5:17 Pharaoh said, “Lazy, that’s what you are — lazy! That is why you keep saying, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.’”

Ex. 5:18 Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks.”

Ex. 5:19 The Israelite foremen realised they were in trouble when they were told, “You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day.”

Ex. 5:20 When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them,

Ex. 5:21 and they said, “May the LORD look upon you and judge you! You have made us a stench to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

Ex. 5:22 Moses returned to the LORD and said, “O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me?”

Ex. 5:23 Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.”

Chapter 5 of Exodus in the Bible begins with Moses and Aaron returning to Pharaoh to again demand that he let the Israelites go. However, instead of acquiescing, Pharaoh accuses the Israelites of being lazy and gives them even more work to do. He orders that they gather their own straw to make bricks, but they must still produce the same amount of bricks as before.

The Israelite foremen plead with Pharaoh to be released from their hard labor, but Pharaoh refuses and accuses Moses and Aaron of causing the Israelites to become idle. The foremen then turn on Moses and Aaron, blaming them for their plight. Moses then goes to God and complains about the situation. He asks why God has allowed this to happen and why He has not yet saved the Israelites. God responds by reminding Moses of His promises and assuring him that He will keep His covenant with the Israelites.

Despite the setbacks, Moses and Aaron continue to obey God's commands and persist in their efforts to deliver the Israelites. The chapter ends with the Israelites in despair over their difficult circumstances, and Moses questioning God about His plan.

the key verses Chapter 5 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 5 continues the story of Moses and the Israelites' struggle to be freed from slavery in Egypt.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 5:

1. "Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, 'This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me

- in the desert" (Exodus 5:1): This verse shows how Moses and Aaron confront Pharaoh and demand that he release the Israelites so that they can worship God.
2. "But Pharaoh said, 'Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go'" (Exodus 5:2): This verse shows how Pharaoh rejects Moses and Aaron's request and denies the existence of the Israelites' God.
  3. "Then the slave drivers and the foremen went out and said to the people, 'This is what Pharaoh says: I will not give you any more straw. Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all'" (Exodus 5:10-11): This verse shows how Pharaoh punishes the Israelites for Moses and Aaron's demands by increasing their workload and denying them the materials they need to make bricks.
  4. "When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, and they said, 'May the Lord look upon you and judge you! You have made us a stench to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us'" (Exodus 5:20-21): This verse shows how the Israelites blame Moses and Aaron for their increased suffering under Pharaoh's rule.
  5. "Moses returned to the Lord and said, 'O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and you have not rescued your people at all'" (Exodus 5:22-23): This verse shows how Moses questions God's plan and expresses his frustration with the lack of progress in freeing the Israelites from slavery.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 5:

Exodus chapter 5 depicts a critical moment in the narrative of the Israelites' liberation from Egypt. In this chapter, Moses and Aaron confront Pharaoh, demanding the release of the Israelites, but instead, their request is met with increased oppression and harsher labor for the Hebrew slaves.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the reality of resistance and adversity in the pursuit of God's purposes. Moses and Aaron obediently deliver God's message to Pharaoh, seeking freedom for the Israelites. However, Pharaoh responds by intensifying the burden on the Israelites, making their labor even more difficult. The Israelites, in turn, grow discouraged and blame Moses and Aaron for their increased suffering.

This chapter highlights the struggle and resistance that often accompanies the work of God. It reminds us that when we step out in faith and align ourselves with God's plans, we may encounter opposition and obstacles along the way. The journey towards liberation and fulfillment of God's promises is not always smooth, and setbacks are to be expected.

Another important theme in this chapter is the need for perseverance and trust in the face of adversity. Despite the initial setback, Moses and Aaron do not give up. They continue

to rely on God's guidance and present their concerns to Him. Their trust in God remains steadfast as they seek His wisdom and direction for the way forward.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 5, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us that obedience to God's calling does not guarantee immediate success or freedom from difficulties. In fact, it may even lead to increased challenges. However, it is essential to remain faithful and trust in God's faithfulness and timing.

Secondly, this chapter teaches us the importance of perseverance and resilience in the face of adversity. Moses and Aaron demonstrate resilience by seeking God's guidance and continuing to pursue their mission despite the hardships they face. Similarly, we are called to persevere in our own journey, trusting that God is with us, even when the path seems difficult.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 5 prompts us to examine our response to setbacks and challenges. The Israelites' discouragement and blaming of Moses and Aaron reveal the tendency to doubt and assign blame when faced with adversity. Instead, we are called to turn to God, seeking His guidance, and finding strength in Him rather than blaming others or giving in to despair.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 5 portrays the resistance and adversity faced by Moses, Aaron, and the Israelites in their quest for freedom. It underscores the need for perseverance, trust in God's faithfulness, and reliance on His guidance. By reflecting on these lessons, we can find encouragement to press forward in our own journeys, even when faced with obstacles and setbacks, knowing that God is with us and His purposes will ultimately prevail.

## CHAPTER 6

Ex. 6:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.”

Ex. 6:2 God also said to Moses, “I am the LORD.

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Ex. 6:3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them.

Ex. 6:4 I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens.

Ex. 6:5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

Ex. 6:6 “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.’”

Ex. 6:7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

Ex. 6:8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.”

Ex. 6:9 Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage.

Ex. 6:10 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 6:11 “Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country.”

Ex. 6:12 But Moses said to the LORD, “If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?”

Ex. 6:13 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron about the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he commanded them to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.

Ex. 6:14 These were the heads of their families: The sons of Reuben the firstborn son of Israel were Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi. These were the clans of Reuben.

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Ex. 6:15 The sons of Simeon were Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jakin, Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman. These were the clans of Simeon.

Ex. 6:16 These were the names of the sons of Levi according to their records: Gershon, Kohath and Merari. Levi lived 137 years.

Ex. 6:17 The sons of Gershon, by clans, were Libni and Shimei.

Ex. 6:18 The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel. Kohath lived 133 years.

Ex. 6:19 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. These were the clans of Levi according to their records.

Ex. 6:20 Amram married his father’s sister Jochebed, who bore him Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years.

Ex. 6:21 The sons of Izhar were Korah, Nepheg and Zicri.

Ex. 6:22 The sons of Uzziel were Mishael, Elzaphan and Sithri.

Ex. 6:23 Aaron married Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab and sister of Nahshon, and she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

Ex. 6:24 The sons of Korah were Assir, Elkanah and Abiasaph. These were the Korahite clans.

Ex. 6:25 Eleazar son of Aaron married one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him Phinehas. These were the heads of the Levite families, clan by clan.

Ex. 6:26 It was this same Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, “Bring the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.”

Ex. 6:27 They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt

about bringing the Israelites out of Egypt. It was the same Moses and Aaron.

Ex. 6:28 Now when the LORD spoke to Moses in Egypt,

Ex. 6:29 he said to him, "I am the LORD. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you."

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Ex. 6:30 But Moses said to the LORD, "Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?"

Chapter 6 of Exodus in the Bible begins with God reassuring Moses that He will indeed fulfill His covenant with the Israelites and deliver them from slavery in Egypt. God tells Moses that He will reveal Himself to the Israelites as Yahweh, the God of their fathers, and that He will bring them out of Egypt and into the land promised to their ancestors. Moses is then instructed to go back to the Israelites and tell them about God's promises. However, the Israelites are too discouraged and overwhelmed by their harsh labor to believe Moses' words.

God then instructs Moses and Aaron to again go before Pharaoh and demand the release of the Israelites. Moses protests, saying that he is "uncircumcised in lips" and therefore not a persuasive speaker. But God assures Moses that He will speak through him and that Pharaoh will eventually let the Israelites go.

The chapter ends with a genealogy of the tribes of Israel, tracing their ancestry back to Jacob and his sons.

the key verses Chapter 6 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 6 continues the story of Moses and the Israelites' struggle to be freed from slavery in Egypt.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 6:

1. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country'" (Exodus 6:1): This verse shows how God reassures Moses that he will deliver the Israelites from slavery and punish Pharaoh for his disobedience.
2. "God also said to Moses, 'I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them'" (Exodus 6:2-3): This verse shows how God reveals his name to Moses and distinguishes himself from other gods worshipped in the region.
3. "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment'" (Exodus 6:6): This verse shows how God promises to deliver the Israelites from slavery and redeem them with his power.
4. "But they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage" (Exodus 6:9): This verse shows how the Israelites are so oppressed by their slavery that they cannot even imagine the possibility of being freed.

5. "These were the heads of their families: The sons of Reuben the firstborn son of Israel were Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi. These were the clans of Reuben" (Exodus 6:14): This verse lists the genealogy of the Israelites, tracing their ancestry back to Jacob's sons.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 6:

Exodus chapter 6 continues the narrative of Moses and his mission to deliver the Israelites from their bondage in Egypt. In this chapter, God reassures Moses of His power, faithfulness, and determination to fulfill His covenant promises to the Israelites.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the unwavering faithfulness of God. Despite the Israelites' continued suffering and Moses' initial discouragement, God affirms His commitment to His people. He reveals His divine name, Yahweh, emphasizing His eternal and unchanging nature. God assures Moses that He will rescue the Israelites, lead them out of Egypt, and bring them to the land promised to their ancestors.

This chapter underscores the faithfulness of God to His covenant promises. He reiterates His intention to establish a covenant with the Israelites, to be their God and bring them into a land flowing with milk and honey. God's faithfulness remains steadfast even in the face of doubt and adversity, and He assures Moses that He will fulfill His promises in His own time and in His own way.

Another important theme in this chapter is the role of Moses as a spokesperson for God. Moses expresses his inadequacy in speech and his fear that the Israelites will not listen to him. However, God reassures Moses that He will empower him and provide him with the words to speak. He appoints Aaron as Moses' assistant, emphasizing their joint responsibility in leading the Israelites out of Egypt.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 6, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the unchanging and faithful nature of God. In the midst of challenging circumstances, it is easy to question God's faithfulness or doubt His promises. However, this chapter encourages us to trust that God is steadfast and true to His word, even when we cannot see the fulfillment of His promises immediately.

Secondly, this chapter teaches us about our role as vessels and instruments of God's work. Like Moses, we may feel inadequate or lacking in certain areas, but God chooses to work through our weaknesses and empowers us by His Spirit. It reminds us that God equips and enables us to fulfill the tasks He assigns, and we can rely on His strength and guidance in carrying out His purposes.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 6 prompts us to wait patiently for God's timing and trust in His sovereignty. Although the Israelites had been enslaved for generations, God's plans were unfolding according to His perfect timing. We are reminded to be patient and have faith that God is at work even in the waiting, and His purposes will come to pass.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 6 reveals the unwavering faithfulness of God, His commitment to His promises, and His empowerment of Moses for the task at hand. It encourages us to trust in God's unchanging nature, rely on His strength, and patiently wait for His timing. By reflecting on these lessons, we can find assurance and hope in our own journey of faith, knowing that God is faithful to His promises and will empower us to fulfill His purposes.

## CHAPTER 7

Ex. 7:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet.

Ex. 7:2 You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country.

Ex. 7:3 But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt,

Ex. 7:4 he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites.

Ex. 7:5 And the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it."

Ex. 7:6 Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD commanded them.

Ex. 7:7 Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Ex. 7:8 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,

Ex. 7:9 "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake."

Ex. 7:10 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake.

Ex. 7:11 Pharaoh then summoned the wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts:

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Ex. 7:12 Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

Ex. 7:13 Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

Ex. 7:14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go.

Ex. 7:15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the water. Wait on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake.



Ex. 7:16 Then say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the desert. But until now you have not listened.

Ex. 7:17 This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood.

Ex. 7:18 The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.’”

Ex. 7:19 The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt — over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs’ — and they will turn to blood. Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in the wooden buckets and stone jars.”

Ex. 7:20 Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood.

Ex. 7:21 The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.

Ex. 7:22 But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh’s heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said.

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Ex. 7:23 Instead, he turned and went into his palace, and did not take even this to heart.

Ex. 7:24 And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river.

Ex. 7:25 Seven days passed after the LORD struck the Nile.

Chapter 7 of Exodus in the Bible begins with God telling Moses that He will harden Pharaoh's heart so that he will not let the Israelites go, but will instead face a series of plagues that will demonstrate God's power.

Moses and Aaron then go before Pharaoh and perform a miracle in which Aaron's staff turns into a serpent. However, Pharaoh's magicians are able to replicate the miracle, leading Pharaoh to dismiss Moses and Aaron's request to let the Israelites go.

God then sends a series of plagues upon Egypt, beginning with turning the Nile River into blood. Despite this, Pharaoh's heart remains hardened and he refuses to let the Israelites go. God then sends a plague of frogs, followed by gnats and then flies, but Pharaoh still refuses to release the Israelites.

The chapter ends with the announcement of the fourth plague, in which God will send a swarm of insects to torment the Egyptians.

The key verses Chapter 7 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 7 continues the story of Moses and Aaron's confrontation with Pharaoh in their effort to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 7:

1. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet'" (Exodus 7:1): This verse shows how God appoints Moses and Aaron to speak on his behalf and perform miracles to convince Pharaoh to release the Israelites.
2. "But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the Lord had said" (Exodus 7:13): This verse shows how Pharaoh remains stubborn and refuses to release the Israelites, despite the signs and wonders that Moses and Aaron perform.
3. "The Nile will teem with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs" (Exodus 7:28): This verse shows how God sends a plague of frogs upon Egypt to punish Pharaoh for his disobedience.
4. "But the magicians did the same things by their secret arts; they also made frogs come up on the land of Egypt" (Exodus 7:22): This verse shows how Pharaoh's magicians are able to replicate some of the miracles performed by Moses and Aaron, but their power is ultimately limited compared to that of God.
5. "And when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said" (Exodus 7:13): This verse shows how Pharaoh's heart becomes even more hardened in the face of the plagues, making it increasingly difficult for Moses and Aaron to persuade him to release the Israelites.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 7:

Exodus chapter 7 marks the beginning of the showdown between Moses, Aaron, and Pharaoh as God's judgment is unleashed upon Egypt. In this chapter, Moses and Aaron confront Pharaoh, and God demonstrates His power through various miracles and signs.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the sovereignty and supremacy of God over all earthly powers. As Moses and Aaron stand before Pharaoh, God assures them of His authority and makes it clear that Pharaoh will not willingly let the Israelites go. God declares that He will multiply His signs and wonders in Egypt to bring about the release of His people and to demonstrate His power to both the Egyptians and the Israelites.

Throughout this chapter, God displays His power through the miracles of turning Aaron's staff into a serpent, the transformation of the Nile River into blood, and the infestation of Egypt with frogs. These miraculous signs serve as both judgments against the false gods of Egypt and proofs of God's power and authority. They highlight the fact that God is in control and can override the natural order of things.

Another important theme in this chapter is the hardening of Pharaoh's heart. Despite witnessing the supernatural signs and experiencing the initial consequences, Pharaoh

refuses to acknowledge God's authority and continues to resist the release of the Israelites. This hardening of Pharaoh's heart sets the stage for the subsequent plagues and escalates the conflict between Pharaoh and God.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 7, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the sovereignty and power of God over all earthly powers. No human ruler or authority can stand against God when He purposes to accomplish His will. It encourages us to trust in God's ultimate authority and to recognize that His plans will prevail despite any opposition or resistance we may face.

Secondly, this chapter teaches us about the consequences of hardening our hearts against God's word and will. Pharaoh's stubbornness and refusal to submit to God's authority led to the intensification of God's judgments upon Egypt. It serves as a cautionary reminder for us to remain open and receptive to God's guidance and to be willing to respond to His calling in our lives.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 7 highlights the power of God's signs and wonders. The miracles performed by Moses and Aaron were not mere displays of supernatural power but were meant to convey a deeper message. They demonstrated God's ability to bring about both judgment and deliverance, and they served as an invitation for the Egyptians and even Pharaoh to acknowledge and turn to the one true God.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 7 reveals the sovereignty and power of God as He confronts Pharaoh and demonstrates His authority through miraculous signs. It reminds us of God's supremacy over earthly powers, the consequences of hardening our hearts, and the significance of God's signs and wonders. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a deeper trust in God's authority, openness to His guidance, and a willingness to respond to His calling in our lives.

## CHAPTER 8

Ex. 8:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.

Ex. 8:2 If you refuse to let them go, I will plague your whole country with frogs.

Ex. 8:3 The Nile will teem with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs.

Ex. 8:4 The frogs will go up on you and your people and all your officials.'"

Ex. 8:5 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your staff over the streams and canals and ponds, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt.'"

Ex. 8:6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land.

Ex. 8:7 But the magicians did the same things by their secret arts; they also made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

Ex. 8:8 Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Pray to the LORD to take the frogs away from me and my people, and I will let your people go to offer sacrifices to the LORD."

Ex. 8:9 Moses said to Pharaoh, "I leave to you the honour of setting the time for me to pray for you and your officials and your

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people that you and your houses may be rid of the frogs, except for those that remain in the Nile."

Ex. 8:10 "Tomorrow," Pharaoh said. Moses replied, "It will be as you say, so that you may know there is no-one like the LORD our God.

Ex. 8:11 The frogs will leave you and your houses, your officials and your people; they will remain only in the Nile."

Ex. 8:12 After Moses and Aaron left Pharaoh, Moses cried out to the LORD about the frogs he had brought on Pharaoh.

Ex. 8:13 And the LORD did what Moses asked. The frogs died in the houses, in the courtyards and in the fields.

Ex. 8:14 They were piled into heaps, and the land reeked of them.

Ex. 8:15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said.

Ex. 8:16 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,' and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats."

Ex. 8:17 They did this, and when Aaron stretched out his hand with the staff and struck the dust of the ground, gnats came upon men and animals. All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats.

Ex. 8:18 But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not. And the gnats were on men and animals.

Ex. 8:19 The magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the LORD had said.

Ex. 8:20 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the water and say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.

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Ex. 8:21 If you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses.

The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies, and even the ground where they are.

Ex. 8:22 "But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be

there, so that you will know that I, the LORD, am in this land.

Ex. 8:23 I will make a distinction between my people and your people. This miraculous sign will occur tomorrow.”

Ex. 8:24 And the LORD did this. Dense swarms of flies poured into Pharaoh’s palace and into the houses of his officials, and throughout Egypt the land was ruined by the flies.

Ex. 8:25 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land.”

Ex. 8:26 But Moses said, “That would not be right. The sacrifices we offer the LORD our God would be detestable to the Egyptians. And if we offer sacrifices that are detestable in their eyes, will they not stone us?

Ex. 8:27 We must take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, as he commands us.”

Ex. 8:28 Pharaoh said, “I will let you go to offer sacrifices to the LORD your God in the desert, but you must not go very far. Now pray for me.”

Ex. 8:29 Moses answered, “As soon as I leave you, I will pray to the LORD, and tomorrow the flies will leave Pharaoh and his officials and his people. Only be sure that Pharaoh does not act deceitfully again by not letting the people go to offer sacrifices to the LORD.”

Ex. 8:30 Then Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD,

Ex. 8:31 and the LORD did what Moses asked: The flies left Pharaoh and his officials and his people; not a fly remained.

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Ex. 8:32 But this time also Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the people go.

Chapter 8 of Exodus in the Bible begins with the continuation of the plagues that God sent upon Egypt. In this chapter, Moses and Aaron confront Pharaoh once again and request that he let the Israelites go, warning him of another plague if he does not comply. God then sends a plague of frogs upon the land, filling the houses, beds, and even ovens with them. Once again, Pharaoh's magicians are able to replicate the miracle, but when they are unable to remove the frogs, Pharaoh finally asks Moses to intercede with God and remove the plague.

Moses does as Pharaoh asks, and the frogs are removed from the land. However, Pharaoh once again hardens his heart and refuses to let the Israelites go, prompting God to send a plague of gnats or lice upon Egypt.

The magicians are unable to replicate this plague, and they tell Pharaoh that it is the finger of God at work. But once again, Pharaoh's heart remains hardened, and he refuses to release the Israelites.

The chapter ends with God telling Moses to confront Pharaoh again and warn him of a third plague, this time of swarms of flies.

## The key verses Chapter 8 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 8 continues the story of Moses and Aaron's confrontation with Pharaoh and the plagues that God sends upon Egypt to punish Pharaoh for his disobedience. Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 8:

1. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Go to Pharaoh and say to him, "This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me"' (Exodus 8:1): This verse shows how God instructs Moses to continue his efforts to persuade Pharaoh to release the Israelites from slavery.
2. "But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said" (Exodus 8:15): This verse shows how Pharaoh remains stubborn and refuses to release the Israelites, even after the plague of frogs is removed.
3. "But if you refuse to let them go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies, and even the ground where they are" (Exodus 8:21): This verse shows how God sends a plague of flies upon Egypt to punish Pharaoh for his disobedience.
4. "But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the Lord, am in this land" (Exodus 8:22): This verse shows how God makes a distinction between the Israelites and the Egyptians, sparing the Israelites from some of the plagues as a sign of his protection and favor.
5. "Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, 'Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land'" (Exodus 8:25): This verse shows how Pharaoh initially appears to compromise and allow the Israelites to worship their God, but he later changes his mind and refuses to release them.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 8:

Exodus chapter 8 continues the narrative of the confrontation between Moses, Aaron, and Pharaoh as God's plagues are unleashed upon Egypt. In this chapter, God sends a series of plagues upon the land, including the plagues of frogs, gnats, and flies, to compel Pharaoh to release the Israelites.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the power and judgment of God. As Pharaoh continues to harden his heart and refuse to let the Israelites go, God brings forth plagues upon Egypt. Each plague is a demonstration of God's power and a judgment against the false gods of Egypt. The plagues disrupt the normal order of things and cause great suffering and inconvenience to the Egyptians, highlighting God's sovereignty and authority.

Throughout this chapter, God displays His control over nature by bringing swarms of frogs, gnats, and flies upon the land. These plagues not only afflict the Egyptians but also serve as a direct challenge to the Egyptian deities associated with fertility, hygiene, and protection. By demonstrating His power over these false gods, God establishes Himself as the one true God who holds power over all creation.

Another important theme in this chapter is the distinction between the Israelites and the Egyptians. While the plagues affect the entire land of Egypt, the Israelites in the region of Goshen are spared from the worst of the devastation. This distinction serves as a reminder of God's protection and provision for His people in the midst of judgment and calamity.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 8, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the power and judgment of God. God is not only a loving and merciful God but also a just God who holds all authority. The plagues in this chapter serve as a reminder that God's justice will prevail, and He will hold accountable those who oppose His will.

Secondly, this chapter teaches us about the futility of false gods and idols. The plagues target the false gods of Egypt, revealing their powerlessness and inability to protect or save. It prompts us to examine our own lives and consider whether we have placed our trust and devotion in anything other than the one true God.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 8 highlights God's ability to distinguish and protect His people in the midst of chaos and judgment. Just as the Israelites in Goshen were spared from the worst of the plagues, God continues to be a refuge and source of strength for His followers today. It encourages us to trust in His provision and to seek refuge in Him during times of trial and upheaval.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 8 demonstrates the power and judgment of God through the plagues upon Egypt. It reminds us of God's sovereignty, the futility of false gods, and His ability to protect His people amidst chaos. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a deeper reverence for God, reevaluate our devotion, and find comfort in His presence and protection in all circumstances.

## CHAPTER 9

Ex. 9:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says:

"Let my people go, so that they may worship me."

Ex. 9:2 If you refuse to let them go and continue to hold them back,

Ex. 9:3 the hand of the LORD will bring a terrible plague on your livestock in the field — on your horses and donkeys and camels and on your cattle and sheep and goats.

Ex. 9:4 But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and that of Egypt, so that no animal belonging to the Israelites will die."

Ex. 9:5 The LORD set a time and said, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this in the land."

Ex. 9:6 And the next day the LORD did it: All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one animal belonging to the Israelites

died.

Ex. 9:7 Pharaoh sent men to investigate and found that not even one of the animals of the Israelites had died. Yet his heart was unyielding and he would not let the people go.

Ex. 9:8 Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Take handfuls of soot from a furnace and have Moses toss it into the air in the presence of Pharaoh.

Ex. 9:9 It will become fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, and festering boils will break out on men and animals throughout the land.”

Ex. 9:10 So they took soot from a furnace and stood before Pharaoh. Moses tossed it into the air, and festering boils broke out on men and animals.

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Ex. 9:11 The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils that were on them and on all the Egyptians.

Ex. 9:12 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said to Moses.

Ex. 9:13 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning, confront Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me,

Ex. 9:14 or this time I will send the full force of my plagues against you and against your officials and your people, so you may know that there is no-one like me in all the earth.

Ex. 9:15 For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth.

Ex. 9:16 But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

Ex. 9:17 You still set yourself against my people and will not let them go.

Ex. 9:18 Therefore, at this time tomorrow I will send the worst hailstorm that has ever fallen on Egypt, from the day it was founded till now.

Ex. 9:19 Give an order now to bring your livestock and everything you have in the field to a place of shelter, because the hail will fall on every man and animal that has not been brought in and is still out in the field, and they will die.”

Ex. 9:20 Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word of the LORD hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside.

Ex. 9:21 But those who ignored the word of the LORD left their slaves and livestock in the field.

Ex. 9:22 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand



towards the sky so that hail will fall all over Egypt — on men  
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and animals and on everything growing in the fields of  
Egypt.”

Ex. 9:23 When Moses stretched out his staff towards the sky, the  
LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to  
the ground. So the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt;

Ex. 9:24 hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst  
storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation.

Ex. 9:25 Throughout Egypt hail struck everything in the fields —  
both men and animals; it beat down everything growing in the  
fields and stripped every tree.

Ex. 9:26 The only place it did not hail was the land of Goshen, where  
the Israelites were.

Ex. 9:27 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron. “This time I  
have sinned,” he said to them. “The LORD is in the right, and  
I and my people are in the wrong.

Ex. 9:28 Pray to the LORD, for we have had enough thunder and hail.  
I will let you go; you don’t have to stay any longer.”

Ex. 9:29 Moses replied, “When I have gone out of the city, I will  
spread out my hands in prayer to the LORD. The thunder will  
stop and there will be no more hail, so you may know that the  
earth is the LORD’s.

Ex. 9:30 But I know that you and your officials still do not fear the  
LORD God.”

Ex. 9:31 (The flax and barley were destroyed, since the barley was in  
the ear and the flax was in bloom.

Ex. 9:32 The wheat and spelt, however, were not destroyed, because  
they ripen later.)

Ex. 9:33 Then Moses left Pharaoh and went out of the city. He spread  
out his hands towards the LORD; the thunder and hail  
stopped, and the rain no longer poured down on the land.

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Ex. 9:34 When Pharaoh saw that the rain and hail and thunder had  
stopped, he sinned again: He and his officials hardened their  
hearts.

Ex. 9:35 So Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not let the  
Israelites go, just as the LORD had said through Moses.

Chapter 9 of Exodus in the Bible continues the account of the plagues that God sent upon  
Egypt. In this chapter, God sends a plague of livestock disease upon the land, killing all  
of the cattle and livestock belonging to the Egyptians.

However, the Israelites' livestock remain unharmed, as God had promised. Despite this,  
Pharaoh still refuses to let the Israelites go.

God then sends a plague of boils upon the people and animals of Egypt, causing painful sores and boils to break out all over their bodies. Even Pharaoh's magicians are unable to stand before Moses and Aaron because of the boils.

God then warns Pharaoh of a hailstorm that will strike Egypt and destroy everything that is left in the fields. Pharaoh's officials are warned to take shelter, but Pharaoh himself does not listen.

The hailstorm comes as predicted and destroys everything that is in the fields, except for the crops of the Israelites in Goshen, which remain unharmed. Despite this, Pharaoh still refuses to let the Israelites go.

The chapter ends with God warning Pharaoh of a plague of locusts that will come and devour all of the remaining crops and vegetation in the land if he still refuses to release the Israelites.

the key verses Chapter 9 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 9 continues the story of the plagues that God sends upon Egypt to punish Pharaoh for his disobedience.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 9:

1. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Go to Pharaoh and say to him, "This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may worship me'"' (Exodus 9:1): This verse shows how God instructs Moses to continue his efforts to persuade Pharaoh to release the Israelites.
2. "But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said to Moses" (Exodus 9:12): This verse shows how Pharaoh remains stubborn and refuses to release the Israelites, even after being struck with a severe plague of boils.
3. "But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth" (Exodus 9:16): This verse shows how God intends to use the plagues and the confrontation with Pharaoh as a means of demonstrating his power and making his name known throughout the world.
4. "But those who refused to take refuge from the hailstones still lost everything and had their crops destroyed" (Exodus 9:25): This verse shows how God sends a devastating hailstorm upon Egypt as part of his judgment against Pharaoh and the Egyptians.
5. "Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron. 'This time I have sinned,' he said to them. 'The Lord is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong'" (Exodus 9:27): This verse shows how Pharaoh temporarily acknowledges his guilt and the righteousness of God, but he later changes his mind and refuses to release the Israelites.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 9:

Exodus chapter 9 continues the account of the plagues that God sends upon Egypt as a means to secure the release of the Israelites. In this chapter, God unleashes the plagues of livestock disease, boils, and hail, demonstrating His power and authority over creation.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the relentless pursuit of God's justice and deliverance. Despite Pharaoh's continued resistance and refusal to release the Israelites, God persists in His mission to free His people and reveal His glory. The plagues serve as acts of judgment against Egypt's false gods and a demonstration of God's power to deliver His people from oppression.

Throughout this chapter, God brings devastation upon the land of Egypt. The plague of livestock disease results in the death of all the livestock belonging to the Egyptians, while the plague of boils inflicts painful sores upon both humans and animals. Additionally, God sends a severe hailstorm, destroying crops, trees, and everything exposed to the elements. These plagues further demonstrate God's supremacy over creation and His ability to wield His power for both judgment and deliverance.

Another important theme in this chapter is the hardening of Pharaoh's heart. Despite witnessing the devastating consequences of the plagues, Pharaoh remains unyielding and refuses to acknowledge God's authority. His heart becomes increasingly hardened, and he continues to resist the release of the Israelites, intensifying the conflict between himself and God.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 9, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the relentless pursuit of justice and deliverance by God. God does not abandon His people or give up on His mission. In our own lives, we can trust that God is at work, even in the face of persistent challenges and oppression, and His justice will ultimately prevail.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the consequences of a hardened heart. Pharaoh's refusal to acknowledge God's authority and release the Israelites leads to further devastation and suffering. It serves as a reminder for us to cultivate a responsive and humble heart towards God, willing to submit to His will and purposes in our lives.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 9 highlights the power and sovereignty of God over creation. The plagues demonstrate God's ability to control and manipulate natural elements to accomplish His purposes. They remind us that God is not only transcendent but also immanent, actively involved in the world and capable of working through the ordinary and extraordinary aspects of life.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 9 showcases God's relentless pursuit of justice and deliverance, His authority over creation, and the consequences of a hardened heart. It encourages us to trust in God's justice, examine the condition of our own hearts, and recognize His power and sovereignty over all aspects of life. By reflecting on these lessons, we can align ourselves with God's purposes, humbly submit to His authority, and find hope in His unwavering pursuit of justice and deliverance.

## CHAPTER 10

Ex. 10:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for I have

hardened his heart and the hearts of his officials so that I may perform these miraculous signs of mine among them

Ex. 10:2 that you may tell your children and grandchildren how I dealt harshly with the Egyptians and how I performed my signs among them, and that you may know that I am the LORD.”

Ex. 10:3 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, so that they may worship me.

Ex. 10:4 If you refuse to let them go, I will bring locusts into your country tomorrow.

Ex. 10:5 They will cover the face of the ground so that it cannot be seen. They will devour what little you have left after the hail, including every tree that is growing in your fields.

Ex. 10:6 They will fill your houses and those of all your officials and all the Egyptians — something neither your fathers nor your forefathers have ever seen from the day they settled in this land till now.’” Then Moses turned and left Pharaoh.

Ex. 10:7 Pharaoh’s officials said to him, “How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the people go, so that they may worship the LORD their God. Do you not yet realise that Egypt is ruined?”

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Ex. 10:8 Then Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. “Go, worship the LORD your God,” he said. “But just who will be going?”

Ex. 10:9 Moses answered, “We will go with our young and old, with our sons and daughters, and with our flocks and herds, because we are to celebrate a festival to the LORD.”

Ex. 10:10 Pharaoh said, “The LORD be with you — if I let you go, along with your women and children! Clearly you are bent on evil.

Ex. 10:11 No! Let only the men go; and worship the LORD, since that’s what you have been asking for.” Then Moses and Aaron were driven out of Pharaoh’s presence.

Ex. 10:12 And the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over Egypt so that locusts will swarm over the land and devour everything growing in the fields, everything left by the hail.”

Ex. 10:13 So Moses stretched out his staff over Egypt, and the LORD made an east wind blow across the land all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts;

Ex. 10:14 they invaded all Egypt and settled down in every area of the country in great numbers. Never before had there been such a plague of locusts, nor will there ever be again.

Ex. 10:15 They covered all the ground until it was black. They devoured all that was left after the hail — everything growing

in the fields and the fruit on the trees. Nothing green remained on tree or plant in all the land of Egypt.

Ex. 10:16 Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you.

Ex. 10:17 Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the LORD your God to take this deadly plague away from me.”

Ex. 10:18 Moses then left Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD.

Ex. 10:19 And the LORD changed the wind to a very strong west wind, which caught up the locusts and carried them into the Red Sea. Not a locust was left anywhere in Egypt.

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Ex. 10:20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go.

Ex. 10:21 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand towards the sky so that darkness will spread over Egypt — darkness that can be felt.”

Ex. 10:22 So Moses stretched out his hand towards the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days.

Ex. 10:23 No-one could see anyone else or leave his place for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

Ex. 10:24 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, “Go, worship the LORD. Even your women and children may go with you; only leave your flocks and herds behind.”

Ex. 10:25 But Moses said, “You must allow us to have sacrifices and burnt offerings to present to the LORD our God.

Ex. 10:26 Our livestock too must go with us; not a hoof is to be left behind. We have to use some of them in worshipping the LORD our God, and until we get there we will not know what we are to use to worship the LORD.”

Ex. 10:27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he was not willing to let them go.

Ex. 10:28 Pharaoh said to Moses, “Get out of my sight! Make sure you do not appear before me again! The day you see my face you will die.”

Ex. 10:29 “Just as you say,” Moses replied, “I will never appear before you again.”

Chapter 10 of Exodus in the Bible continues the account of the plagues that God sent upon Egypt. In this chapter, God sends a plague of locusts upon the land, which devours all of the remaining crops and vegetation that had not been destroyed by the previous hailstorm.

Pharaoh finally begins to realize the severity of the situation and asks Moses and Aaron to intercede with God on his behalf, promising to let the Israelites go. However, once the locusts are removed, Pharaoh changes his mind and refuses to let the Israelites go.

God then sends a plague of darkness upon the land of Egypt, causing a thick and oppressive darkness to cover the land for three days. The darkness is so intense that the Egyptians cannot even see one another or move about for the entire duration of the plague.

Despite the severity of the plagues, Pharaoh still refuses to let the Israelites go. God then warns Moses of the final and most devastating plague that is to come - the death of all the firstborn sons of Egypt.

The chapter ends with Moses warning Pharaoh of the coming plague and Pharaoh's continued refusal to let the Israelites go.

the key verses Chapter 10 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 10 continues the story of the plagues that God sends upon Egypt to punish Pharaoh for his disobedience.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 10:

1. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his officials so that I may perform these signs of mine among them'" (Exodus 10:1): This verse shows how God is using the confrontation with Pharaoh and the plagues to demonstrate his power and bring about his purposes.
2. "Pharaoh's officials said to him, 'How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the people go, so that they may worship the Lord their God. Do you not yet realize that Egypt is ruined?'" (Exodus 10:7): This verse shows how some of Pharaoh's officials begin to recognize the folly of resisting God and urge him to release the Israelites.
3. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over Egypt so that locusts swarm over the land and devour everything growing in the fields, everything left by the hail'" (Exodus 10:12): This verse shows how God sends a plague of locusts upon Egypt to punish Pharaoh for his continued disobedience.
4. "Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, 'I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you. Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the Lord your God to take this deadly plague away from me'" (Exodus 10:16-17): This verse shows how Pharaoh temporarily acknowledges his guilt and asks for forgiveness, but he later changes his mind and refuses to release the Israelites.
5. "Then the Lord changed the wind to a very strong west wind, which caught up the locusts and carried them into the Red Sea. Not a locust was left anywhere in Egypt" (Exodus 10:19): This verse shows how God removes the plague of locusts from Egypt, but Pharaoh still refuses to release the Israelites.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 10:

Exodus chapter 10 continues the account of the plagues that God sends upon Egypt in order to secure the release of the Israelites. In this chapter, God unleashes the plagues of locusts and darkness upon the land, further demonstrating His power and authority.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the relentlessness of God's pursuit of freedom for His people. Despite Pharaoh's ongoing resistance and refusal to release the Israelites,

God continues to bring forth plagues that disrupt and devastate Egypt. The plagues serve as both acts of judgment against the false gods of Egypt and as a means of demonstrating God's power to deliver His people from bondage.

Throughout this chapter, God sends a swarm of locusts that covers the land, devouring every green plant and crop. This plague brings widespread devastation and scarcity to Egypt. Following this, God envelops the land in a thick darkness that lasts for three days, a darkness so intense that it can be felt. These plagues serve as powerful signs of God's authority over nature and His ability to bring about both judgment and deliverance.

Another important theme in this chapter is the ongoing hardening of Pharaoh's heart. Despite witnessing the destruction caused by the plagues, Pharaoh remains obstinate and refuses to release the Israelites. His heart becomes further hardened, intensifying the conflict between him and God.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 10, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of God's determination to bring about freedom and deliverance for His people. Just as God relentlessly pursued the liberation of the Israelites, we can trust that God is actively working for our freedom from bondage, oppression, and sin. His love and commitment to our well-being are unwavering.

Secondly, this chapter underscores the consequences of a hardened heart. Pharaoh's continued resistance and refusal to acknowledge God's authority bring about further devastation and suffering for the Egyptians. It serves as a reminder for us to examine our own hearts and be open to God's leading, lest our stubbornness and pride lead to destructive consequences.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 10 highlights the power and sovereignty of God over all creation. The plagues of locusts and darkness reveal God's ability to manipulate the natural elements and disrupt the order of things. They remind us that God is in control of the universe and that His power extends far beyond human comprehension.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 10 showcases God's relentless pursuit of freedom, His authority over creation, and the consequences of a hardened heart. It calls us to trust in God's determination to bring about deliverance in our lives, to examine the condition of our hearts, and to acknowledge His power and sovereignty. By reflecting on these lessons, we can surrender our hearts to God, trust in His plans, and find hope in His ability to bring freedom and deliverance.

## CHAPTER 11

Ex. 11:1 Now the LORD said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely.

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Ex. 11:2 Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their

neighbours for articles of silver and gold.”

Ex. 11:3 (The LORD made the Egyptians favourably disposed towards the people, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh’s officials and by the people.)

Ex. 11:4 So Moses said, “This is what the LORD says: ‘About midnight I will go throughout Egypt.

Ex. 11:5 Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the slave girl, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well.

Ex. 11:6 There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt — worse than there has ever been or ever will be again.

Ex. 11:7 But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any man or animal.’ Then you will know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

Ex. 11:8 All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me and saying, ‘Go, you and all the people who follow you!’ After that I will leave.” Then Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh.

Ex. 11:9 The LORD had said to Moses, “Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you — so that my wonders may be multiplied in Egypt.”

Ex. 11:10 Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh, but the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go out of his country.

Chapter 11 of Exodus in the Bible describes God's warning to Pharaoh and the Egyptians that the tenth and final plague, the death of the firstborn, would occur.

God spoke to Moses and told him that after this plague, Pharaoh would finally let the Israelites leave Egypt. God instructed Moses to have the Israelites ask their Egyptian neighbors for gold, silver, and clothing, and the Egyptians would give it to them as a way of compensating them for their years of slavery.

Moses then relayed this warning to Pharaoh, but the stubborn ruler still refused to let the Israelites leave. The chapter ends with God telling Moses to inform the Israelites to prepare for the final plague by sacrificing a lamb and putting its blood on the doorposts of their homes so that the angel of death would pass over them and spare their firstborn.

The key verses Chapter 11 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 11 describes the final plague that God sends upon Egypt to punish Pharaoh for his disobedience. Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 11:

1. "Now the Lord had said to Moses, 'I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely'" (Exodus 11:1): This verse shows how God is preparing to send the most devastating plague yet upon Egypt as a final judgment against Pharaoh.



2. "During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, 'Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me'" (Exodus 11:8-9): This verse shows how Pharaoh finally relents and agrees to release the Israelites, but he still does not acknowledge the Lord as God.
3. "The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians" (Exodus 11:3): This verse shows how God had caused the Egyptians to show kindness to the Israelites and even give them valuable gifts as they prepared to leave Egypt.
4. "Moses said, 'This is what the Lord says: About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again'" (Exodus 11:4-6): This verse shows how God is preparing to send the final and most devastating plague upon Egypt, in which the firstborn of every household and animal will die.
5. "So Moses said to Pharaoh, 'This is what the Lord says: "About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. The firstborn son in Egypt will die, but the firstborn son in Egypt who is seated on the throne will be spared'" " (Exodus 11:4-5): This verse shows how Moses warns Pharaoh of the impending plague and the only way to escape it by having the Israelites mark their doorposts with the blood of a lamb, thus initiating the Passover feast.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 11:

Exodus chapter 11 serves as a prelude to the final and most devastating plague that God will bring upon Egypt. In this chapter, God announces the coming of the tenth plague—the death of the firstborn—and prepares the Israelites for their eventual departure from Egypt.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the fulfillment of God's promises and the culmination of His plan. Throughout the book of Exodus, God has been working to deliver His people from slavery in Egypt. In chapter 11, the stage is set for the final act of God's judgment and the subsequent liberation of the Israelites. God reveals His intention to strike down every firstborn in Egypt, including Pharaoh's own son, as a means to break Pharaoh's resolve and compel him to release the Israelites.

Another important theme in this chapter is the distinction between the Israelites and the Egyptians. God instructs Moses to tell the Israelites to ask their Egyptian neighbors for articles of silver and gold, which foreshadows the spoils they will receive as they leave Egypt. This distinction serves as a reminder of God's favor and provision for His chosen people, setting them apart from the Egyptians.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 11, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the faithfulness of God in fulfilling His promises. God had promised the

Israelites deliverance from Egypt, and in this chapter, we see the final pieces falling into place. It encourages us to trust in God's faithfulness and to hold onto His promises, even when circumstances may seem uncertain or difficult.

Secondly, this chapter reminds us of the consequences of disobedience and resistance to God's will. Despite witnessing the devastation brought upon Egypt through the previous plagues, Pharaoh still refuses to let the Israelites go. His hardened heart and refusal to acknowledge God's authority ultimately lead to the loss of his own son and the final act of God's judgment. It serves as a sobering reminder for us to humbly submit to God's will and to heed His call in our lives.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 11 highlights God's distinction and provision for His people. Just as the Israelites were set apart from the Egyptians and received valuable possessions as they prepared to leave, we too are called to live in a way that distinguishes us as God's chosen people. We can trust in God's provision for our needs and find comfort in His guidance as we journey through life.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 11 signifies the fulfillment of God's promises, the consequences of disobedience, and God's provision for His chosen people. It encourages us to trust in God's faithfulness, heed His call, and live in a way that reflects our identity as His chosen people. By reflecting on these lessons, we can deepen our trust in God's plans, align ourselves with His will, and find comfort in His provision and guidance.

## CHAPTER 12

Ex. 12:1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,

Ex. 12:2 “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.

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Ex. 12:3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

Ex. 12:4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

Ex. 12:5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.

Ex. 12:6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

Ex. 12:7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs.

Ex. 12:8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire,

along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.

Ex. 12:9 Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire — head, legs and inner parts.

Ex. 12:10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

Ex. 12:11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

Ex. 12:12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn — both men and animals — and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

Ex. 12:13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

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Ex. 12:14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD — a lasting ordinance.

Ex. 12:15 For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day until the seventh must be cut off from Israel.

Ex. 12:16 On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat — that is all you may do.

Ex. 12:17 "Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come.

Ex. 12:18 In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day.

Ex. 12:19 For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or native born.

Ex. 12:20 Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread."

Ex. 12:21 Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb.

Ex. 12:22 Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the door-frame. Not one of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

Ex. 12:23 When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the

door-frame and will pass over that doorway, and he will not  
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permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you  
down.

Ex. 12:24 “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and  
your descendants.

Ex. 12:25 When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he  
promised, observe this ceremony.

Ex. 12:26 And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony  
mean to you?’

Ex. 12:27 then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who  
passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared  
our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the  
people bowed down and worshipped.

Ex. 12:28 The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses  
and Aaron.

Ex. 12:29 At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in  
Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne,  
to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and  
the firstborn of all the livestock as well.

Ex. 12:30 Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up  
during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for  
there was not a house without someone dead.

Ex. 12:31 During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and  
said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go,  
worship the LORD as you have requested.

Ex. 12:32 Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And  
also bless me.”

Ex. 12:33 The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the  
country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!”

Ex. 12:34 So the people took their dough before the yeast was added,  
and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped  
in clothing.

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Ex. 12:35 The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the  
Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.

Ex. 12:36 The LORD had made the Egyptians favourably disposed  
towards the people, and they gave them what they asked for;  
so they plundered the Egyptians.

Ex. 12:37 The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth. There  
were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides  
women and children.

Ex. 12:38 Many other people went up with them, as well as large  
droves of livestock, both flocks and herds.

Ex. 12:39 With the dough they had brought from Egypt, they baked  
cakes of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast

because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves.

Ex. 12:40 Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years.

Ex. 12:41 At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt.

Ex. 12:42 Because the LORD kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honour the LORD for the generations to come.

Ex. 12:43 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "These are the regulations for the Passover: "No foreigner is to eat of it.

Ex. 12:44 Any slave you have bought may eat of it after you have circumcised him,

Ex. 12:45 but a temporary resident and a hired worker may not eat of it.

Ex. 12:46 "It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones.

Ex. 12:47 The whole community of Israel must celebrate it.

Ex. 12:48 "An alien living among you who wants to celebrate the LORD's Passover must have all the males in his household

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circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land.

No uncircumcised male may eat of it.

Ex. 12:49 The same law applies to the native-born and to the alien living among you."

Ex. 12:50 All the Israelites did just what the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.

Ex. 12:51 And on that very day the LORD brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.

Chapter 12 of Exodus in the Bible describes the final plague, the death of the firstborn, and how the Israelites should prepare for it.

God instructs Moses and Aaron to tell the Israelites to choose a lamb or goat, slaughter it, and mark their doorposts with its blood. They are to roast the meat and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. This meal is called the Passover, and it is to be eaten in haste, with their sandals on and staff in hand, ready to leave Egypt.

That night, God strikes down every firstborn in Egypt, but passes over the houses of the Israelites who have followed His instructions. Pharaoh finally agrees to let the Israelites leave Egypt, and they begin their journey to the Promised Land.

God commands the Israelites to observe the Passover every year as a reminder of their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. The chapter ends with the departure of the Israelites and the Egyptians giving them gold, silver, and clothing as compensation for their years of slavery.

The key verses Chapter 12 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 12 describes the Passover feast and the final judgment against Egypt, as the Israelites prepare to leave Egypt. Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 12:

1. "The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 'This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household'" (Exodus 12:1-3): This verse establishes the Passover feast, a celebration that commemorates God's deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.
2. "Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs" (Exodus 12:7): This verse describes the ritual of marking the doorposts with the blood of a lamb, as a sign for God to pass over that household and spare them from the final plague.
3. "And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians'" (Exodus 12:26-27): This verse emphasizes the importance of passing down the tradition of the Passover feast to future generations.
4. "The Israelites did just what the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron" (Exodus 12:28): This verse shows the obedience of the Israelites to God's instructions for the Passover feast.
5. "At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well" (Exodus 12:29): This verse describes the final judgment against Egypt, in which the firstborn of every household and animal died, except for the Israelites who had marked their doorposts with the blood of a lamb.
6. "The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. 'For otherwise,' they said, 'we will all die!'" (Exodus 12:33): This verse shows how the Egyptians were eager to see the Israelites leave after the final judgment.
7. "The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Sukkoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children" (Exodus 12:37): This verse gives an estimate of the number of Israelites who left Egypt, highlighting the great multitude that God had delivered from slavery.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 12:

Exodus chapter 12 is a pivotal chapter in the book of Exodus as it describes the institution of the Passover and the final act of God's deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt. This chapter marks a turning point in their journey from slavery to freedom.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the redemption and salvation provided by God through the Passover. God instructs Moses and Aaron to prepare the Israelites for their departure from Egypt by observing the Passover feast. They are to take a lamb without blemish, sacrifice it, and apply its blood to the doorposts of their houses. The blood of the lamb acts as a sign of protection, ensuring that the destroyer would pass over their homes and spare their firstborn.

Through the Passover, God demonstrates His power and mercy, showing Himself as the ultimate deliverer and redeemer. The lamb's blood represents the sacrifice that atones for sin and provides a way for the Israelites to be spared from the judgment and death that comes upon Egypt. This foreshadows the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, whose blood redeems and saves all who believe in Him.

Another important theme in this chapter is the call to remember and celebrate the Passover as a perpetual observance for future generations. God commands the Israelites to commemorate the deliverance from Egypt by observing the Passover feast annually. This serves as a reminder of God's faithfulness, His redemption, and His covenant relationship with His people.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 12, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the power of God's redemption and salvation. Just as the blood of the Passover lamb protected the Israelites from judgment, the blood of Jesus Christ offers us forgiveness and deliverance from sin and death. It is through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that we can experience true freedom and new life.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the importance of remembering God's faithfulness and redemption. The Passover feast was instituted as a perpetual observance to ensure that future generations would not forget God's deliverance. In our own lives, we are called to remember and celebrate God's faithfulness and redemption, both individually and corporately. We can do this through regular worship, communion, and testimonies of God's work in our lives.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 12 highlights the significance of obedience and faith in God's instructions. The Israelites were called to trust in God's provision and faithfully follow His commands regarding the Passover. Their obedience and faith opened the way for God's deliverance. In our own lives, we are called to obey God's Word and trust in His guidance, knowing that He will lead us to freedom and fulfill His promises.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 12 portrays the institution of the Passover as a powerful symbol of God's redemption and deliverance. It calls us to embrace the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, remember God's faithfulness, and walk in obedience and faith. By reflecting on these lessons, we can experience the freedom and salvation offered by God, celebrate His faithfulness, and live in a way that honors Him and shares His redemptive love with others.

## CHAPTER 13

Ex. 13:1 The LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 13:2 “Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether man or animal.”

Ex. 13:3 Then Moses said to the people, “Commemorate this day, the

day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery,  
because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand.  
Eat nothing containing yeast.

Ex. 13:4 Today, in the month of Abib, you are leaving.

Ex. 13:5 When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites,  
Hittites, Amorites, Hivites and Jebusites — the land he swore  
to your forefathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and  
honey — you are to observe this ceremony in this month:

Ex. 13:6 For seven days eat bread made without yeast and on the  
seventh day hold a festival to the LORD.

Ex. 13:7 Eat unleavened bread during those seven days; nothing with  
yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be  
seen anywhere within your borders.

Ex. 13:8 On that day tell your son, ‘I do this because of what the  
LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.’

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Ex. 13:9 This observance will be for you like a sign on your hand and  
a reminder on your forehead that the law of the LORD is to  
be on your lips. For the LORD brought you out of Egypt  
with his mighty hand.

Ex. 13:10 You must keep this ordinance at the appointed time year after  
year.

Ex. 13:11 “After the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites  
and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your  
forefathers,

Ex. 13:12 you are to give over to the LORD the first offspring of every  
womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the  
LORD.

Ex. 13:13 Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not  
redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your  
sons.

Ex. 13:14 “In days to come when your son asks you, ‘What does this  
mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the LORD brought  
us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Ex. 13:15 When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD  
killed every firstborn in Egypt, both man and animal. This is  
why I sacrifice to the LORD the first male offspring of every  
womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.’

Ex. 13:16 And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your  
forehead that the LORD brought us out of Egypt with his  
mighty hand.”

Ex. 13:17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on  
the road through the Philistine country, though that was  
shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change  
their minds and return to Egypt.”

Ex. 13:18 So God led the people around by the desert road towards the



Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle.

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Ex. 13:19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place."

Ex. 13:20 After leaving Succoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert.

Ex. 13:21 By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.

Ex. 13:22 Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people

Chapter 13 of Exodus in the Bible describes the consecration of the firstborn and the Israelites' departure from Egypt.

God instructs Moses to consecrate every firstborn male, both human and animal, to Him as a reminder of the night He spared the Israelites' firstborn during the final plague in Egypt. The Israelites are also commanded to observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, to be eaten for seven days, and to refrain from eating any leavened bread during this time. God leads the Israelites with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, guiding them towards the Red Sea. When Pharaoh hears that the Israelites have left Egypt, he changes his mind and sets out after them with his army.

The chapter ends with the Israelites encamped at the Red Sea, with Pharaoh and his army approaching from behind. Despite their fear, God commands Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea, and the waters part, allowing the Israelites to cross on dry ground.

the key verses Chapter 13 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 13 focuses on the consecration of the firstborn and the beginning of the Israelites' journey out of Egypt.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 13:

1. "Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal" (Exodus 13:2): This verse establishes the concept of consecrating the firstborn to God, as a reminder of how God spared the Israelite firstborn during the final plague in Egypt.
2. "This observance will be for you like a sign on your hand and a reminder on your forehead that this law of the Lord is to be on your lips. For the Lord brought you out of Egypt with his mighty hand" (Exodus 13:9): This verse emphasizes the importance of remembering and observing the consecration of the firstborn, as a way of keeping God's law on their lips and in their hearts.
3. "When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, 'If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt'" (Exodus 13:17): This verse shows how God guided the Israelites on their journey, avoiding the more direct route through Philistine territory to protect them from potential conflict.

4. "By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night" (Exodus 13:21): This verse highlights the miraculous nature of God's guidance, providing a visible sign in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.
5. "Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, 'God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place'" (Exodus 13:19): This verse shows how the Israelites honored Joseph's dying request to have his bones carried with them as a reminder of their connection to their ancestry.

Overall, Exodus chapter 13 emphasizes the importance of consecration to God and the guidance and protection that God provided to the Israelites on their journey out of Egypt.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 13:

Exodus chapter 13 continues the narrative of the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. In this chapter, God provides instructions to the Israelites regarding the consecration of the firstborn, the observance of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the guidance through the pillar of cloud and fire.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the significance of consecration and remembrance. God commands the Israelites to consecrate every firstborn—both of humans and animals—as a reminder of the deliverance He brought about in Egypt. The firstborn sons are to be redeemed, symbolizing their consecration to God and His ownership of their lives. This act serves as a continual reminder of God's faithfulness and their response of dedication to Him.

Additionally, God instructs the Israelites to observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread as a commemoration of their hasty departure from Egypt. The unleavened bread symbolizes their need to leave quickly and signifies their separation from the sinful ways of Egypt. This feast is to be observed annually as a reminder of God's deliverance and their commitment to live in obedience to Him.

Another important theme in this chapter is God's guidance and provision through the pillar of cloud and fire. God leads the Israelites by manifesting His presence in a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night. This visible sign serves as a constant reminder of God's faithfulness, His guidance, and His presence with them on their journey.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 13, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of consecration and dedication to God. Just as the Israelites were called to consecrate their firstborn and acknowledge God's ownership over their lives, we too are called to consecrate ourselves and surrender our lives to God. It is through this consecration that we can experience a deeper intimacy with Him and align our lives with His purposes.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the significance of remembrance. The Israelites were instructed to observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread as a way to remember God's deliverance and their commitment to live according to His ways. In our own lives, we are called to remember God's faithfulness, His deliverance, and the covenant relationship we have with Him. This can be done through various practices such as regular worship, prayer, reading and studying the Scriptures, and participating in the Lord's Supper.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 13 highlights God's guidance and provision in our journey of faith. Just as the pillar of cloud and fire led the Israelites, we can trust that God is with us every step of the way, guiding us, protecting us, and providing for our needs. We can rely on His presence and seek His guidance through prayer, meditation, and listening to His voice.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 13 emphasizes the importance of consecration, remembrance, and God's guidance in the lives of the Israelites. It calls us to consecrate ourselves to God, remember His faithfulness, and seek His guidance and provision in our journey of faith. By reflecting on these lessons, we can deepen our commitment to God, remember His work in our lives, and trust in His guidance as we walk with Him.

#### CHAPTER 14

Ex. 14:1 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 14:2 “Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to camp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon.

Ex. 14:3 Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’

Ex. 14:4 And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” So the Israelites did this.

Ex. 14:5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!”

Ex. 14:6 So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him.

Ex. 14:7 He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them.

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Ex. 14:8 The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly.

Ex. 14:9 The Egyptians — all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops — pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

Ex. 14:10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there

were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD.

Ex. 14:11 They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?”

Ex. 14:12 Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

Ex. 14:13 Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.

Ex. 14:14 The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

Ex. 14:15 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

Ex. 14:16 Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

Ex. 14:17 I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

Ex. 14:18 The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

Ex. 14:19 Then the angel of God, who had been travelling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them,

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Ex. 14:20 coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other; so neither went near the other all night long.

Ex. 14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,

Ex. 14:22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

Ex. 14:23 The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea.

Ex. 14:24 During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion.

Ex. 14:25 He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Ex. 14:26 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.”

Ex. 14:27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing towards it, and the LORD swept them into the sea.

Ex. 14:28 The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen — the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

Ex. 14:29 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

Ex. 14:30 That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.

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Ex. 14:31 And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Chapter 14 of Exodus in the Bible describes the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites and the destruction of the pursuing Egyptian army.

As the Israelites approach the Red Sea, they see Pharaoh's army closing in on them. They become afraid and complain to Moses that they would rather have stayed in Egypt than die in the wilderness. Moses tells the Israelites to trust in God and that He will fight for them.

God commands Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea, and the waters part, allowing the Israelites to cross on dry ground. The pillar of cloud that had been guiding the Israelites moves behind them, blocking the Egyptians from pursuing them. The Israelites cross safely to the other side, but when the Egyptians try to follow, the waters close in on them, drowning them all.

The Israelites witness the power of God and praise Him for His deliverance. They continue their journey through the wilderness towards the land of Canaan.

the key verses Chapter 14 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 14 describes the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites as they flee from Egypt.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 14:

1. "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still" (Exodus 14:14): This verse is a reminder from Moses to the Israelites that they don't need to fear, because God will fight for them and protect them.
2. "Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left" (Exodus 14:21-22): This passage describes the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites, with the waters parting to create a dry pathway through the sea.
3. "The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it

into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, 'Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt'" (Exodus 14:23-25): This passage describes how the Egyptians pursued the Israelites into the sea, but God intervened to protect the Israelites and cause confusion among the Egyptian army.

4. "The Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant" (Exodus 14:29-31): This passage describes how the Israelites safely crossed the Red Sea, while the Egyptian army was destroyed, and the Israelites responded by fearing and trusting in the Lord.

Overall, Exodus chapter 14 emphasizes the miraculous nature of God's protection and provision for the Israelites, as they flee from Egypt and cross the Red Sea.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 14:

Exodus chapter 14 recounts one of the most significant events in the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the Promised Land—the crossing of the Red Sea. This chapter showcases God's mighty deliverance and His faithfulness to His people in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the demonstration of God's power and sovereignty over nature. As the Israelites find themselves trapped between the Red Sea and the pursuing Egyptian army, they become fearful and lose hope. But God, in His faithfulness, intervenes and performs a miraculous deliverance. He instructs Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea, and the waters are parted, creating a dry path for the Israelites to cross on dry ground. God then brings the waters crashing down upon the pursuing Egyptians, effectively saving His people and overthrowing their oppressors.

Another important theme in this chapter is the call to trust in God's guidance and deliverance. Despite the seemingly impossible situation, Moses encourages the Israelites to trust in God and stand firm in their faith. He assures them that God will fight for them, and they need only to be still. Through this event, the Israelites learn firsthand the power of God to rescue and protect them.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 14, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the power and sovereignty of God. Just as God parted the Red Sea to make a way for the Israelites, He is capable of overcoming any obstacle or challenge we may face. It encourages us to trust in His power and believe that nothing is impossible for Him.

Secondly, this chapter underscores the importance of faith and trust in God's guidance. When faced with difficult circumstances, it is easy to give in to fear and doubt. However, the example of the Israelites teaches us that even in the most desperate situations, we can

put our trust in God. We can rely on His wisdom, guidance, and provision, knowing that He is always working for our good.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 14 highlights the faithfulness of God to His promises and His people. God had promised to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and He fulfills that promise in a remarkable and dramatic way. This serves as a reminder that God is faithful to His Word and His promises to us as well. We can find hope and assurance in His faithfulness, knowing that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 14 showcases God's power, sovereignty, and faithfulness in delivering the Israelites through the parting of the Red Sea. It calls us to trust in God's power, to have faith in His guidance, and to rely on His faithfulness in our own lives. By reflecting on these lessons, we can find courage and hope in the face of challenges, knowing that God is with us and will provide a way for us to overcome.

## CHAPTER 15

Ex. 15:1 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: “I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.

Ex. 15:2 The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

Ex. 15:3 The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

Ex. 15:4 Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

Ex. 15:5 The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.

Ex. 15:6 “Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

Ex. 15:7 In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble.

Ex. 15:8 By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

Ex. 15:9 “The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’

Ex. 15:10 But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Ex. 15:11 “Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you — majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

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Ex. 15:12 You stretched out your right hand and the earth swallowed them.

Ex. 15:13 “In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have

redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

Ex. 15:14 The nations will hear and tremble; anguish will grip the people of Philistia.

Ex. 15:15 The chiefs of Edom will be terrified, the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling, the people of Canaan will melt away;

Ex. 15:16 terror and dread will fall upon them. By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone — until your people pass by, O LORD, until the people you bought pass by.

Ex. 15:17 You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance — the place, O LORD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, your hands established.

Ex. 15:18 The LORD will reign for ever and ever.”

Ex. 15:19 When Pharaoh’s horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

Ex. 15:20 Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing.

Ex. 15:21 Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.”

Ex. 15:22 Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they travelled in the desert without finding water.

Ex. 15:23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.)

Ex. 15:24 So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”

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Ex. 15:25 Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made a decree and a law for them, and there he tested them.

Ex. 15:26 He said, “If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you.”

Ex. 15:27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

Chapter 15 of Exodus in the Bible is a song of triumph and praise to God for His deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt and the destruction of their enemies at the Red Sea.



Moses and the Israelites sing a song to God, thanking Him for His power and faithfulness. They acknowledge His greatness and give Him all the glory for their victory. They also praise God for His mercy and love, and for His promise to lead them to the promised land.

The song tells the story of how God saved the Israelites from the Egyptians, describing how He parted the sea and destroyed Pharaoh's army. It also celebrates the greatness of God and His eternal reign as King.

After the song, Moses leads the people to a place called Marah, but the water there is bitter and undrinkable. God shows Moses a tree that can be used to sweeten the water, and the people are able to drink.

The chapter ends with God promising to protect the Israelites and provide for them as they journey through the wilderness. The Israelites continue on their journey, guided by God's pillar of cloud and fire.

the key verses Chapter 15 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 15 contains the Song of Moses, which is a poetic hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God for the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 15:

1. "I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea" (Exodus 15:1): This is the opening line of the Song of Moses, expressing praise to God for his power and victory over the Egyptians.
2. "The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him" (Exodus 15:2): This verse expresses the personal relationship between the Israelites and God, and their recognition of his role as their savior and protector.
3. "You stretch out your right hand, and the earth swallows your enemies" (Exodus 15:12): This verse refers to the miraculous intervention of God during the crossing of the Red Sea, when the waters were parted to create a path for the Israelites and then returned to their normal state, drowning the Egyptian army.
4. "In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling" (Exodus 15:13): This verse expresses the Israelites' confidence in God's continued protection and guidance, as they journey towards the promised land.

Overall, Exodus chapter 15 is a celebration of God's power, faithfulness, and deliverance, as the Israelites respond to their miraculous escape from Egypt with joyful praise and worship.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 15:

Exodus chapter 15 is a song of triumph and praise known as the Song of Moses or the Song of the Sea. It is a response to the miraculous deliverance of the Israelites through the parting of the Red Sea and the destruction of the pursuing Egyptian army. This chapter showcases the Israelites' exultant joy and gratitude towards God for His mighty acts of salvation.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the celebration of God's victory and His faithfulness. The Israelites, led by Moses and Miriam, burst forth in joyful praise, acknowledging God as their strength and deliverer. They celebrate His power in defeating their enemies and express their trust in Him as their God.

The Song of Moses highlights the attributes and actions of God, including His strength, holiness, and sovereignty. It recounts the greatness of God's triumph over Pharaoh and the gods of Egypt, affirming His superiority over all other powers. It emphasizes His loving-kindness and mercy towards His people, as well as His faithfulness in fulfilling His promises.

Another important theme in this chapter is the call to remember and testify to God's acts of deliverance. The Israelites were not only to celebrate their own salvation, but they were also to pass on the story of God's faithfulness to future generations. The song serves as a means of remembering and recounting God's mighty deeds and encourages others to put their trust in Him.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 15, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of praise and worship in response to God's deliverance and faithfulness. Just as the Israelites expressed their joy and gratitude through song, we too can lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. Praise not only honors God, but it also strengthens our faith and reminds us of His power and faithfulness in our lives.

Secondly, this chapter underscores the significance of remembering and testifying to God's acts of deliverance. It is important for us to regularly reflect on God's faithfulness in our own lives and share our testimonies with others. By doing so, we encourage and inspire others in their own faith journeys, and we reinforce our own trust in God's continued provision and care.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 15 encourages us to put our trust in God as our deliverer and stronghold. Just as the Israelites recognized God as their strength and protector, we can find comfort and confidence in knowing that God is our refuge and source of strength. We can trust in His faithfulness, even in the midst of challenges and trials.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 15 presents a powerful song of triumph and praise in response to God's deliverance. It calls us to celebrate and testify to God's faithfulness, to offer Him our heartfelt worship and praise, and to put our trust in Him as our deliverer. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a heart of gratitude, deepen our faith, and confidently proclaim the greatness of our God.

## CHAPTER 16

Ex. 16:1 The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of

Egypt.

Ex. 16:2 In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

Ex. 16:3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat round pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

Ex. 16:4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

Ex. 16:5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

Ex. 16:6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt,

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Ex. 16:7 and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?"

Ex. 16:8 Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."

Ex. 16:9 Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

Ex. 16:10 While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked towards the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

Ex. 16:11 The LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 16:12 "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"

Ex. 16:13 That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

Ex. 16:14 When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.

Ex. 16:15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

Ex. 16:16 This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'"

Ex. 16:17 The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little.

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Ex. 16:18 And when they measured it by the omer, he who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little. Each one gathered as much as he needed.

Ex. 16:19 Then Moses said to them, “No-one is to keep any of it until morning.”

Ex. 16:20 However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

Ex. 16:21 Each morning everyone gathered as much as he needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away.

Ex. 16:22 On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much — two omers for each person — and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses.

Ex. 16:23 He said to them, “This is what the LORD commanded: ‘Tomorrow is to be a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.’”

Ex. 16:24 So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it.

Ex. 16:25 “Eat it today,” Moses said, “because today is a Sabbath to the LORD. You will not find any of it on the ground today.

Ex. 16:26 Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.”

Ex. 16:27 Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none.

Ex. 16:28 Then the LORD said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions?

Ex. 16:29 Bear in mind that the LORD has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days.

Everyone is to stay where he is on the seventh day; no-one is to go out.”

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Ex. 16:30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

Ex. 16:31 The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

Ex. 16:32 Moses said, “This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the desert when I brought you out of Egypt.’”

Ex. 16:33 So Moses said to Aaron, “Take a jar and put an omer of manna in it. Then place it before the LORD to be kept for the generations to come.”

Ex. 16:34 As the LORD commanded Moses, Aaron put the manna in front of the Testimony, that it might be kept.

Ex. 16:35 The Israelites ate manna for forty years, until they came to a land that was settled; they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan.

Ex. 16:36 (An omer is one tenth of an ephah.)

Chapter 16 of Exodus in the Bible tells the story of how God provided manna and quail for the Israelites in the wilderness.

The Israelites complain about being hungry, so God sends them manna, a type of bread that falls from heaven every morning. He also provides quail for them to eat in the evening. God commands the Israelites to gather enough manna for each day, with the exception of the day before the Sabbath, when they are to gather enough for two days. However, some of the Israelites try to gather more than they need, but the extra manna spoils and becomes worm-infested.

Moses explains that the manna is a sign of God's provision for His people and a test of their obedience. He commands the people to keep the Sabbath holy, and they are to gather enough manna for two days before the Sabbath, so that they do not need to work on that day.

The chapter ends with the Israelites journeying to a place called Rephidim, where they face a new challenge: a lack of water. The people once again grumble and complain, but God instructs Moses to strike a rock with his staff, and water miraculously flows out of the rock, providing for the people's needs.

The key verses Chapter 16 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 16 describes how God provided manna and quail for the Israelites to eat during their journey in the wilderness. Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 16:

1. "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him" (Exodus 16:6-7): These verses indicate that God's provision of manna and quail was not only to sustain the Israelites, but also to demonstrate his power and care for his people.
2. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions'" (Exodus 16:4): This verse explains how God instructed the Israelites to gather manna each day, and highlights the purpose of this test of obedience and faith.
3. "So they gathered it every morning, each person according to their need. Then the sun grew hot and it melted away" (Exodus 16:21): This verse describes the practical details of how the Israelites collected the manna, and how it was a daily provision that could not be hoarded or stored.
4. "The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a land that was settled; they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan" (Exodus 16:35): This verse highlights the duration of God's provision of manna for the Israelites, and how it sustained them for their entire journey in the wilderness.

Overall, Exodus chapter 16 emphasizes God's provision and care for his people, while also testing their obedience and faith through the daily collection of manna. The chapter also sets the stage for the ongoing relationship between God and the Israelites during their wilderness journey.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 16:

Exodus chapter 16 continues the narrative of the Israelites' journey through the wilderness after their deliverance from Egypt. In this chapter, the Israelites grumble against Moses and Aaron due to their lack of food, and God responds by providing them with manna and quail.

One of the central themes in this chapter is God's provision and faithfulness in the midst of uncertainty. The Israelites find themselves in a desert, devoid of food and resources, and they begin to complain and grumble. However, God hears their cries and responds by providing manna, a type of bread from heaven, and quail for them to eat. This miraculous provision sustains the Israelites throughout their time in the wilderness.

The provision of manna not only meets the physical needs of the Israelites but also serves as a test of their obedience and trust in God. They are instructed to gather only enough manna for each day, except on the sixth day when they are to gather twice as much to prepare for the Sabbath. This teaches them to depend on God's daily provision and to trust that He will provide for their needs.

Another important theme in this chapter is the call to trust and obey God's commands. The Israelites are given specific instructions regarding the gathering and consumption of the manna. Some disobey and try to hoard the manna, but it spoils and becomes inedible. This highlights the importance of trusting in God's provision and following His instructions.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 16, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of God's faithfulness and provision in times of need. Just as God provided manna for the Israelites in the wilderness, He also provides for us in our daily lives. It may not always be in the form we expect, but God is faithful to meet our needs according to His perfect wisdom and timing.

Secondly, this chapter teaches us the importance of contentment and trust in God's provision. The Israelites' grumbling and desire for more food demonstrate a lack of trust and gratitude. In our own lives, we may also face moments of discontentment or a sense of scarcity. However, we are called to trust in God's provision and be content with what He has given us, knowing that He is faithful to provide for our needs.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 16 emphasizes the significance of obedience and following God's instructions. The Israelites were given specific guidelines regarding the gathering and consumption of the manna, and those who disobeyed faced consequences. Similarly,

in our own lives, obedience to God's commands and instructions is vital for our spiritual growth and well-being. It is through obedience that we align ourselves with God's will and experience the blessings He has in store for us.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 16 highlights God's provision and faithfulness to the Israelites in the wilderness. It calls us to trust in God's daily provision, to be content with what He provides, and to faithfully follow His commands. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a heart of gratitude, deepen our trust in God's provision, and walk in obedience to His Word.

## CHAPTER 17

Ex. 17:1 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

Ex. 17:2 So they quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

Ex. 17:3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

Ex. 17:4 Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

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Ex. 17:5 The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

Ex. 17:6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."

So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Ex. 17:7 And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Ex. 17:8 The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.

Ex. 17:9 Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

Ex. 17:10 So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill.

Ex. 17:11 As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

Ex. 17:12 When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up — one on one side, one on the other — so that his hands

remained steady till sunset.

Ex. 17:13 So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

Ex. 17:14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

Ex. 17:15 Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner.

Ex. 17:16 He said, "For hands were lifted up to the throne of the LORD. The LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation."

Chapter 17 of Exodus in the Bible recounts the story of how the Israelites fought against the Amalekites and how God provided water for them in the wilderness.

The Israelites are attacked by the Amalekites, and Moses commands Joshua to choose some men to go and fight against them. Meanwhile, Moses goes up to the top of a nearby hill and raises his staff towards heaven. As long as Moses holds up his staff, the Israelites are winning the battle, but when he lowers it, the Amalekites gain the upper hand. Aaron and Hur help Moses hold up his staff until the Israelites are victorious.

After the battle, God commands Moses to write down what happened and to tell Joshua that He will one day completely destroy the Amalekites.

The chapter then moves on to the Israelites' continued journey in the wilderness, where they once again complain about the lack of water. God instructs Moses to strike a rock at Horeb with his staff, and water miraculously flows out of the rock, providing for the people's needs.

The chapter ends with the Israelites continuing on their journey, led by God's guidance and provision.

The key verses Chapter 17 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 17 describes the Israelites' journey through the wilderness, and how they encountered various challenges along the way. Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 17:

1. "So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me'" (Exodus 17:4): This verse highlights the frustration and fear of Moses, as he struggles to lead the Israelites through the wilderness and faces their complaints and rebellion.
2. "The Lord answered Moses, 'Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink'" (Exodus 17:5-6): This verse describes how God provided water for the Israelites through a miracle, in response to their complaint of thirst.
3. "When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset" (Exodus 17:12): This verse describes how Moses, while standing on a hill overlooking the battle between the Israelites and the Amalekites, held up his staff as a symbol of God's presence and power.



When his arms grew tired, Aaron and Hur helped support him, allowing the Israelites to achieve victory in the battle.

4. "The Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation" (Exodus 17:16): This verse emphasizes the ongoing conflict between the Israelites and the Amalekites, which has historical and theological significance throughout the Old Testament.

Overall, Exodus chapter 17 depicts the ongoing struggles and challenges that the Israelites face as they journey through the wilderness, but also emphasizes God's provision and intervention on their behalf. The chapter also sets the stage for the ongoing conflict and warfare between the Israelites and their enemies.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 17:

Exodus chapter 17 recounts the events that took place as the Israelites continued their journey through the wilderness. In this chapter, the Israelites face a new challenge—a lack of water—and God provides water from a rock. They also face an attack from the Amalekites, and Moses intercedes for them in the battle.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the faithfulness and provision of God in the face of physical and spiritual challenges. When the Israelites grumble and complain about the lack of water, Moses cries out to God, and He instructs Moses to strike a rock with his staff. Water miraculously gushes forth from the rock, quenching the thirst of the people. This event serves as a tangible reminder of God's provision and His ability to meet their needs even in the most arid conditions.

Additionally, the battle against the Amalekites highlights the importance of prayer, intercession, and dependence on God in times of conflict. Moses, accompanied by Aaron and Hur, goes up to a hilltop overlooking the battlefield. As long as Moses keeps his hands raised in prayer, the Israelites prevail. However, when he grows weary and lowers his hands, the Amalekites gain the upper hand. Aaron and Hur come alongside Moses, supporting his hands, and the Israelites secure victory through God's power.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 17, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of God's faithfulness to provide for our physical needs. Just as God provided water from a rock for the thirsty Israelites, He is able to meet our needs in unexpected and miraculous ways. It teaches us to trust in God's provision, even when we find ourselves in challenging or barren circumstances.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the importance of prayer and intercession in times of struggle and conflict. Moses' posture of raising his hands in prayer symbolizes his dependence on God's strength and intervention. It serves as a reminder that our battles are not fought in our own strength but through God's power. It encourages us to lift our prayers to God, seeking His guidance, protection, and victory in every situation.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 17 underscores the significance of community and support in our spiritual journey. Aaron and Hur stand alongside Moses, supporting him in his

intercession. They exemplify the importance of coming alongside one another in times of need, providing encouragement, and lifting each other up in prayer. It reminds us of the strength and unity that can be found in the community of believers.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 17 reveals God's faithfulness and provision in providing water from a rock and securing victory over the Amalekites. It calls us to trust in God's provision, to engage in fervent prayer and intercession, and to seek support from our community in times of need. By reflecting on these lessons, we can deepen our trust in God's faithfulness, cultivate a lifestyle of prayer, and find strength and encouragement through our relationships with other believers.

## CHAPTER 18

Ex. 18:1 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian and father-in-law of Moses, heard of everything God had done for Moses and for his people Israel, and how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

Ex. 18:2 After Moses had sent away his wife Zipporah, his father-in-law Jethro received her

Ex. 18:3 and her two sons. One son was named Gershom, for Moses said, "I have become an alien in a foreign land";

Ex. 18:4 and the other was named Eliezer, for he said, "My father's God was my helper; he saved me from the sword of Pharaoh."

Ex. 18:5 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, together with Moses' sons and wife, came to him in the desert, where he was camped near the mountain of God.

Ex. 18:6 Jethro had sent word to him, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons."

Ex. 18:7 So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. They greeted each other and then went into the tent.

Ex. 18:8 Moses told his father-in-law about everything the LORD had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians for Israel's sake and about all the hardships they had met along the way and how the LORD had saved them.

Ex. 18:9 Jethro was delighted to hear about all the good things the LORD had done for Israel in rescuing them from the hand of the Egyptians.

Ex. 18:10 He said, "Praise be to the LORD, who rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and of Pharaoh, and who rescued the people from the hand of the Egyptians.

Ex. 18:11 Now I know that the LORD is greater than all other gods, for he did this to those who had treated Israel arrogantly."

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Ex. 18:12 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering

and other sacrifices to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law in the presence of God.

Ex. 18:13 The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood round him from morning till evening.

Ex. 18:14 When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand round you from morning till evening?"

Ex. 18:15 Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will.

Ex. 18:16 Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws."

Ex. 18:17 Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good.

Ex. 18:18 You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone.

Ex. 18:19 Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him.

Ex. 18:20 Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform.

Ex. 18:21 But select capable men from all the people — men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain — and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Ex. 18:22 Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you.

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Ex. 18:23 If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."

Ex. 18:24 Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said.

Ex. 18:25 He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Ex. 18:26 They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves.

Ex. 18:27 Then Moses sent his father-in-law on his way, and Jethro returned to his own country.

Chapter 18 of Exodus in the Bible tells the story of Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, coming to visit him in the wilderness. Jethro brings Moses' wife and children with him and offers a sacrifice to God.

The next day, Jethro observes Moses' leadership style and advises him to delegate some of his responsibilities to other capable leaders in order to ease his workload. Moses takes Jethro's advice and appoints leaders to assist him in judging the people.

Later in the chapter, the Israelites arrive at Mount Sinai, and Moses goes up to speak with God. Jethro, impressed with Moses' leadership and the Israelites' story, acknowledges the greatness of God and rejoices with Moses.

The chapter concludes with Jethro returning to his own land, while the Israelites continue on their journey to the promised land with God leading them.

the key verses Chapter 18 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 18 recounts the visit of Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, to the Israelite camp in the wilderness. Jethro brings with him Moses' wife and children, and offers counsel and support to Moses as he leads the Israelites.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 18:

1. "Now Jethro, the priest of Midian and father-in-law of Moses, heard of everything God had done for Moses and for his people Israel, and how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt" (Exodus 18:1): This verse introduces Jethro and highlights his awareness of God's actions on behalf of the Israelites.
2. "Moses told his father-in-law about everything the Lord had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians for Israel's sake and about all the hardships they had met along the way and how the Lord had saved them" (Exodus 18:8): This verse highlights the significance of Moses' experiences in Egypt and the wilderness, and how they shape his leadership of the Israelites.
3. "What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone" (Exodus 18:17-18): This verse captures Jethro's advice to Moses about delegating responsibility and sharing the burden of leadership with others.
4. "Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you" (Exodus 18:19): This verse highlights the importance of Jethro's advice, which is grounded in his understanding of God's ways and purposes.
5. "If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied" (Exodus 18:23): This verse emphasizes the practical benefits of Jethro's advice, and how it can enable Moses to lead the Israelites effectively and ensure their well-being.

Overall, Exodus chapter 18 offers valuable insights into the nature of leadership and the importance of wise counsel and support. It also highlights the significance of Jethro as a figure who offers guidance and encouragement to Moses, and recognizes the power and authority of the God of Israel.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 18:

Exodus chapter 18 introduces us to Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, who pays a visit to the Israelites in the wilderness. This chapter recounts the encounter between Jethro and

Moses, where Jethro offers wisdom and counsel regarding the organization and administration of the Israelite community.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of wise counsel and delegation of responsibilities. Jethro observes that Moses is overwhelmed with the task of judging and resolving disputes among the people. He advises Moses to appoint capable and trustworthy individuals to assist him in handling the everyday matters of the community. By doing so, Moses would be able to focus on the most critical matters and prevent burnout.

Jethro's counsel emphasizes the significance of shared leadership and the recognition that one person cannot bear the burden of leadership alone. It teaches us the value of seeking wisdom and advice from others who can provide fresh perspectives and practical solutions. It also highlights the importance of delegation, recognizing the strengths and abilities of others and empowering them to contribute to the well-being of the community.

Another important theme in this chapter is the recognition and acknowledgment of God's work and intervention. Jethro, upon hearing of all that God has done for the Israelites, offers a sacrifice and acknowledges that Yahweh is greater than all other gods. His response is a testament to the faithfulness and power of God in delivering His people.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 18, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the value of seeking wise counsel and involving others in leadership and decision-making. Just as Moses received guidance from Jethro, we can benefit from the wisdom and insights of those who have experience and expertise in different areas. It encourages us to cultivate a humble attitude that is open to learning from others.

Secondly, this chapter underscores the importance of delegation and recognizing the strengths of others. As leaders, we may sometimes feel overwhelmed by the responsibilities before us. However, by sharing the load and empowering others, we create an environment of collaboration and enable the gifts and talents of others to flourish. It allows us to focus on the tasks that require our specific attention and expertise.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 18 highlights the significance of acknowledging and worshiping God for His faithfulness and intervention. Just as Jethro recognized the greatness of Yahweh, we should continually offer our gratitude and praise to God for His provision, guidance, and deliverance in our lives. It reminds us to keep our focus on God and to acknowledge His sovereignty over all other gods or powers in our lives.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 18 presents a valuable lesson on wise counsel, delegation, and the recognition of God's work. It calls us to seek the advice and perspectives of others, to delegate responsibilities, and to acknowledge and worship God for His faithfulness. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate effective leadership, foster collaboration, and maintain a posture of humility and gratitude in our relationship with God and others.

## CHAPTER 19

Ex. 19:1 In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt — on the very day — they came to the Desert of Sinai.

Ex. 19:2 After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

Ex. 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 house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel:

Ex. 19:4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

Ex. 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,

Ex. 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.”

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Ex. 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.

Ex. 19:8 The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

Ex. 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.

Ex. 19:10 And the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Make them wash their clothes

Ex. 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.

Ex. 19:12 Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, ‘Be careful that you do not go up the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.

Ex. 19:13 He shall surely be stoned or shot with arrows; not a hand is to be laid on him. Whether man or animal, he shall not be permitted to live.’ Only when the ram’s horn sounds a long blast may they go up to the mountain.”

Ex. 19:14 After Moses had gone down the mountain to the people, he consecrated them, and they washed their clothes.

Ex. 19:15 Then he said to the people, “Prepare yourselves for the third

day. Abstain from sexual relations.”

Ex. 19:16 On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.

Ex. 19:17 Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

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Ex. 19:18 Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently,

Ex. 19:19 and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

Ex. 19:20 The LORD descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up

Ex. 19:21 and the LORD said to him, “Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see the LORD and many of them perish.

Ex. 19:22 Even the priests, who approach the LORD, must consecrate themselves, or the LORD will break out against them.”

Ex. 19:23 Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up Mount Sinai, because you yourself warned us, ‘Put limits around the mountain and set it apart as holy.’”

Ex. 19:24 The LORD replied, “Go down and bring Aaron up with you. But the priests and the people must not force their way through to come up to the LORD, or he will break out against them.”

Ex. 19:25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.

Chapter 19 of Exodus in the Bible describes the Israelites' arrival at Mount Sinai and God's instructions to Moses about how to prepare the people to receive His covenant. God instructs Moses to remind the Israelites of His deliverance from Egypt and His protection and guidance in the wilderness. He then tells Moses to consecrate the people and have them prepare themselves for three days before He comes down on Mount Sinai in a thick cloud.

On the third day, there is thunder, lightning, and a thick cloud over the mountain, and God speaks to Moses in the hearing of all the people. God gives the Ten Commandments to the Israelites and tells them that if they obey His covenant, they will be His treasured possession and a kingdom of priests.

Moses goes up the mountain to speak with God, and God gives him additional instructions about how to consecrate the people and the priests. The chapter concludes with God warning the Israelites not to come near the mountain, and Moses going down to speak with the people.

the key verses Chapter 19 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 19 describes the Israelites' arrival at Mount Sinai and their preparation to receive the law from God.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 19:

1. "In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on the very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai" (Exodus 19:1): This verse sets the stage for the events that will follow, and emphasizes the timing and location of the Israelites' arrival at Mount Sinai.
2. "You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself" (Exodus 19:4): This verse reminds the Israelites of God's faithfulness and power, and establishes the basis for the covenant relationship that will be established between God and his people.
3. "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession" (Exodus 19:5): This verse outlines the conditions for the covenant relationship, emphasizing the importance of obedience and faithfulness.
4. "All the people answered together, 'We will do everything the Lord has said'" (Exodus 19:8): This verse captures the Israelites' initial response to God's call, and their willingness to commit themselves to the covenant.
5. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes and be ready by the third day'" (Exodus 19:10-11): This verse describes the preparations that the Israelites must undertake in order to receive the law from God, emphasizing the importance of purification and readiness.

Overall, Exodus chapter 19 establishes the foundation for the covenant relationship between God and his people, emphasizing the importance of obedience, faithfulness, and preparation. It also highlights the significance of Mount Sinai as the location where God will reveal his law to the Israelites, and underscores the awe-inspiring power and majesty of the God of Israel.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 19:

Exodus chapter 19 marks a significant moment in the Israelites' journey as they arrive at Mount Sinai. In this chapter, God instructs Moses to consecrate the people and prepares them for a divine encounter. The events at Mount Sinai lay the foundation for the establishment of the Mosaic covenant between God and the Israelites.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the holiness and awe-inspiring presence of God. As the Israelites camp at the foot of Mount Sinai, God reveals Himself in a powerful way. He descends upon the mountain in a thick cloud, accompanied by thunder, lightning, and the blast of a trumpet. The entire mountain trembles, and the people witness the majestic and holy presence of God.

This encounter emphasizes the holiness of God and the need for reverence and awe in His presence. The Israelites are instructed to consecrate themselves, purifying themselves both physically and spiritually, in preparation for the Lord's visitation. This serves as a reminder that approaching God requires a heart that is set apart and a reverence for His holiness.



Another important theme in this chapter is the establishment of the Mosaic covenant. God speaks to Moses, revealing His plan to make the Israelites a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation." He outlines His expectations for the people and the commandments they are to follow. The covenant establishes a special relationship between God and the Israelites, with their obedience and faithfulness being integral to their role as a chosen people.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 19, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the holiness and greatness of God. The awe-inspiring presence of God at Mount Sinai reminds us of the majesty and splendor of our Creator. It calls us to approach God with reverence, humility, and a deep sense of awe.

Secondly, this chapter underscores the importance of consecration and setting ourselves apart for God's purposes. The Israelites were instructed to consecrate themselves, symbolizing their commitment to holiness and their separation from the ways of the world. As followers of God today, we are also called to live lives that are set apart, pursuing righteousness and holiness in all aspects of our lives.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 19 highlights the significance of the covenant relationship between God and His people. It reminds us that our relationship with God is not merely transactional but founded on His grace and faithfulness. We are called to honor our covenant with God, seeking to obey His commandments and live in a way that reflects His character.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 19 presents a powerful depiction of the holiness of God and the establishment of the Mosaic covenant. It calls us to approach God with reverence, to consecrate ourselves for His purposes, and to honor the covenant relationship we have with Him. By reflecting on these lessons, we can deepen our awe of God, pursue holiness in our lives, and faithfully live out our commitment to follow Him.

## CHAPTER 20

Ex. 20:1 And God spoke all these words:

Ex. 20:2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Ex. 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

Ex. 20:4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

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Ex. 20:5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

Ex. 20:6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Ex. 20:7 “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Ex. 20:8 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Ex. 20:9 Six days you shall labour and do all your work,

Ex. 20:10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.

Ex. 20:11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Ex. 20:12 “Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Ex. 20:13 “You shall not murder.

Ex. 20:14 “You shall not commit adultery.

Ex. 20:15 “You shall not steal.

Ex. 20:16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

Ex. 20:17 “You shall not covet your neighbour’s house. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.”

Ex. 20:18 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance

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Ex. 20:19 and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

Ex. 20:20 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

Ex. 20:21 The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Ex. 20:22 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites this: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven:

Ex. 20:23 Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.

Ex. 20:24 ““Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honoured, I will come to you and bless you.

Ex. 20:25 If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it.

Ex. 20:26 And do not go up to my altar on steps, lest your nakedness

be exposed on it.’

Chapter 20 of Exodus in the Bible records the giving of the Ten Commandments to the Israelites by God.

God begins by reminding the Israelites of His deliverance from Egypt and His unique relationship with them as His chosen people. He then gives them the Ten Commandments, which include instructions on how to honor God, how to treat others, and how to live a holy and just life.

The Ten Commandments are:

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol or worship any other gods.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Israelites are filled with fear and trembling at the sight and sound of God's presence, and they ask Moses to be their mediator between them and God. Moses assures them that God has come to test them and make them holy, and encourages them to follow God's commandments.

The chapter concludes with additional laws and instructions from God regarding altars, worship, and the treatment of slaves.

the key verses Chapter 20 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 20 contains the Ten Commandments, which are some of the most well-known and foundational laws in the Bible.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 20:

1. "And God spoke all these words, saying" (Exodus 20:1): This verse introduces the Ten Commandments and emphasizes that they were given directly by God to the Israelites.
2. "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2): This verse establishes the basis for the covenant relationship between God and the Israelites, reminding them of God's faithfulness and power in delivering them from slavery in Egypt.
3. "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3): This is the first of the Ten Commandments, emphasizing the importance of worshipping and serving God alone.
4. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image" (Exodus 20:4): This is the second of the Ten Commandments, which forbids the making of idols or other images of God.
5. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8): This is the fourth of the Ten Commandments, which establishes the importance of keeping the Sabbath day as a day of rest and worship.

6. "Honor your father and your mother" (Exodus 20:12): This is the fifth of the Ten Commandments, which emphasizes the importance of showing respect and obedience to parents and authority figures.
7. "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13): This is the sixth of the Ten Commandments, which prohibits the taking of human life.
8. "You shall not steal" (Exodus 20:15): This is the eighth of the Ten Commandments, which forbids the taking of someone else's property without permission.
9. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" (Exodus 20:16): This is the ninth of the Ten Commandments, which emphasizes the importance of truthfulness and honesty.
10. "You shall not covet" (Exodus 20:17): This is the tenth of the Ten Commandments, which warns against desiring things that belong to others.

Overall, Exodus chapter 20 provides a clear and concise set of moral guidelines that have shaped the moral and ethical traditions of Western civilization. The Ten Commandments establish the importance of worshipping God alone, treating others with respect and kindness, and living with integrity and honesty.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 20:

Exodus chapter 20 contains one of the most well-known passages in the Bible—the Ten Commandments. In this chapter, God delivers these commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai, outlining the moral and ethical principles that form the foundation of the covenant relationship between God and His people.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of God's law in guiding human conduct. The Ten Commandments serve as a moral compass, providing guidance on how to live in a way that honors God and promotes justice, righteousness, and love for others. These commandments cover various aspects of life, including our relationship with God and with fellow human beings.

The commandments begin with the call to worship God alone and to have no other gods before Him. They address issues such as idolatry, blasphemy, honoring parents, and the prohibition of murder, adultery, theft, false testimony, and coveting. These commandments reflect God's desire for His people to live in ways that reflect His character and promote the well-being of the community.

Another important theme in this chapter is the recognition of God's sovereignty and authority. The Ten Commandments are given by God as the divine law that governs His people. They emphasize the need for obedience and reverence toward God, acknowledging His authority and the importance of honoring Him in all aspects of life.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 20, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the timeless relevance and wisdom of God's commandments. The principles contained in the Ten Commandments provide a moral framework that

transcends time and culture. They serve as a guide for our relationships with God and others, promoting righteousness, justice, and love.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the importance of worshiping and honoring God alone. The commandment to have no other gods before Him reminds us of the need to prioritize God in our lives and to reject any form of idolatry or false worship. It calls us to cultivate a deep and genuine relationship with God, placing Him at the center of our thoughts, affections, and actions.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 20 highlights the significance of obedience to God's commands. The commandments are not mere suggestions or guidelines but authoritative instructions that shape our conduct. By obeying these commandments, we demonstrate our love for God and our commitment to live in ways that honor Him and promote the well-being of others.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 20 presents the Ten Commandments as a foundational guide for ethical living and our relationship with God. It calls us to embrace the wisdom and relevance of God's commandments, to worship and honor God alone, and to live in obedience to His commands. By reflecting on these lessons, we can align our lives with God's will, cultivate righteousness and love, and experience the blessings that come from living in accordance with His moral principles.

## CHAPTER 21

Ex. 21:1 “These are the laws you are to set before them:

Ex. 21:2 “If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he shall go free, without paying anything.

Ex. 21:3 If he comes alone, he is to go free alone; but if he has a wife when he comes, she is to go with him.

Ex. 21:4 If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the woman and her children shall belong to her master, and only the man shall go free.

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Ex. 21:5 “But if the servant declares, ‘I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,’

Ex. 21:6 then his master must take him before the judges. He shall take him to the door or the door-post and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.

Ex. 21:7 “If a man sells his daughter as a servant, she is not to go free as menservants do.

Ex. 21:8 If she does not please the master who has selected her for himself, he must let her be redeemed. He has no right to sell her to foreigners, because he has broken faith with her.

Ex. 21:9 If he selects her for his son, he must grant her the rights of a daughter.

Ex. 21:10 If he marries another woman, he must not deprive the first

one of her food, clothing and marital rights.

Ex. 21:11 If he does not provide her with these three things, she is to go free, without any payment of money.

Ex. 21:12 “Anyone who strikes a man and kills him shall surely be put to death.

Ex. 21:13 However, if he does not do it intentionally, but God lets it happen, he is to flee to a place I will designate.

Ex. 21:14 But if a man schemes and kills another man deliberately, take him away from my altar and put him to death.

Ex. 21:15 “Anyone who attacks his father or his mother must be put to death.

Ex. 21:16 “Anyone who kidnaps another and either sells him or still has him when he is caught must be put to death.

Ex. 21:17 “Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.

Ex. 21:18 “If men quarrel and one hits the other with a stone or with his fist and he does not die but is confined to bed,

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Ex. 21:19 the one who struck the blow will not be held responsible if the other gets up and walks around outside with his staff; however, he must pay the injured man for the loss of his time and see that he is completely healed.

Ex. 21:20 “If a man beats his male or female slave with a rod and the slave dies as a direct result, he must be punished,

Ex. 21:21 but he is not to be punished if the slave gets up after a day or two, since the slave is his property.

Ex. 21:22 “If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman’s husband demands and the court allows.

Ex. 21:23 But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life,

Ex. 21:24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

Ex. 21:25 burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

Ex. 21:26 “If a man hits a manservant or maidservant in the eye and destroys it, he must let the servant go free to compensate for the eye.

Ex. 21:27 And if he knocks out the tooth of a manservant or maidservant, he must let the servant go free to compensate for the tooth.

Ex. 21:28 “If a bull gores a man or a woman to death, the bull must be stoned to death, and its meat must not be eaten. But the owner of the bull will not be held responsible.

Ex. 21:29 If, however, the bull has had the habit of goring and the owner has been warned but has not kept it penned up and it kills a man or woman, the bull must be stoned and the owner also must be put to death.

Ex. 21:30 However, if payment is demanded of him, he may redeem his life by paying whatever is demanded.

Ex. 21:31 This law also applies if the bull gores a son or a daughter.

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Ex. 21:32 If the bull gores a male or female slave, the owner must pay thirty shekels of silver to the master of the slave, and the bull must be stoned.

Ex. 21:33 "If a man uncovers a pit or digs one and fails to cover it and an ox or a donkey falls into it,

Ex. 21:34 the owner of the pit must pay for the loss; he must pay its owner, and the dead animal will be his.

Ex. 21:35 "If a man's bull injures the bull of another and it dies, they are to sell the live one and divide both the money and the dead animal equally.

Ex. 21:36 However, if it was known that the bull had the habit of goring, yet the owner did not keep it penned up, the owner must pay, animal for animal, and the dead animal will be his.

Exodus Chapter 21 describes a series of laws and regulations that God gave to the Israelites through Moses. These include rules on how to treat slaves, compensation for harming others, theft and property damage, marriage, sexual conduct, murder, and more. God commands the Israelites to treat their slaves justly. If a slave is injured, they are to be set free, and their owner must compensate them for their losses. If a slave is killed by their owner, the owner will be punished.

In addition, God establishes laws on compensation for harming others, including injury caused by animals and property damage. If a person kills someone accidentally, they are to flee to a city of refuge for protection.

God also establishes laws on marriage and sexual conduct, emphasizing the protection of women and children and forbidding marriage between close relatives.

Finally, this chapter mentions the principle of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," which means that the punishment for a crime should be the same as the harm inflicted, in order to maintain social order and justice.

the key verses Chapter 21 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 21 contains a set of laws that outline how the Israelites were to live in community with one another.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 21:

1. "Now these are the rules that you shall set before them" (Exodus 21:1): This verse introduces the laws that follow and establishes their authority.
2. "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing" (Exodus 21:2): This verse outlines the rules for Hebrew servants, emphasizing the importance of treating them with fairness and allowing them to go free after a set period of time.
3. "Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death" (Exodus 21:15): This verse emphasizes the importance of respecting parents and the severity of violating this commandment.

4. "When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine" (Exodus 21:22): This verse provides guidelines for handling a situation where a pregnant woman is injured during a fight, emphasizing the importance of protecting the health and safety of both the mother and the unborn child.
5. "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it or sells it, he shall repay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep" (Exodus 21:37): This verse emphasizes the importance of restitution for theft, establishing a system of compensation that is fair to both the victim and the offender.

Overall, Exodus chapter 21 provides a set of laws that emphasize the importance of fairness, justice, and respect for others. These laws provide a framework for living in community with one another and emphasize the importance of treating others with kindness and compassion.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 21:

Exodus chapter 21 continues the narrative of God giving instructions to Moses on Mount Sinai. In this chapter, God provides laws and regulations regarding various aspects of social justice, personal rights, and responsibilities within the community. These laws are meant to guide the Israelites in their relationships with one another and to establish a just and orderly society.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of justice and fairness in human relationships. God's laws address issues such as slavery, the treatment of servants, personal injuries, property rights, and restitution for damages. These laws aim to protect the vulnerable, ensure equitable treatment, and promote the overall well-being and harmony of the community.

The laws regarding slavery are particularly noteworthy in this chapter. While the presence of laws regarding slavery may be challenging for modern readers, it is important to note that the regulations outlined in Exodus 21 were significantly more humane than the practices of surrounding cultures at the time. The laws provided guidelines for the fair treatment of slaves, offering protection and limiting the duration of their servitude.

Another important theme in this chapter is the concept of personal responsibility and accountability. The laws address situations where individuals cause harm or damage to others, emphasizing the need for restitution and making things right. These regulations promote personal accountability and demonstrate the value of upholding justice and integrity in all our actions.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 21, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of treating others with fairness, compassion, and respect. The laws presented in this chapter highlight the value of human life and dignity and call us to act justly and compassionately in all our interactions.



Secondly, this chapter underscores the need for personal responsibility and accountability. We are responsible for the consequences of our actions, and when we cause harm, we are called to make amends and seek reconciliation. It challenges us to examine our own behavior and attitudes, ensuring that we are living in a way that honors God and promotes the well-being of others.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 21 points us toward the ultimate source of justice and righteousness—God Himself. These laws were given by God to guide the Israelites in their pursuit of justice and fairness. They serve as a reminder that God is the ultimate standard of justice and that we are called to reflect His character in our own lives and relationships.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 21 presents laws and regulations that address various aspects of social justice and personal responsibility. It calls us to treat others with fairness, compassion, and respect, to take personal responsibility for our actions, and to strive for a just and equitable society. By reflecting on these lessons, we can actively work toward promoting justice, showing compassion, and upholding the dignity of every individual in our communities and beyond.

## CHAPTER 22

Ex. 22:1 “If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he must pay back five head of cattle for the ox and four sheep for the sheep.

Ex. 22:2 “If a thief is caught breaking in and is struck so that he dies, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed;

Ex. 22:3 but if it happens after sunrise, he is guilty of bloodshed. “A thief must certainly make restitution, but if he has nothing, he must be sold to pay for his theft.

Ex. 22:4 “If the stolen animal is found alive in his possession — whether ox or donkey or sheep — he must pay back double.

Ex. 22:5 “If a man grazes his livestock in a field or vineyard and lets them stray and they graze in another man’s field, he must make restitution from the best of his own field or vineyard.

Ex. 22:6 “If a fire breaks out and spreads into thornbushes so that it burns shocks of grain or standing corn or the whole field, the one who started the fire must make restitution.

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Ex. 22:7 “If a man gives his neighbour silver or goods for safekeeping and they are stolen from the neighbour’s house, the thief, if he is caught, must pay back double.

Ex. 22:8 But if the thief is not found, the owner of the house must appear before the judges to determine whether he has laid his hands on the other man’s property.

Ex. 22:9 In all cases of illegal possession of an ox, a donkey, a sheep, a garment, or any other lost property about which somebody

says, 'This is mine,' both parties are to bring their cases before the judges. The one whom the judges declare guilty must pay back double to his neighbour.

Ex. 22:10 "If a man gives a donkey, an ox, a sheep or any other animal to his neighbour for safekeeping and it dies or is injured or is taken away while no-one is looking,

Ex. 22:11 the issue between them will be settled by the taking of an oath before the LORD that the neighbour did not lay hands on the other person's property. The owner is to accept this, and no restitution is required.

Ex. 22:12 But if the animal was stolen from the neighbour, he must make restitution to the owner.

Ex. 22:13 If it was torn to pieces by a wild animal, he shall bring in the remains as evidence and he will not be required to pay for the torn animal.

Ex. 22:14 "If a man borrows an animal from his neighbour and it is injured or dies while the owner is not present, he must make restitution.

Ex. 22:15 But if the owner is with the animal, the borrower will not have to pay. If the animal was hired, the money paid for the hire covers the loss.

Ex. 22:16 "If a man seduces a virgin who is not pledged to be married and sleeps with her, he must pay the bride-price, and she shall be his wife.

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Ex. 22:17 If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he must still pay the bride-price for virgins.

Ex. 22:18 "Do not allow a sorceress to live.

Ex. 22:19 "Anyone who has sexual relations with an animal must be put to death.

Ex. 22:20 "Whoever sacrifices to any god other than the LORD must be destroyed.

Ex. 22:21 "Do not ill-treat an alien or oppress him, for you were aliens in Egypt.

Ex. 22:22 "Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan.

Ex. 22:23 If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry.

Ex. 22:24 My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless.

Ex. 22:25 "If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not be like a money-lender; charge him no interest.

Ex. 22:26 If you take your neighbour's cloak as a pledge, return it to him by sunset,

Ex. 22:27 because his cloak is the only covering he has for his body. What else will he sleep in? When he cries out to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.

Ex. 22:28 “Do not blaspheme God or curse the ruler of your people.

Ex. 22:29 “Do not hold back offerings from your granaries or your vats.  
“You must give me the firstborn of your sons.

Ex. 22:30 Do the same with your cattle and your sheep. Let them stay with their mothers for seven days, but give them to me on the eighth day.

Ex. 22:31 “You are to be my holy people. So do not eat the meat of an animal torn by wild beasts; throw it to the dogs

Exodus Chapter 22 continues with the laws and regulations that God gave to the Israelites through Moses. These laws cover a variety of topics, including restitution for theft and property damage, compensation for loss of property, and the treatment of widows, orphans, and foreigners.

The chapter begins with rules regarding theft and property damage. If someone steals or damages property, they are required to pay restitution or compensation to the victim. If the stolen property is found in the thief's possession, the thief must pay double the value of the stolen property. If an animal damages someone else's property, the owner is responsible for the damage and must compensate the victim.

God also establishes laws on lending and borrowing. If someone lends money or goods to another person, they are not allowed to charge interest or take any collateral, except for clothing to keep warm. The borrower is required to return the loan in a timely manner.

The chapter also covers the treatment of widows, orphans, and foreigners. God commands the Israelites to treat these vulnerable groups with compassion and fairness. If a widow or orphan is mistreated, God promises to punish the offender. The Israelites are also commanded to provide for the needs of foreigners living among them.

Finally, the chapter ends with a warning to the Israelites not to worship other gods or make any treaties with the Canaanites, who are described as idolaters.

key verses from Exodus chapter 22:

1. "Whoever steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it must pay back five head of cattle for the ox and four sheep for the sheep." (Exodus 22:1)
2. "If a thief is caught breaking in at night and is struck a fatal blow, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed" (Exodus 22:2)
3. "If the stolen animal is found alive in their possession—whether ox or donkey or sheep—they must pay back double." (Exodus 22:4)
4. "Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt." (Exodus 22:21)
5. "Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless." (Exodus 22:22)
6. "If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not treat it like a business deal; charge no interest." (Exodus 22:25)
7. "Do not blaspheme God or curse the ruler of your people." (Exodus 22:28)

These are just a few key verses, and the entire chapter provides guidelines for social justice and morality in various situations.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 22:

Exodus chapter 22 continues the series of laws and regulations given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. This chapter focuses on various social and civil laws that address issues such as theft, property rights, restitution, and responsibilities towards one another. These laws are designed to promote justice, fairness, and social harmony within the community.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of personal responsibility and integrity. God's laws in Exodus 22 emphasize the need for honesty, accountability, and restitution when harm or damage occurs. They provide guidelines for resolving conflicts, ensuring that individuals take responsibility for their actions and make amends when necessary.

The laws in this chapter also highlight the value of compassion and care for the vulnerable and marginalized. God's instructions include provisions for protecting the rights of widows, orphans, and strangers. These laws demonstrate God's heart for the vulnerable and call the Israelites to extend love and compassion to those in need.

Another significant theme in this chapter is the recognition of God as the ultimate judge and avenger of wrongs. The laws outline the consequences and penalties for various offenses, trusting that God will bring justice to those who commit wrongdoing. This theme reminds the Israelites that they are accountable not only to one another but also to God, who sees all and will ensure justice is served.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 22, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of personal integrity and responsibility. We are called to act honestly, ethically, and with consideration for others. When we cause harm or infringe upon someone's rights, we should take responsibility, seek forgiveness, and make restitution to the best of our ability.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the need for compassion and care for the vulnerable and marginalized. We are called to extend love and support to those in need, just as God has shown compassion to us. It challenges us to examine our attitudes and actions towards those who may be disadvantaged or overlooked in society and to actively work towards justice and equality.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 22 points us to the ultimate source of justice—God Himself. The laws given in this chapter reflect God's character and desire for a just and righteous community. They remind us that God is the ultimate judge and avenger of wrongs, and we can trust in His perfect justice, even when human systems may fall short.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 22 presents laws and regulations that address various aspects of social justice, personal responsibility, and care for the vulnerable. It calls us to act with integrity, to take responsibility for our actions, and to extend compassion and support to those in need. By reflecting on these lessons, we can strive to live in a way that honors God, promotes justice, and fosters a community marked by love and care for one another.

## CHAPTER 23

Ex. 23:1 “Do not spread false reports. Do not help a wicked man by being a malicious witness.

Ex. 23:2 “Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd,

Ex. 23:3 and do not show favouritism to a poor man in his lawsuit.

Ex. 23:4 “If you come across your enemy’s ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to take it back to him.

Ex. 23:5 If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help him with it.

Ex. 23:6 “Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits.

Ex. 23:7 Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty.

Ex. 23:8 “Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the righteous.

Ex. 23:9 “Do not oppress an alien; you yourselves know how it feels to be aliens, because you were aliens in Egypt.

Ex. 23:10 “For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops,

Ex. 23:11 but during the seventh year let the land lie unploughed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what they leave. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.

Ex. 23:12 “Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that your ox and your donkey may rest and the slave born in your household, and the alien as well, may be refreshed.

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Ex. 23:13 “Be careful to do everything I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.

Ex. 23:14 “Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me.

Ex. 23:15 “Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in that month you came out of Egypt. “No-one is to appear before me empty-handed.

Ex. 23:16 “Celebrate the Feast of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. “Celebrate the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.

Ex. 23:17 “Three times a year all the men are to appear before the

Sovereign LORD.

Ex. 23:18 “Do not offer the blood of a sacrifice to me along with anything containing yeast. “The fat of my festival offerings must not be kept until morning.

Ex. 23:19 “Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God. “Do not cook a young goat in its mother’s milk.

Ex. 23:20 “See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.

Ex. 23:21 Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him.

Ex. 23:22 If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you.

Ex. 23:23 My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out.

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Ex. 23:24 Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces.

Ex. 23:25 Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you,

Ex. 23:26 and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

Ex. 23:27 “I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run.

Ex. 23:28 I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way.

Ex. 23:29 But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you.

Ex. 23:30 Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.

Ex. 23:31 “I will establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the desert to the River. I will hand over to you the people who live in the land and you will drive them out before you.

Ex. 23:32 Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods.

Ex. 23:33 Do not let them live in your land, or they will cause you to sin against me, because the worship of their gods will certainly be a snare to you.”

Exodus Chapter 23 continues to outline the laws and regulations that God gave to the Israelites through Moses. This chapter focuses primarily on the social and moral behavior of the Israelites.

God begins by reminding the Israelites that they should not bear false witness against the wicked, nor should they join with the wicked. He also establishes laws concerning the Sabbath and the sabbatical year of rest every seven years, to protect the rights of laborers and the health of the land.

God also establishes three annual festivals: the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering. These festivals are considered opportunities to give thanks to God and to celebrate His love and provision in various ways.

Additionally, God requires the Israelites to provide assistance to those in need and to maintain a posture of fairness and kindness. They are to respect the name of God, not use it to bear false witness, and obey all of God's commands and laws.

Finally, God reminds the Israelites that they will receive blessings of the land and nation, but they must remain faithful to their covenant with God and continue to obey their regulations. If they remain loyal, God will continue to protect them and bless their land and people.

The key verses Chapter 23 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 23 continues to outline laws and commandments that the Israelites were to follow. Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 23:

1. "You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness" (Exodus 23:1): This verse emphasizes the importance of truthfulness and integrity, warning against spreading false rumors or bearing false witness.
2. "If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall bring it back to him" (Exodus 23:4): This verse emphasizes the importance of showing kindness and compassion even to one's enemies.
3. "You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in his lawsuit" (Exodus 23:6): This verse emphasizes the importance of ensuring that justice is served for all, regardless of their social or economic status.
4. "Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed" (Exodus 23:12): This verse emphasizes the importance of observing the Sabbath, both for rest and for allowing others to rest as well.
5. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's" (Exodus 23:17): This verse emphasizes the importance of avoiding jealousy and covetousness, encouraging the Israelites to be content with what they have.

Overall, Exodus chapter 23 provides a set of laws and commandments that emphasize the importance of truthfulness, justice, kindness, and contentment. These laws provide guidance for living in community with one another and for living in accordance with God's will.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 23:

Exodus chapter 23 continues the giving of laws and regulations by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. This chapter focuses on various aspects of social justice, ethical conduct, and worship practices within the Israelite community. The laws provided in this chapter are meant to guide the people in their relationships with one another and with God, promoting righteousness, fairness, and devotion.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the call to pursue justice and fairness. God's laws address issues such as impartiality in judgment, showing kindness to enemies, caring for the poor, and refraining from spreading false reports. These laws emphasize the importance of treating others with equity and integrity, regardless of their social status or circumstances.

The laws also emphasize the importance of Sabbath observance and worship. The Israelites are instructed to set aside a day of rest and to honor the Sabbath as a time of dedication to God. This command highlights the significance of rest, worship, and acknowledging God's sovereignty over all aspects of life.

Another important theme in this chapter is the promise of God's presence and guidance. God assures the Israelites that if they obey His commands and follow His statutes, He will be with them, protect them, and lead them to the Promised Land. This promise serves as a reminder of God's faithfulness and the importance of trusting in His guidance and provision.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 23, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of pursuing justice and treating others with fairness. We are called to uphold principles of equity, impartiality, and kindness in our interactions with others, regardless of their social standing or circumstances. It challenges us to examine our own biases and prejudices and to strive for a society characterized by justice and compassion.

Secondly, this chapter underscores the significance of Sabbath observance and worship. It reminds us of the importance of setting aside time to rest, reflect, and worship God. In our fast-paced world, taking intentional breaks and dedicating time to honor God allows us to cultivate a deeper relationship with Him and find renewal for our minds, bodies, and souls.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 23 highlights the assurance of God's presence and guidance when we align ourselves with His will. Just as God promised to be with the Israelites and lead them, He promises to be with us and guide us when we faithfully follow His commands. This encourages us to trust in God's faithfulness and seek His direction in all areas of our lives.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 23 presents laws and regulations that address justice, fairness, worship, and the assurance of God's presence. It calls us to pursue justice, treat



others with equity, honor the Sabbath, and trust in God's guidance. By reflecting on these lessons, we can actively work towards justice, find rest and renewal in God's presence, and experience the blessings of walking in obedience to His commands.

#### CHAPTER 24

Ex. 24:1 Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel.

You are to worship at a distance,

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Ex. 24:2 but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him."

Ex. 24:3 When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do."

Ex. 24:4 Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

Ex. 24:5 Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD.

Ex. 24:6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar.

Ex. 24:7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey."

Ex. 24:8 Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Ex. 24:9 Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up

Ex. 24:10 and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself.

Ex. 24:11 But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

Ex. 24:12 The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction."

Ex. 24:13 Then Moses set out with Joshua his assistant, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.

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Ex. 24:14 He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

Ex. 24:15 When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it,

Ex. 24:16 and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six

days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud.

Ex. 24:17 To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

Ex. 24:18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Exodus Chapter 24 describes the sealing of the covenant between God and the people of Israel. After God had given the laws and regulations to Moses on Mount Sinai, Moses relayed them to the people and they agreed to obey them.

Moses then built an altar at the base of the mountain and had the young men of Israel offer burnt offerings and peace offerings to God. He took half of the blood from the offerings and sprinkled it on the altar, and the other half he sprinkled on the people, symbolizing the sealing of the covenant between God and Israel.

Moses and the leaders of Israel then ascended the mountain and had a vision of God, eating and drinking in His presence. God called Moses into the cloud to receive the stone tablets on which the laws were written.

The chapter concludes with Moses remaining on the mountain for forty days and forty nights, during which time he received the laws and regulations from God.

the key verses Chapter 24 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 24 describes the covenant between God and the people of Israel, and the

Key verses are as follows:

1. "Then he [Moses] took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, 'All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient'" (Exodus 24:7): This verse describes the people of Israel's commitment to obeying God's laws and commandments.
2. "Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud" (Exodus 24:15-16): This verse describes Moses' encounter with God on Mount Sinai, where God gave him the tablets of the Law.
3. "And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel" (Exodus 24:17): This verse emphasizes the awe-inspiring nature of God's presence and the power of God's glory.
4. "Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights" (Exodus 24:18): This verse describes Moses' extended period of time on Mount Sinai, during which he received further instruction from God.

Overall, Exodus chapter 24 emphasizes the importance of obedience to God's laws and commandments, as well as the awe-inspiring nature of God's presence and glory. The chapter also sets the stage for Moses' extended period of time on Mount Sinai, during which he received further instruction from God.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 24:

Exodus chapter 24 marks a significant moment in the relationship between God and the Israelites. In this chapter, Moses, accompanied by Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy elders of Israel, ascends Mount Sinai to receive further instructions and to confirm the covenant between God and His people.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the establishment of the covenant. After Moses receives the laws and commandments from God, he relays them to the people, and they respond with a unified declaration of obedience: "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do" (Exodus 24:3). This response signifies their commitment to follow God's instructions and establishes the covenant relationship between God and the Israelites.

The chapter also highlights the importance of rituals and symbols in the worship of God. Moses builds an altar at the foot of the mountain and offers burnt offerings and sacrifices to God. He takes half of the blood from these sacrifices and sprinkles it on the altar, symbolizing the consecration of the people and the covenant. The other half of the blood is sprinkled on the people, signifying their participation in the covenant relationship.

Another significant aspect of this chapter is the encounter between Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel and God Himself. They see a manifestation of God's glory, described as "a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness" (Exodus 24:10). This encounter confirms the authenticity of Moses' leadership and solidifies the covenant between God and the Israelites.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 24, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of commitment and obedience in our relationship with God. Just as the Israelites declared their willingness to follow God's commands, we are called to wholeheartedly surrender to God, faithfully obey His Word, and walk in His ways.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the significance of rituals and symbols in our worship. While the sacrificial system described in Exodus may no longer be practiced, the principle of offering ourselves as living sacrifices to God remains relevant. We can engage in acts of worship, such as prayer, praise, and service, as a way to express our devotion and commitment to God.

Furthermore, the encounter between Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel with the manifestation of God's glory reminds us of the awe-inspiring nature of God's presence. It encourages us to approach God with reverence and humility, acknowledging His majesty and seeking His guidance and revelation.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 24 marks a pivotal moment in the establishment of the covenant between God and the Israelites. It calls us to commit ourselves to God, to engage in meaningful acts of worship, and to approach Him with reverence and awe. By

reflecting on these lessons, we can deepen our relationship with God, experience the beauty of His presence, and walk in obedience to His commands.

## CHAPTER 25

Ex. 25:1 The LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 25:2 “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give.

Ex. 25:3 These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze;

Ex. 25:4 blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair;

Ex. 25:5 ram skins dyed red and hides of sea cows; acacia wood;

Ex. 25:6 olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense;

Ex. 25:7 and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

Ex. 25:8 “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

Ex. 25:9 Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

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Ex. 25:10 “Have them make a chest of acacia wood — two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.

Ex. 25:11 Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold moulding around it.

Ex. 25:12 Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other.

Ex. 25:13 Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

Ex. 25:14 Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest to carry it.

Ex. 25:15 The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed.

Ex. 25:16 Then put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you.

Ex. 25:17 “Make an atonement cover of pure gold — two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide.

Ex. 25:18 And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover.

Ex. 25:19 Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends.

Ex. 25:20 The cherubim are to have their wings spread upwards, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking towards the cover.

Ex. 25:21 Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the

Testimony, which I will give you.

Ex. 25:22 There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.

Ex. 25:23 “Make a table of acacia wood — two cubits long, a cubit wide and a cubit and a half high.

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Ex. 25:24 Overlay it with pure gold and make a gold moulding around it.

Ex. 25:25 Also make around it a rim a handbreadth wide and put a gold moulding on the rim.

Ex. 25:26 Make four gold rings for the table and fasten them to the four corners, where the four legs are.

Ex. 25:27 The rings are to be close to the rim to hold the poles used in carrying the table.

Ex. 25:28 Make the poles of acacia wood, overlay them with gold and carry the table with them.

Ex. 25:29 And make its plates and dishes of pure gold, as well as its pitchers and bowls for the pouring out of offerings.

Ex. 25:30 Put the bread of the Presence on this table to be before me at all times.

Ex. 25:31 “Make a lampstand of pure gold and hammer it out, base and shaft; its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms shall be of one piece with it.

Ex. 25:32 Six branches are to extend from the sides of the lampstand — three on one side and three on the other.

Ex. 25:33 Three cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms are to be on one branch, three on the next branch, and the same for all six branches extending from the lampstand.

Ex. 25:34 And on the lampstand there are to be four cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms.

Ex. 25:35 One bud shall be under the first pair of branches extending from the lampstand, a second bud under the second pair, and a third bud under the third pair — six branches in all.

Ex. 25:36 The buds and branches shall all be of one piece with the lampstand, hammered out of pure gold.

Ex. 25:37 “Then make its seven lamps and set them up on it so that they light the space in front of it.

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Ex. 25:38 Its wick trimmers and trays are to be of pure gold.

Ex. 25:39 A talent of pure gold is to be used for the lampstand and all these accessories.

Ex. 25:40 See that you make them according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.

Exodus Chapter 25 begins the description of God's command to Moses to build the tabernacle. God tells Moses to take voluntary contributions from the Israelites to use in the construction of the tabernacle.

God provides detailed instructions for the construction of the tabernacle and the required furnishings, including the Ark of the Covenant, the table for the showbread, the golden lampstand, and the altar of incense, among others. These items are to be made with exacting precision and the highest quality materials to ensure the perfection and purity of the tabernacle.

God also instructs Moses to construct a tent as God's dwelling place, providing details on the cloth, curtains, cords, frames, and pegs necessary for its construction.

At the end of the chapter, God commands Moses to place the tabernacle and all its furnishings within the tent and to divide the tabernacle into different areas for use by the priests and the people. This chapter emphasizes God's strict requirements for the tabernacle and the way of worship to maintain the purity and integrity of the relationship with Him.

what are the key verses Chapter 25 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 25 contains God's instructions to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, and other items used in worship.

The key verses are:

1. "Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me" (Exodus 25:2): This verse emphasizes that the construction of the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant is to be a communal effort, with everyone contributing according to their ability.
2. "And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst" (Exodus 25:8): This verse highlights the purpose of the tabernacle as a dwelling place for God among the people of Israel.
3. "And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat" (Exodus 25:18): This verse describes the construction of the cherubim that will be placed on top of the Ark of the Covenant.
4. "And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you" (Exodus 25:21): This verse describes the placement of the mercy seat on top of the Ark of the Covenant, and the importance of the testimony that God will give to Moses.

Overall, Exodus chapter 25 emphasizes the importance of the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant as a way for the people of Israel to worship and connect with God. The chapter also emphasizes the communal nature of the construction and the importance of the contributions of every member of the community.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 25:

Exodus chapter 25 marks the beginning of a detailed account of God's instructions to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle, a place of worship and His dwelling among the Israelites. In this chapter, God provides specific guidelines for the materials,

furnishings, and design of the tabernacle, as well as the procedures for offering sacrifices and conducting worship.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the invitation for the Israelites to contribute willingly and generously to the construction of the tabernacle. God instructs Moses to gather specific items, including gold, silver, and precious stones, from the people. These contributions are to be freely given by those with a willing heart, reflecting their desire to participate in the construction of the sacred space where God's presence will dwell.

The chapter also highlights the attention to detail in the construction of the tabernacle. God provides intricate instructions for the design and construction of the Ark of the Covenant, the Table of Showbread, the Golden Lampstand, and other elements. The materials used, the dimensions specified, and the symbolism behind each item demonstrate the meticulous care and significance placed on creating a holy space for worship.

Another significant aspect of this chapter is the foreshadowing of Christ and His role as the ultimate fulfillment of the tabernacle. The various elements and rituals mentioned in Exodus 25 point to Jesus Christ as the true and perfect dwelling place of God among His people. The Ark of the Covenant, for example, represents the presence of God, and Jesus is the ultimate embodiment of God's presence among humanity.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 25, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of giving willingly and generously in our worship and service to God. Just as the Israelites were invited to contribute to the construction of the tabernacle, we are called to offer our resources, time, and talents for the work of God's kingdom. Our giving should flow from a willing and joyful heart, reflecting our gratitude and love for God.

Secondly, this chapter encourages us to approach worship with reverence and attention to detail. The care and significance placed on constructing the tabernacle remind us that worship is not to be taken lightly. Our worship should be marked by reverence, sincerity, and a desire to honor God with excellence in all that we do.

Furthermore, the foreshadowing of Christ in the tabernacle points us to the ultimate fulfillment of our worship in Jesus. He is the true and perfect dwelling place of God among us. As we engage in worship, we can center our hearts and minds on Jesus, recognizing Him as the ultimate fulfillment of our deepest longings for God's presence.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 25 invites us to participate willingly and generously in the work of God's kingdom. It calls us to approach worship with reverence and attention to detail, and it points us to Jesus Christ as the ultimate fulfillment of our worship and the dwelling place of God's presence. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a heart of generosity, engage in meaningful worship, and experience the fullness of God's presence in our lives.

## CHAPTER 26

Ex. 26:1 “Make the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim worked into them by a skilled craftsman.

Ex. 26:2 All the curtains are to be the same size — twenty-eight cubits long and four cubits wide.

Ex. 26:3 Join five of the curtains together, and do the same with the other five.

Ex. 26:4 Make loops of blue material along the edge of the end curtain in one set, and do the same with the end curtain in the other set.

Ex. 26:5 Make fifty loops on one curtain and fifty loops on the end curtain of the other set, with the loops opposite each other.

Ex. 26:6 Then make fifty gold clasps and use them to fasten the curtains together so that the tabernacle is a unit.

Ex. 26:7 “Make curtains of goat hair for the tent over the tabernacle — eleven altogether.

Ex. 26:8 All eleven curtains are to be the same size — thirty cubits long and four cubits wide.

Ex. 26:9 Join five of the curtains together into one set and the other six into another set. Fold the sixth curtain double at the front of the tent.

Ex. 26:10 Make fifty loops along the edge of the end curtain in one set and also along the edge of the end curtain in the other set.

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Ex. 26:11 Then make fifty bronze clasps and put them in the loops to fasten the tent together as a unit.

Ex. 26:12 As for the additional length of the tent curtains, the half curtain that is left over is to hang down at the rear of the tabernacle.

Ex. 26:13 The tent curtains will be a cubit longer on both sides; what is left will hang over the sides of the tabernacle so as to cover it.

Ex. 26:14 Make for the tent a covering of ram skins dyed red, and over that a covering of hides of sea cows.

Ex. 26:15 “Make upright frames of acacia wood for the tabernacle.

Ex. 26:16 Each frame is to be ten cubits long and a cubit and a half wide,

Ex. 26:17 with two projections set parallel to each other. Make all the frames of the tabernacle in this way.

Ex. 26:18 Make twenty frames for the south side of the tabernacle

Ex. 26:19 and make forty silver bases to go under them — two bases for each frame, one under each projection.

Ex. 26:20 For the other side, the north side of the tabernacle, make twenty frames



Ex. 26:21 and forty silver bases — two under each frame.  
Ex. 26:22 Make six frames for the far end, that is, the west end of the tabernacle,  
Ex. 26:23 and make two frames for the corners at the far end.  
Ex. 26:24 At these two corners they must be double from the bottom all the way to the top, and fitted into a single ring; both shall be like that.  
Ex. 26:25 So there will be eight frames and sixteen silver bases — two under each frame.  
Ex. 26:26 “Also make crossbars of acacia wood: five for the frames on one side of the tabernacle,  
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Ex. 26:27 five for those on the other side, and five for the frames on the west, at the far end of the tabernacle.  
Ex. 26:28 The centre crossbar is to extend from end to end at the middle of the frames.  
Ex. 26:29 Overlay the frames with gold and make gold rings to hold the crossbars. Also overlay the crossbars with gold.  
Ex. 26:30 “Set up the tabernacle according to the plan shown you on the mountain.  
Ex. 26:31 “Make a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim worked into it by a skilled craftsman.  
Ex. 26:32 Hang it with gold hooks on four posts of acacia wood overlaid with gold and standing on four silver bases.  
Ex. 26:33 Hang the curtain from the clasps and place the ark of the Testimony behind the curtain. The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.  
Ex. 26:34 Put the atonement cover on the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy Place.  
Ex. 26:35 Place the table outside the curtain on the north side of the tabernacle and put the lampstand opposite it on the south side.  
Ex. 26:36 “For the entrance to the tent make a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen — the work of an embroiderer.  
Ex. 26:37 Make gold hooks for this curtain and five posts of acacia wood overlaid with gold. And cast five bronze bases for them.

Exodus Chapter 26 continues with the description of God's instructions for the construction of the tabernacle. In this chapter, God provides detailed instructions for the construction of the tabernacle's tent, its curtains, and its coverings. God instructs Moses to make ten curtains of fine linen, each measuring 28 cubits by 4 cubits, and to attach them to each other with loops and clasps. He also commands the

making of 11 curtains of goat hair, each measuring 30 cubits by 4 cubits, to be similarly attached.

The chapter further details the construction of the tabernacle's covering, made of rams' skins dyed red and a covering of porpoise skins over that. God also instructs Moses on the construction of the boards, sockets, and bars that will make up the tabernacle's framework.

God concludes the chapter by providing instructions for the positioning and arrangement of the tabernacle's interior furnishings, such as the Ark of the Covenant and the table for the showbread. The precision of the instructions reflects God's holiness and the importance of maintaining a pure and reverent relationship with Him.

the key verses Chapter 26 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 26 details the construction of the tabernacle, including the design of its various components.

The key verses are:

1. "Moreover, you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet yarns; you shall make them with cherubim skillfully worked into them" (Exodus 26:1): This verse describes the materials and design of the curtains that will form the walls of the tabernacle.
2. "And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains one to the other with the clasps, so that the tabernacle may be a single whole" (Exodus 26:6): This verse describes how the curtains are to be connected together to form the tabernacle as a single unit.
3. "And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it" (Exodus 26:31): This verse describes the construction of the veil that will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.
4. "And you shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place" (Exodus 26:34): This verse highlights the importance of the Ark of the Covenant and its placement in the Most Holy Place.

Overall, Exodus chapter 26 provides detailed instructions for the construction of the tabernacle and its various components, emphasizing the importance of precision and skill in creating a sacred space for worship and connection with God.

! Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 26:

Exodus chapter 26 continues the detailed instructions given by God to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle. In this chapter, God provides specific instructions for the construction of the tabernacle's structure, including the curtains, coverings, and partitions that would make up the sacred space where His presence would dwell.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the symbolism and significance of the tabernacle as a place of meeting between God and His people. The tabernacle was designed with a specific layout and structure, with various layers of curtains and coverings. These elements were not only practical in function but also carried deep spiritual meanings.

The chapter describes the use of fine linen, dyed materials, and precious metals in the construction of the tabernacle. These materials were of the highest quality and reflected the importance and sacredness of the space where God's presence would dwell. The attention to detail in the construction demonstrates the Israelites' commitment to honoring God and creating a place where they could worship and commune with Him.

Another significant aspect of this chapter is the emphasis on the separation and holiness of the innermost chamber, the Most Holy Place, where the Ark of the Covenant would be placed. The thick curtain, known as the veil, would separate this inner chamber from the rest of the tabernacle, symbolizing the sacredness of God's presence and the barrier between God and humanity due to sin.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 26, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of creating spaces and environments that foster worship and communion with God. Just as the Israelites were meticulous in constructing the tabernacle, we should also be intentional in creating physical and spiritual spaces where we can seek God's presence and engage in meaningful worship.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the significance of the materials used in the construction of the tabernacle. While we may not construct physical structures like the tabernacle today, we can offer our best to God in terms of our resources, talents, and devotion. We are called to honor God with excellence and give Him our very best in all that we do, recognizing that He deserves nothing less.

Furthermore, the symbolism of the Most Holy Place and the veil reminds us of the need for reconciliation and redemption. The separation between God and humanity due to sin is ultimately bridged through the person of Jesus Christ. Through His sacrifice, the veil was torn, granting us access to the presence of God. We can approach God boldly and intimately because of what Christ has accomplished for us.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 26 emphasizes the construction and significance of the tabernacle as a place of meeting between God and His people. It calls us to create spaces for worship and communion with God, offer our best to Him, and recognize the reconciliation made possible through Jesus Christ. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a heart of worship, honor God with excellence, and experience the joy of His presence in our lives.

## CHAPTER 27

Ex. 27:1 "Build an altar of acacia wood, three cubits high; it is to be square, five cubits long and five cubits wide.

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Ex. 27:2 Make a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar are of one piece, and overlay the altar with bronze.

Ex. 27:3 Make all its utensils of bronze — its pots to remove the ashes, and its shovels, sprinkling bowls, meat forks and firepans.

Ex. 27:4 Make a grating for it, a bronze network, and make a bronze ring at each of the four corners of the network.

Ex. 27:5 Put it under the ledge of the altar so that it is halfway up the altar.

Ex. 27:6 Make poles of acacia wood for the altar and overlay them with bronze.

Ex. 27:7 The poles are to be inserted into the rings so they will be on two sides of the altar when it is carried.

Ex. 27:8 Make the altar hollow, out of boards. It is to be made just as you were shown on the mountain.

Ex. 27:9 “Make a courtyard for the tabernacle. The south side shall be a hundred cubits long and is to have curtains of finely twisted linen,

Ex. 27:10 with twenty posts and twenty bronze bases and with silver hooks and bands on the posts.

Ex. 27:11 The north side shall also be a hundred cubits long and is to have curtains, with twenty posts and twenty bronze bases and with silver hooks and bands on the posts.

Ex. 27:12 “The west end of the courtyard shall be fifty cubits wide and have curtains, with ten posts and ten bases.

Ex. 27:13 On the east end, towards the sunrise, the courtyard shall also be fifty cubits wide.

Ex. 27:14 Curtains fifteen cubits long are to be on one side of the entrance, with three posts and three bases,

Ex. 27:15 and curtains fifteen cubits long are to be on the other side, with three posts and three bases.

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Ex. 27:16 “For the entrance to the courtyard, provide a curtain twenty cubits long, of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen — the work of an embroiderer — with four posts and four bases.

Ex. 27:17 All the posts around the courtyard are to have silver bands and hooks, and bronze bases.

Ex. 27:18 The courtyard shall be a hundred cubits long and fifty cubits wide, with curtains of finely twisted linen five cubits high, and with bronze bases.

Ex. 27:19 All the other articles used in the service of the tabernacle, whatever their function, including all the tent pegs for it and those for the courtyard, are to be of bronze.

Ex. 27:20 “Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning.

Ex. 27:21 In the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain that is in front of the Testimony, Aaron and his sons are to keep the lamps

burning before the LORD from evening till morning. This is to be a lasting ordinance among the Israelites for the generations to come.

Exodus chapter 27 describes the altar of burnt offering and the courtyard surrounding the tabernacle. The altar is to be made of acacia wood and covered with bronze, with a grate of bronze and poles for carrying. The courtyard is to be rectangular, enclosed by a curtain made of fine linen and supported by bronze posts. The gate is to be on the east side, and there are to be hangings of fine linen for the walls of the courtyard. The chapter also describes the oil for the lampstand and the pattern for the tabernacle.

The key verses Chapter 27 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 27 provides instructions for the construction of the altar of burnt offering and the court surrounding the tabernacle. The key verses are:

1. "You shall make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits broad. The altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits" (Exodus 27:1): This verse describes the dimensions of the altar of burnt offering.
2. "You shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. And the poles shall be put through the rings, so that the poles are on the two sides of the altar when it is carried" (Exodus 27:6-7): This verse describes how the altar is to be transported and the materials used for its construction.
3. "You shall make the court of the tabernacle. On the south side the court shall have hangings of fine twined linen a hundred cubits long for one side" (Exodus 27:9): This verse describes the construction of the court surrounding the tabernacle, which will be made of fine linen.
4. "And you shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn" (Exodus 27:20): This verse describes the importance of providing pure olive oil for the lamp in the tabernacle.

Overall, Exodus chapter 27 emphasizes the importance of constructing a sacred space for worship and connection with God, providing detailed instructions for the construction of the altar and court surrounding the tabernacle.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 27:

Exodus chapter 27 continues the instructions given by God to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle. In this chapter, God provides specific guidelines for the construction of the altar of burnt offering, the courtyard, and the oil for the lampstand.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the emphasis on worship and sacrifice. The altar of burnt offering was a significant element in the tabernacle, where sacrifices were made to atone for sins and express devotion to God. The construction of this altar and the procedures for offering sacrifices symbolized the Israelites' desire to draw near to God and seek His forgiveness and favor.

The chapter also describes the construction of the courtyard surrounding the tabernacle. This space served as a designated area for the Israelites to gather for worship, offering sacrifices, and seeking God's presence. The courtyard was an outward representation of the separation between the sacred and the profane, reminding the people of the need for reverence and holiness in their approach to God.

Furthermore, this chapter highlights the importance of the oil for the lampstand, which was to be kept burning continually in the tabernacle. The lampstand represented the light of God's presence and guidance. The instructions for procuring and using pure olive oil for the lampstand reflected the need for a continual source of illumination and spiritual enlightenment in the presence of God.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 27, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the significance of worship and sacrifice in our relationship with God. Just as the Israelites offered sacrifices to seek forgiveness and express devotion, we are called to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, surrendering our lives to God and worshiping Him with sincere hearts.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the importance of creating spaces and opportunities for gathering and worship. While we may not construct physical courtyards like the Israelites, we can cultivate environments where we can gather with other believers, worship together, and seek God's presence. These spaces can serve as reminders of the sacred and provide opportunities for communal worship and fellowship.

Furthermore, the emphasis on the lampstand and the oil reminds us of the need for spiritual illumination and guidance in our lives. Just as the lampstand needed a continual source of oil to keep the light burning, we need to continually seek the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance to illuminate our paths and reveal God's truth to us.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 27 highlights the importance of worship, sacrifice, and creating spaces for gathering and seeking God's presence. It calls us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, cultivate environments for worship and fellowship, and continually seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By reflecting on these lessons, we can deepen our worship, foster community, and walk in the light of God's presence in our lives.

## CHAPTER 28

Ex. 28:1 "Have Aaron your brother brought to you from among the Israelites, with his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, so that they may serve me as priests.

Ex. 28:2 Make sacred garments for your brother Aaron, to give him dignity and honour.

Ex. 28:3 Tell all the skilled men to whom I have given wisdom in such matters that they are to make garments for Aaron, for his consecration, so that he may serve me as priest.

Ex. 28:4 These are the garments they are to make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a woven tunic, a turban and a sash. They are

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to make these sacred garments for your brother Aaron and his sons, so that they may serve me as priests.

Ex. 28:5 Make them use gold, and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and fine linen.

Ex. 28:6 “Make the ephod of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen — the work of a skilled craftsman.

Ex. 28:7 It is to have two shoulder pieces attached to two of its corners, so that it can be fastened.

Ex. 28:8 Its skilfully woven waistband is to be like it — of one piece with the ephod and made with gold, and with blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and with finely twisted linen.

Ex. 28:9 “Take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel

Ex. 28:10 in the order of their birth — six names on one stone and the remaining six on the other.

Ex. 28:11 Engrave the names of the sons of Israel on the two stones the way a gem cutter engraves a seal. Then mount the stones in gold filigree settings

Ex. 28:12 and fasten them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. Aaron is to bear the names on his shoulders as a memorial before the LORD.

Ex. 28:13 Make gold filigree settings

Ex. 28:14 and two braided chains of pure gold, like a rope, and attach the chains to the settings.

Ex. 28:15 “Fashion a breastpiece for making decisions — the work of a skilled craftsman. Make it like the ephod: of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen.

Ex. 28:16 It is to be square — a span long and a span wide — and folded double.

Ex. 28:17 Then mount four rows of precious stones on it. In the first row there shall be a ruby, a topaz and a beryl;

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Ex. 28:18 in the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and an emerald;

Ex. 28:19 in the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;

Ex. 28:20 in the fourth row a chrysolite, an onyx and a jasper. Mount them in gold filigree settings.

Ex. 28:21 There are to be twelve stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes.

Ex. 28:22 “For the breastpiece make braided chains of pure gold, like a rope.

Ex. 28:23 Make two gold rings for it and fasten them to two corners of the breastpiece.

Ex. 28:24 Fasten the two gold chains to the rings at the corners of the

breastpiece,

Ex. 28:25 and the other ends of the chains to the two settings, attaching them to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front.

Ex. 28:26 Make two gold rings and attach them to the other two corners of the breastpiece on the inside edge next to the ephod.

Ex. 28:27 Make two more gold rings and attach them to the bottom of the shoulder pieces on the front of the ephod, close to the seam just above the waistband of the ephod.

Ex. 28:28 The rings of the breastpiece are to be tied to the rings of the ephod with blue cord, connecting it to the waistband, so that the breastpiece will not swing out from the ephod.

Ex. 28:29 “Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD.

Ex. 28:30 Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron’s heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the LORD.

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Ex. 28:31 “Make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue cloth,

Ex. 28:32 with an opening for the head in its centre. There shall be a woven edge like a collar around this opening, so that it will not tear.

Ex. 28:33 Make pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet yarn around the hem of the robe, with gold bells between them.

Ex. 28:34 The gold bells and the pomegranates are to alternate around the hem of the robe.

Ex. 28:35 Aaron must wear it when he ministers. The sound of the bells will be heard when he enters the Holy Place before the LORD and when he comes out, so that he will not die.

Ex. 28:36 “Make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal: HOLY TO THE LORD.

Ex. 28:37 Fasten a blue cord to it to attach it to the turban; it is to be on the front of the turban.

Ex. 28:38 It will be on Aaron’s forehead, and he will bear the guilt involved in the sacred gifts the Israelites consecrate, whatever their gifts may be. It will be on Aaron’s forehead continually so that they will be acceptable to the LORD.

Ex. 28:39 “Weave the tunic of fine linen and make the turban of fine linen. The sash is to be the work of an embroiderer.

Ex. 28:40 Make tunics, sashes and headbands for Aaron’s sons, to give them dignity and honour.

Ex. 28:41 After you put these clothes on your brother Aaron and his sons, anoint and ordain them. Consecrate them so they may



serve me as priests.

Ex. 28:42 "Make linen undergarments as a covering for the body, reaching from the waist to the thigh.

Ex. 28:43 Aaron and his sons must wear them whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting or approach the altar to minister in the Holy Place, so that they will not incur guilt and die. "This is to be a lasting ordinance for Aaron and his descendants

Exodus chapter 28 details the garments to be worn by the priests while serving in the tabernacle. The high priest's garments are to be made of fine linen and include a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a turban, and a sash. The breastpiece is to contain twelve precious stones, each representing one of the twelve tribes of Israel. The ephod is to be made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen. The chapter also describes the garments to be worn by the other priests, which include tunics, sashes, and caps. These garments are to be made of linen. The priests are to wear these garments when they minister in the tabernacle or approach the altar to minister to the Lord.

what are the key verses Chapter 28 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 28 provides instructions for the design and construction of the priestly garments.

The key verses are:

1. "And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty" (Exodus 28:2): This verse highlights the importance of creating beautiful and holy garments for Aaron, the high priest, to wear during his priestly duties.
2. "You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth" (Exodus 28:9-10): This verse describes the instructions for creating the breastpiece, a garment that would hold twelve precious stones, each representing one of the twelve tribes of Israel.
3. "And you shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, 'Holy to the LORD'" (Exodus 28:36): This verse describes the creation of a gold plate to be worn on the high priest's turban, inscribed with the words "Holy to the Lord" as a reminder of the priest's sacred duties.
4. "So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the LORD" (Exodus 28:29): This verse emphasizes the significance of the priestly garments, as Aaron wears them to represent and remember the people of Israel before God.

Overall, Exodus chapter 28 highlights the importance of creating beautiful and holy garments for the priests to wear during their duties, as well as the significance of these garments in representing the people of Israel before God.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 28:

Exodus chapter 28 continues the detailed instructions given by God to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle. In this chapter, God provides specific instructions for the priestly garments, which were to be worn by Aaron, the high priest, and his sons.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the significance and symbolism of the priestly garments. The garments were designed to be beautiful and intricately made, reflecting the holiness and dignity of the priesthood. Each piece of clothing, from the ephod and breastpiece to the turban and sash, carried deep spiritual meanings and served as a visual representation of the priest's role as a mediator between God and the people.

The chapter describes the materials to be used in the garments, including fine linen, gold, and precious stones. The colors and designs were carefully chosen and represented various aspects of God's character and the priest's role. For example, the breastpiece contained twelve precious stones, each representing one of the twelve tribes of Israel, symbolizing the priest's responsibility to carry the people on his heart before God.

Another significant aspect of this chapter is the anointing and consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests. The garments were not merely ceremonial attire; they represented a divine calling and an anointing for a sacred role. The anointing oil was to be poured over Aaron's head, setting him apart as the high priest and indicating God's choice and empowerment for the task at hand.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 28, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of our identity as priests and representatives of God. In the New Testament, believers are called a "royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9), and we are called to carry the presence of God and minister to others. The priestly garments serve as a reminder that we are called to a holy calling and should conduct ourselves accordingly.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the significance of our role as mediators and intercessors. Just as the priestly garments symbolized the priest's role in carrying the people on his heart before God, we are called to intercede for others, lifting them up in prayer and representing them before the Lord. Our prayers and intercession can make a difference in the lives of those we lift before God.

Furthermore, the anointing of Aaron and his sons reminds us of the empowerment and equipping we receive through the Holy Spirit. As believers, we have been anointed and filled with the Spirit to carry out God's work in the world. The garments of the high priest serve as a reminder of the anointing and authority we have been given to serve God and make Him known.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 28 highlights the significance and symbolism of the priestly garments. It calls us to recognize our identity as priests and representatives of God, to fulfill our role as mediators and intercessors, and to walk in the anointing and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. By reflecting on these lessons, we can embrace our calling, intercede for others, and serve as ambassadors of God's love and grace in the world.

## CHAPTER 29

Ex. 29:1 “This is what you are to do to consecrate them, so that they may serve me as priests: Take a young bull and two rams without defect.

Ex. 29:2 And from fine wheat flour, without yeast, make bread, and cakes mixed with oil, and wafers spread with oil.

Ex. 29:3 Put them in a basket and present them in it — along with the bull and the two rams.

Ex. 29:4 Then bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and wash them with water.

Ex. 29:5 Take the garments and dress Aaron with the tunic, the robe of the ephod, the ephod itself and the breastpiece. Fasten the ephod on him by its skilfully woven waistband.

Ex. 29:6 Put the turban on his head and attach the sacred diadem to the turban.

Ex. 29:7 Take the anointing oil and anoint him by pouring it on his head.

Ex. 29:8 Bring his sons and dress them in tunics

Ex. 29:9 and put headbands on them. Then tie sashes on Aaron and his sons. The priesthood is theirs by a lasting ordinance. In this way you shall ordain Aaron and his sons.

Ex. 29:10 “Bring the bull to the front of the Tent of Meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on its head.

Ex. 29:11 Slaughter it in the LORD’s presence at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

Ex. 29:12 Take some of the bull’s blood and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour out the rest of it at the base of the altar.

Ex. 29:13 Then take all the fat around the inner parts, the covering of the liver, and both kidneys with the fat on them, and burn them on the altar.

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Ex. 29:14 But burn the bull’s flesh and its hide and its offal outside the camp. It is a sin offering.

Ex. 29:15 “Take one of the rams, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on its head.

Ex. 29:16 Slaughter it and take the blood and sprinkle it against the altar on all sides.

Ex. 29:17 Cut the ram into pieces and wash the inner parts and the legs, putting them with the head and the other pieces.

Ex. 29:18 Then burn the entire ram on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the LORD, a pleasing aroma, an offering made to the LORD by fire.

Ex. 29:19 “Take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their

hands on its head.

Ex. 29:20 Slaughter it, take some of its blood and put it on the lobes of the right ears of Aaron and his sons, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. Then sprinkle blood against the altar on all sides.

Ex. 29:21 And take some of the blood on the altar and some of the anointing oil and sprinkle it on Aaron and his garments and on his sons and their garments. Then he and his sons and their garments will be consecrated.

Ex. 29:22 “Take from this ram the fat, the fat tail, the fat around the inner parts, the covering of the liver, both kidneys with the fat on them, and the right thigh. (This is the ram for the ordination.)

Ex. 29:23 From the basket of bread made without yeast, which is before the LORD, take a loaf, and a cake made with oil, and a wafer.

Ex. 29:24 Put all these in the hands of Aaron and his sons and wave them before the LORD as a wave offering.

Ex. 29:25 Then take them from their hands and burn them on the altar along with the burnt offering for a pleasing aroma to the LORD, an offering made to the LORD by fire.

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Ex. 29:26 After you take the breast of the ram for Aaron’s ordination, wave it before the LORD as a wave offering, and it will be your share.

Ex. 29:27 “Consecrate those parts of the ordination ram that belong to Aaron and his sons: the breast that was waved and the thigh that was presented.

Ex. 29:28 This is always to be the regular share from the Israelites for Aaron and his sons. It is the contribution the Israelites are to make to the LORD from their fellowship offerings.

Ex. 29:29 “Aaron’s sacred garments will belong to his descendants so that they can be anointed and ordained in them.

Ex. 29:30 The son who succeeds him as priest and comes to the Tent of Meeting to minister in the Holy Place is to wear them seven days.

Ex. 29:31 “Take the ram for the ordination and cook the meat in a sacred place.

Ex. 29:32 At the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, Aaron and his sons are to eat the meat of the ram and the bread that is in the basket.

Ex. 29:33 They are to eat these offerings by which atonement was made for their ordination and consecration. But no-one else may eat them, because they are sacred.

Ex. 29:34 And if any of the meat of the ordination ram or any bread is left over till morning, burn it up. It must not be eaten,

because it is sacred.

Ex. 29:35 “Do for Aaron and his sons everything I have commanded you, taking seven days to ordain them.

Ex. 29:36 Sacrifice a bull each day as a sin offering to make atonement. Purify the altar by making atonement for it, and anoint it to consecrate it.

Ex. 29:37 For seven days make atonement for the altar and consecrate it. Then the altar will be most holy, and whatever touches it will be holy.

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Ex. 29:38 “This is what you are to offer on the altar regularly each day: two lambs a year old.

Ex. 29:39 Offer one in the morning and the other at twilight.

Ex. 29:40 With the first lamb offer a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with a quarter of a hin of oil from pressed olives, and a quarter of a hin of wine as a drink offering.

Ex. 29:41 Sacrifice the other lamb at twilight with the same grain offering and its drink offering as in the morning — a pleasing aroma, an offering made to the LORD by fire.

Ex. 29:42 “For the generations to come this burnt offering is to be made regularly at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting before the LORD. There I will meet you and speak to you;

Ex. 29:43 there also I will meet with the Israelites, and the place will be consecrated by my glory.

Ex. 29:44 “So I will consecrate the Tent of Meeting and the altar and will consecrate Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests.

Ex. 29:45 Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God.

Ex. 29:46 They will know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

Exodus 29 describes the consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests. The chapter begins with instructions for the clothing that the priests are to wear during the ceremony, including a breastplate, a robe, a turban, and other items.

The chapter then gives detailed instructions for the sacrifices that are to be made to consecrate the priests. This includes the sacrifice of a young bull, two rams, and unleavened bread. Moses is also instructed to anoint the priests with oil and to sprinkle blood from the bull and one of the rams on them as a symbol of their consecration. The final section of the chapter describes the daily sacrifices that the priests are to offer, including a lamb in the morning and a lamb in the evening, along with bread and wine. These sacrifices are to be made continually as a reminder of God's covenant with the people of Israel.

The key verses Chapter 29 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 29 provides instructions for consecrating the priests and the altar.

1. "This is what you shall do to consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests" (Exodus 29:1): This verse sets the stage for the chapter, emphasizing the importance of consecrating the priests so that they may serve God in a holy and set-apart way.
2. "Then you shall take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him" (Exodus 29:7): This verse describes the anointing of Aaron, the high priest, with oil as part of his consecration. This anointing represents God's choice and approval of Aaron as His representative.
3. "And you shall take from the ram the fat and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails, and the long lobe of the liver and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, and the right thigh" (Exodus 29:22): This verse describes the ritual sacrifice of a ram as part of the consecration process, highlighting the importance of the sacrifice and the offering of the best and most valuable parts of the animal.
4. "And I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God" (Exodus 29:45-46): These verses conclude the chapter with a reminder of God's desire to dwell among His people and be their God, a theme that is central to the entire book of Exodus.

Overall, Exodus chapter 29 emphasizes the importance of consecrating the priests and the altar as a way of setting them apart for God's service, and of acknowledging God's desire to dwell among His people. The chapter also highlights the significance of sacrifice and offering as a way of approaching God in worship.

## CHAPTER 30

Ex. 30:1 "Make an altar of acacia wood for burning incense.

Ex. 30:2 It is to be square, a cubit long and a cubit wide, and two cubits high — its horns of one piece with it.

Ex. 30:3 Overlay the top and all the sides and the horns with pure gold, and make a gold moulding around it.

Ex. 30:4 Make two gold rings for the altar below the moulding — two on opposite sides — to hold the poles used to carry it.

Ex. 30:5 Make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

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Ex. 30:6 Put the altar in front of the curtain that is before the ark of the Testimony — before the atonement cover that is over the Testimony — where I will meet with you.

Ex. 30:7 "Aaron must burn fragrant incense on the altar every morning when he tends the lamps.

Ex. 30:8 He must burn incense again when he lights the lamps at Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 29:

Exodus chapter 29 continues the instructions given by God to Moses regarding the consecration of the priests. In this chapter, God provides specific instructions for the

consecration ceremony, outlining the rituals and sacrifices that were to take place to set apart Aaron and his sons as priests.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the concept of consecration. The consecration of the priests involved a series of rituals and sacrifices that symbolized their separation from the ordinary and their dedication to the service of God. The process included washing with water, offering sacrifices, anointing with oil, and the laying on of hands. These acts served as a means of purifying and setting apart the priests for their sacred role.

The chapter describes the specific sacrifices that were to be offered, including the sin offering and the burnt offering. These sacrifices were essential for atonement and the forgiveness of sins, emphasizing the need for the priests to be cleansed and reconciled with God before ministering on behalf of the people. The sacrifices also foreshadowed the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who would offer Himself as the perfect and final sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins.

Another significant aspect of this chapter is the anointing of Aaron and his sons with the sacred anointing oil. The anointing represented the empowerment and presence of the Holy Spirit upon the priests, equipping them for their service and setting them apart as God's chosen instruments. The anointing oil symbolized the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which empowers and guides believers in their ministry today.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 29, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of consecration and being set apart for God's service. Just as the priests were consecrated for their role, we are called to consecrate ourselves to God, surrendering our lives and dedicating ourselves to His purposes. Our consecration involves a continual process of purification, surrender, and alignment with God's will.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the need for forgiveness and reconciliation with God. The sacrifices offered by the priests point us to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who offered Himself as the perfect atonement for our sins. Through faith in Christ, we can experience forgiveness and reconciliation with God, enabling us to draw near to Him and serve Him with a clean conscience.

Furthermore, the anointing of Aaron and his sons with the sacred oil reminds us of the empowerment and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As believers, we have received the anointing of the Holy Spirit, who equips and empowers us for service, convicts us of sin, and guides us in fulfilling God's purposes. We can rely on the Holy Spirit's presence and leading as we seek to live out our consecrated lives.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 29 highlights the importance of consecration, forgiveness, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It calls us to consecrate ourselves to God, seek forgiveness and reconciliation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and rely on the empowerment and guidance of the Holy Spirit. By reflecting on these lessons, we can

live lives that are set apart for God's purposes, experience the fullness of His forgiveness and presence, and serve Him faithfully in the world.

twilight so that incense will burn regularly before the LORD for the generations to come.

Ex. 30:9 Do not offer on this altar any other incense or any burnt offering or grain offering, and do not pour a drink offering on it.

Ex. 30:10 Once a year Aaron shall make atonement on its horns. This annual atonement must be made with the blood of the atoning sin offering for the generations to come. It is most holy to the LORD.”

Ex. 30:11 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 30:12 “When you take a census of the Israelites to count them, each one must pay the LORD a ransom for his life at the time he is counted. Then no plague will come on them when you number them.

Ex. 30:13 Each one who crosses over to those already counted is to give a half shekel, according to the sanctuary shekel, which weighs twenty gerahs. This half shekel is an offering to the LORD.

Ex. 30:14 All who cross over, those twenty years old or more, are to give an offering to the LORD.

Ex. 30:15 The rich are not to give more than a half shekel and the poor are not to give less when you make the offering to the LORD to atone for your lives.

Ex. 30:16 Receive the atonement money from the Israelites and use it for the service of the Tent of Meeting. It will be a memorial for the Israelites before the LORD, making atonement for your lives.”

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Ex. 30:17 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 30:18 “Make a bronze basin, with its bronze stand, for washing. Place it between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water in it.

Ex. 30:19 Aaron and his sons are to wash their hands and feet with water from it.

Ex. 30:20 Whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting, they shall wash with water so that they will not die. Also, when they approach the altar to minister by presenting an offering made to the LORD by fire,

Ex. 30:21 they shall wash their hands and feet so that they will not die. This is to be a lasting ordinance for Aaron and his descendants for the generations to come.”

Ex. 30:22 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 30:23 “Take the following fine spices: 500 shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much (that is, 250 shekels) of fragrant cinnamon, 250



shekels of fragrant cane,

Ex. 30:24 500 shekels of cassia — all according to the sanctuary shekel — and a hin of olive oil.

Ex. 30:25 Make these into a sacred anointing oil, a fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer. It will be the sacred anointing oil.

Ex. 30:26 Then use it to anoint the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the Testimony,

Ex. 30:27 the table and all its articles, the lampstand and its accessories, the altar of incense,

Ex. 30:28 the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the basin with its stand.

Ex. 30:29 You shall consecrate them so they will be most holy, and whatever touches them will be holy.

Ex. 30:30 “Anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them so they may serve me as priests.

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Ex. 30:31 Say to the Israelites, ‘This is to be my sacred anointing oil for the generations to come.

Ex. 30:32 Do not pour it on men’s bodies and do not make any oil with the same formula. It is sacred, and you are to consider it sacred.

Ex. 30:33 Whoever makes perfume like it and whoever puts it on anyone other than a priest must be cut off from his people.”

Ex. 30:34 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Take fragrant spices — gum resin, onycha and galbanum — and pure frankincense, all in equal amounts,

Ex. 30:35 and make a fragrant blend of incense, the work of a perfumer. It is to be salted and pure and sacred.

Ex. 30:36 Grind some of it to powder and place it in front of the Testimony in the Tent of Meeting, where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you.

Ex. 30:37 Do not make any incense with this formula for yourselves; consider it holy to the LORD.

Ex. 30:38 Whoever makes any like it to enjoy its fragrance must be cut off from his people.”

Exodus chapter 30 begins with God's instructions to Moses to make an altar for burning incense, which should be made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold. The altar is to be placed in front of the veil that separates the Holy of Holies from the rest of the Tabernacle.

God also commands Moses to make a census of the Israelites and collect a half-shekel of silver from each person as a ransom for their lives. The silver is to be used to support the Tabernacle.

Next, God instructs Moses to make a bronze basin for the priests to wash their hands and feet before entering the Tabernacle, and to create a special anointing oil and incense for use in the Tabernacle.

Finally, God chooses Bezalel and Oholiab to oversee the construction of the Tabernacle and its furnishings, and he emphasizes the importance of observing the Sabbath as a sign of the covenant between God and the Israelites.

the key verses Chapter 30 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 30 provides instructions for building the altar of incense, making the anointing oil, and creating the incense. The key verses are:

1. "You shall make an altar on which to burn incense" (Exodus 30:1): This verse sets the stage for the chapter, emphasizing the importance of the altar of incense in the worship of God.
2. "Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it" (Exodus 30:7-8): This verse describes the daily offering of incense on the altar, emphasizing the importance of regular, ritualized worship.
3. "You shall make of these a sacred anointing oil blended as by the perfumer; it shall be a holy anointing oil" (Exodus 30:25): This verse describes the recipe for the anointing oil, which was used to consecrate the priests and the altar.
4. "And you shall make of the incense a perfume, a confection after the art of the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy" (Exodus 30:35): This verse describes the recipe for the incense, which was also used in worship and was considered to be a symbol of the prayers of the people ascending to God.

Overall, Exodus chapter 30 emphasizes the importance of ritualized worship and the use of incense and anointing oil in approaching God. The chapter also highlights the importance of following precise instructions and using only the finest ingredients in creating these sacred objects.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 30:

Exodus chapter 30 continues the instructions given by God to Moses regarding the construction of the tabernacle. In this chapter, God provides specific instructions for the construction of the altar of incense and the bronze basin, as well as guidelines for the anointing oil and the incense to be used in the tabernacle.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of worship and prayer. The altar of incense was a sacred piece of furniture where incense was burned, symbolizing the prayers and intercessions of the people ascending to God. The sweet fragrance of the incense represented the pleasing aroma of the prayers offered with sincerity and devotion.

The chapter also describes the construction of the bronze basin, which was to be used for the priests to wash their hands and feet before entering the tabernacle or approaching the altar. This act of purification symbolized the need for cleanliness and holiness in the presence of God. It reminded the priests of the importance of approaching God with reverence and humility.

Furthermore, this chapter emphasizes the significance of the anointing oil and the incense. The anointing oil was to be used to consecrate the tabernacle and its furnishings, setting them apart as holy and dedicated to God. The incense was to be made according

to a specific formula and was to be burned regularly on the altar of incense. It represented the pleasing and worshipful offering of the people's prayers and praises to God.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 30, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of worship and prayer in our relationship with God. Just as the incense represented the prayers of the people, we are called to offer our prayers, intercessions, and praises to God with sincerity and devotion. Our prayers are like a sweet fragrance that reaches the very presence of God.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the significance of approaching God with purity and humility. The act of washing at the bronze basin symbolizes the need for cleansing and repentance before coming into God's presence. It reminds us of the importance of confessing our sins, seeking forgiveness, and purifying ourselves through the work of Jesus Christ, who washes away our sins and makes us clean.

Furthermore, the anointing oil and the incense remind us of the empowerment and anointing of the Holy Spirit. As believers, we are anointed by the Holy Spirit, set apart and empowered for God's purposes. The incense represents our worship and prayers, which are made effective and pleasing through the work of the Holy Spirit within us.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 30 highlights the importance of worship, prayer, and approaching God with purity and humility. It calls us to offer our prayers and praises to God with sincerity and devotion, seeking His presence in our lives. It reminds us of the need for cleansing and repentance before coming into God's presence and emphasizes the empowering work of the Holy Spirit in our worship and prayer. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a heart of worship, approach God with reverence, and experience the transformative power of prayer in our lives.

## CHAPTER 31

Ex. 31:1 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 31:2 "See I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah,

Ex. 31:3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts —

Ex. 31:4 to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze,

Ex. 31:5 to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship.

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Ex. 31:6 Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given skill to all the craftsmen to make everything I have commanded you:

Ex. 31:7 the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the Testimony with the atonement cover on it, and all the other furnishings of the tent

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Ex. 31:8 the table and its articles, the pure gold lampstand and all its accessories, the altar of incense,

Ex. 31:9 the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, the basin with its stand —

Ex. 31:10 and also the woven garments, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests,

Ex. 31:11 and the anointing oil and fragrant incense for the Holy Place. They are to make them just as I commanded you.”

Ex. 31:12 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 31:13 “Say to the Israelites, ‘You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so that you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy.

Ex. 31:14 ““Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it must be put to death; whoever does any work on that day must be cut off from his people.

Ex. 31:15 For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day must be put to death.

Ex. 31:16 The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant.

Ex. 31:17 It will be a sign between me and the Israelites for ever, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he abstained from work and rested.””

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Ex. 31:18 When the LORD finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.

Exodus chapter 31 begins with God appointing two skilled craftsmen, Bezalel and Oholiab, to lead the construction of the tabernacle and all its furnishings. They are filled with the Spirit of God and given wisdom, understanding, and skill to carry out this work. God then reminds Moses of the importance of keeping the Sabbath day holy, and tells him that the Israelites are to observe it as a sign of their covenant with God. Anyone who works on the Sabbath is to be put to death.

The chapter continues with God giving Moses the two tablets of the Testimony, which contain the Ten Commandments. God instructs Moses to keep the tablets in the Ark of the Covenant.

God concludes by reaffirming that the Sabbath is a sign between Him and the Israelites, and that it is to be observed throughout their generations. He then gives Moses the tablets of the Testimony and finishes speaking with him on Mount Sinai.

the key verses Chapter 31 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 31 discusses the appointment of Bezalel and Oholiab as the master craftsmen who would oversee the construction of the Tabernacle.

The key verses are:

1. "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship" (Exodus 31:2-3): This verse describes God's appointment of Bezalel as the master craftsman, emphasizing the divine inspiration and guidance he received.
2. "And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you" (Exodus 31:6): This verse highlights the importance of skill and ability in the construction of the Tabernacle, and emphasizes that God has provided these abilities to the people.
3. "Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord" (Exodus 31:15): This verse reiterates the importance of Sabbath observance, and underscores the idea that even the work of constructing the Tabernacle must be set aside in order to honor the holiness of the Sabbath.

Overall, Exodus chapter 31 emphasizes the importance of skilled craftsmanship in the service of God, and underscores the idea that this work should be done in a spirit of inspiration and divine guidance. The chapter also highlights the importance of Sabbath observance as a key element of the Israelites' religious practice.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 31:

Exodus chapter 31 focuses on the appointment of Bezalel and Oholiab as skilled craftsmen for the construction of the tabernacle. God specifically chooses these individuals and fills them with the Spirit of God, wisdom, and understanding to carry out the intricate work required for the tabernacle and its furnishings.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the divine calling and gifting of individuals for specific tasks. Bezalel and Oholiab were chosen by God and endowed with the necessary skills and wisdom to create the artistic elements of the tabernacle. Their craftsmanship was a direct result of the Spirit of God working within them, enabling them to contribute their talents to the building of God's dwelling place among His people.

The chapter also emphasizes the importance of the Sabbath and the commandment to honor the day of rest. God instructs the Israelites to observe the Sabbath as a sign of their covenant relationship with Him. This day was to be kept holy, a time for rest, worship, and renewal.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 31, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us that God has uniquely gifted each individual for specific purposes and tasks. Just as Bezalel and Oholiab were chosen by God and filled with His Spirit for craftsmanship, we are also called and equipped by God to fulfill specific roles and responsibilities within His kingdom. Our talents and abilities, whether in the arts, sciences, leadership, or other areas, can be used to glorify God and contribute to His work in the world.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the importance of honoring the Sabbath and finding rest in God. In our busy lives, it can be tempting to prioritize work and productivity above

rest and worship. However, God's commandment to observe the Sabbath reminds us of the need for physical, emotional, and spiritual renewal. Taking time to rest, reflect, and worship not only restores our energy but also deepens our relationship with God and aligns our priorities with His.

Furthermore, the chapter underscores the role of the Holy Spirit in empowering and guiding us in our tasks. Just as Bezalel and Oholiab were filled with the Spirit of God, we too can rely on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us in our endeavors. When we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives, He provides us with wisdom, understanding, and creativity to fulfill our calling and make a meaningful impact in the world.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 31 reminds us of God's calling, gifting, and empowerment in our lives. It calls us to recognize and utilize our unique talents for His purposes, honor the Sabbath as a time of rest and worship, and rely on the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance. By reflecting on these lessons, we can embrace our God-given abilities, find rest in Him, and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us to bring about His purposes in the world.

## CHAPTER 32

Ex. 32:1 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered round Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

Ex. 32:2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold ear-rings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me."

Ex. 32:3 So all the people took off their ear-rings and brought them to Aaron.

Ex. 32:4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

Ex. 32:5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD."

Ex. 32:6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterwards they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Ex. 32:7 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt.

Ex. 32:8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you

up out of Egypt.’

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Ex. 32:9 “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people.

Ex. 32:10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

Ex. 32:11 But Moses sought the favour of the LORD his God. “O LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?

Ex. 32:12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.

Ex. 32:13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance for ever.’”

Ex. 32:14 Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Ex. 32:15 Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back.

Ex. 32:16 The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

Ex. 32:17 When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”

Ex. 32:18 Moses replied: “It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear.”

Ex. 32:19 When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain.

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Ex. 32:20 And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

Ex. 32:21 He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

Ex. 32:22 “Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil.

Ex. 32:23 They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’

Ex. 32:24 So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewellery, take it off.’

Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

Ex. 32:25 Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughing stock to their enemies.

Ex. 32:26 So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.

Ex. 32:27 Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbour.’”

Ex. 32:28 The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died.

Ex. 32:29 Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”

Ex. 32:30 The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”

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Ex. 32:31 So Moses went back to the LORD and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold.

Ex. 32:32 But now, please forgive their sin — but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”

Ex. 32:33 The LORD replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book.

Ex. 32:34 Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.”

Ex. 32:35 And the LORD struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.

Exodus chapter 32 describes the Israelites' sin of worshiping a golden calf while Moses is on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments from God.

While Moses is away, the people ask Aaron to make them a god to worship. Aaron gathers gold from the people and makes a golden calf, which the people then worship and offer sacrifices to. God becomes angry with the Israelites and tells Moses that He will destroy them and start over with Moses.

Moses pleads with God to spare the people, reminding Him of His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to make their descendants into a great nation. God relents and does not destroy the Israelites.

Moses then descends from the mountain and sees the people worshiping the golden calf. He becomes angry and smashes the tablets of the Testimony that God had given him.

Moses confronts Aaron, who makes excuses for his actions. Moses then orders the



Levites to execute those who had led the people in worshipping the golden calf, and 3,000 people are killed.

Moses then returns to God to intercede for the people once again, asking Him to forgive their sin. God agrees to forgive them, but warns that there will still be consequences for their actions. The chapter ends with Moses pleading with God to continue leading the Israelites, despite their sin.

the key verses Chapter 32 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 32 tells the story of the Israelites' idolatry with the golden calf while Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments.

The key verses are:

1. "When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, 'Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him'" (Exodus 32:1): This verse sets the stage for the Israelites' sin of idolatry, as they become impatient and fearful in the absence of their leader, Moses.
2. "And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" (Exodus 32:4): This verse describes the actual construction of the golden calf and the people's declaration of its divinity, marking a profound departure from the worship of the true God.
3. "And the Lord said to Moses, 'Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves'" (Exodus 32:7): This verse highlights God's anger and disappointment at the Israelites' sin, and underscores the idea that they have turned away from him and corrupted themselves.
4. "But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?'" (Exodus 32:11): This verse showcases Moses' intercession on behalf of the people, pleading with God to spare them despite their sin.
5. "And Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written. The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets" (Exodus 32:15-16): This verse describes the moment when Moses descends from Mount Sinai and discovers the people's sin, while also emphasizing the sacredness of the tablets and the divine origin of the Ten Commandments.

Overall, Exodus chapter 32 serves as a cautionary tale about the dangers of idolatry and the importance of remaining faithful to God even in the face of fear and uncertainty. The chapter also highlights the importance of intercession and repentance in the face of sin, as exemplified by Moses' actions.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 32:

Exodus chapter 32 tells the story of the Israelites' disobedience and idolatry at Mount Sinai while Moses was on the mountain receiving the Law from God. In Moses' absence, the people grew impatient and asked Aaron to make them a golden calf to worship. This act of idolatry deeply grieved God and provoked His anger.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the danger of idolatry and the consequences of turning away from God. The Israelites, despite experiencing God's miraculous deliverance from Egypt and witnessing His power and presence, quickly turned to a false god in their impatience. They forgot the covenant they had entered into with God and sought to create a tangible representation of a deity to worship.

The chapter also highlights the intercessory role of Moses. Upon returning to the camp and discovering the people's idolatry, Moses pleaded with God to show mercy and not destroy the entire nation. Through his intercession, Moses demonstrated his deep love for the people and his desire for them to remain in God's favor.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 32, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of staying true to God and not allowing other things or people to take His place in our hearts. Idolatry is not limited to physical idols; it can also take the form of worshiping success, money, relationships, or anything that we prioritize above our relationship with God. We must be vigilant and guard our hearts, ensuring that God remains the center of our worship and devotion.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the significance of intercession. Just as Moses interceded for the people, we are called to intercede for others. Through our prayers, we can stand in the gap for those who have strayed or are in need of God's mercy and grace. Intercession is an expression of love, compassion, and unity within the body of Christ.

Furthermore, the chapter reminds us of God's holiness and the seriousness of sin. God's anger was kindled against the Israelites because of their disobedience and idolatry. This serves as a reminder that sin has consequences and offends God's holiness. It underscores the need for repentance and the importance of seeking forgiveness and reconciliation with God when we have sinned.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 32 serves as a cautionary tale about the dangers of idolatry and the importance of remaining faithful to God. It calls us to examine our own hearts and ensure that we are not placing anything or anyone above our devotion to God. It also reminds us of the power and significance of intercession and the need to seek forgiveness and reconciliation when we have strayed. By reflecting on these lessons, we can strive to worship God alone, intercede for others, and live in obedience to His commands.

## CHAPTER 33

Ex. 33:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.'

Ex. 33:2 I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

Ex. 33:3 Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way.”

Ex. 33:4 When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn and no-one put on any ornaments.

Ex. 33:5 For the LORD had said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites, ‘You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you.’”

Ex. 33:6 So the Israelites stripped off their ornaments at Mount Horeb.

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Ex. 33:7 Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting”. Anyone enquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp.

Ex. 33:8 And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent.

Ex. 33:9 As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses.

Ex. 33:10 Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshipped, each at the entrance to his tent.

Ex. 33:11 The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young assistant Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

Ex. 33:12 Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favour with me.’

Ex. 33:13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

Ex. 33:14 The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

Ex. 33:15 Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

Ex. 33:16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

Ex. 33:17 And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

Ex. 33:18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

Ex. 33:19 And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Ex. 33:20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no-one may see me and live."

Ex. 33:21 Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.

Ex. 33:22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

Ex. 33:23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Exodus chapter 33 describes the aftermath of the Israelites' sin of worshiping the golden calf. God tells Moses to lead the people to the Promised Land, but that He will not go with them because of their disobedience. The people mourn when they hear this news. Moses sets up a tent outside the camp and calls it the "tent of meeting," where he goes to speak with God. God speaks to Moses there and reaffirms His covenant with the Israelites.

Moses asks God to show him His glory, and God agrees to do so. He tells Moses to stand on a rock and covers him with His hand as He passes by. Moses is only allowed to see God's back, as no one can see His face and live.

God then instructs Moses to make two new tablets of stone to replace the ones that he had broken in anger over the golden calf. Moses does so and brings them up to the mountain, where God writes the Ten Commandments on them.

The chapter ends with Moses coming down from the mountain with the new tablets and his face shining brightly because he had been in the presence of God. The people are afraid to come near him, so Moses wears a veil over his face when he speaks to them.

#### The key verses Chapter 33 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 33 contains important events in the Israelites' journey out of Egypt and their encounter with God at Mount Sinai. Here are some key verses from this chapter:

1. "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.'" (Exodus 33:1) - In this verse, God commands Moses and the Israelites to leave the place where they were camped and go up to the land that God had promised to their ancestors.
2. "The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'" (Exodus 33:14) - Moses expresses his concern about how he will lead the Israelites without God's presence, and in response, God promises to be with them and give them rest.

3. "Then Moses said, 'Now show me your glory.'" (Exodus 33:18) - Moses asks God to reveal His glory to him.
4. "And the Lord said, 'I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.'" (Exodus 33:19) - God promises to reveal His goodness and proclaim His name to Moses.
5. "But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." (Exodus 33:20) - God tells Moses that he cannot see His face and live.
6. "Then the Lord said, 'There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.'" (Exodus 33:21-23) - God tells Moses where he can stand to see His glory, and how He will reveal Himself to him.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 33:

Exodus chapter 33 presents a significant encounter between Moses and God after the incident of the golden calf. In this chapter, Moses pleads with God to continue leading the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. Moses expresses his desire for God's presence to accompany the people, acknowledging the importance of God's guidance and favor.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the longing for the presence of God. Moses understood that the Israelites needed more than physical provisions and guidance; they needed the abiding presence of God to go with them. His plea for God's presence reveals the deep relationship Moses had developed with the Lord and his reliance on God's guidance and favor.

The chapter also highlights God's faithfulness and gracious response to Moses' plea. God assures Moses that His presence will go with him and the people, granting them rest and peace. Although God declares that He will not personally go up among the people due to their disobedience, He promises to send His angel to lead them on their journey.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 33, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of seeking and desiring the presence of God. Just as Moses longed for God's presence, we too should yearn for a close relationship with Him. Our desire for God's presence should surpass our desire for earthly possessions, success, or comfort. It is in His presence that we find true rest, peace, and fulfillment.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the faithfulness of God even in the midst of our failures. Despite the Israelites' disobedience, God remained committed to leading and guiding them. He responded to Moses' plea and reassured him of His presence and care. God's faithfulness is a testament to His unfailing love and grace towards His people.

Furthermore, the chapter encourages us to trust in God's promises and provisions. Even though God did not promise to personally go up among the people, He assured them of His angelic presence. We can trust that God will always provide what is needed for our journey, even if it may not be exactly as we expect. His presence and provision are reliable and sufficient for our every need.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 33 reminds us of the longing for God's presence, the faithfulness of God in the midst of our failures, and the assurance of His guidance and provision. It calls us to seek His presence above all else, trust in His faithfulness, and rely on His guidance for our journey through life. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a deep relationship with God, experience His presence in our lives, and confidently walk in His direction and provision.

#### CHAPTER 34

Ex. 34:1 The LORD said to Moses, “Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.

Ex. 34:2 Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain.

Ex. 34:3 No-one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain.”

Ex. 34:4 So Moses chiselled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the LORD had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands.

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Ex. 34:5 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD.

Ex. 34:6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,

Ex. 34:7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

Ex. 34:8 Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshipped.

Ex. 34:9 “O Lord, if I have found favour in your eyes,” he said, “then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”

Ex. 34:10 Then the LORD said: “I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the LORD, will do for you.

Ex. 34:11 Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

Ex. 34:12 Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you.

Ex. 34:13 Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles.

Ex. 34:14 Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Ex. 34:15 “Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices.

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Ex. 34:16 And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters prostitute themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same.

Ex. 34:17 “Do not make cast idols.

Ex. 34:18 “Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread. For seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in that month you came out of Egypt.

Ex. 34:19 “The first offspring of every womb belongs to me, including all the firstborn males of your livestock, whether from herd or flock.

Ex. 34:20 Redeem the firstborn donkey with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem all your firstborn sons.

“No-one is to appear before me empty-handed.

Ex. 34:21 “Six days you shall labour, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the ploughing season and harvest you must rest.

Ex. 34:22 “Celebrate the Feast of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

Ex. 34:23 Three times a year all your men are to appear before the Sovereign LORD, the God of Israel.

Ex. 34:24 I will drive out nations before you and enlarge your territory, and no-one will covet your land when you go up three times each year to appear before the LORD your God.

Ex. 34:25 “Do not offer the blood of a sacrifice to me along with anything containing yeast, and do not let any of the sacrifice from the Passover Feast remain until morning.

Ex. 34:26 “Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God. “Do not cook a young goat in its mother’s milk.”

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Ex. 34:27 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.”

Ex. 34:28 Moses was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant — the Ten Commandments.

Ex. 34:29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD.

Ex. 34:30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.

Ex. 34:31 But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them.

Ex. 34:32 Afterwards all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

Ex. 34:33 When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face.

Ex. 34:34 But whenever he entered the LORD’s presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,

Ex. 34:35 they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

Exodus chapter 34 begins with God telling Moses to cut two new tablets of stone and come up to Mount Sinai again. God writes the Ten Commandments on the new tablets. As Moses descends from the mountain, his face is shining with the glory of God, so he puts a veil over his face when he speaks to the people. Moses tells the people all the words of the Lord and they renew their covenant with God.

God reiterates His commandments to the people, including the instruction to keep the Sabbath day holy. He also promises to drive out the inhabitants of the land of Canaan before the Israelites.

Moses then builds an altar and offers sacrifices to God. He also commands the people to observe the three annual feasts: the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths.

The chapter ends with Moses returning to the Lord on Mount Sinai for another 40 days and 40 nights, during which time he writes down the words of the covenant on the new tablets. When Moses returns to the people, his face is still shining with the glory of God, and he only removes the veil when he goes in to speak with the Lord.

the key verses Chapter 34 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 34 is an important chapter in the Bible, as it contains the second account of the Ten Commandments being given to Moses on Mount Sinai.

The key verses in this chapter are:



1. "The Lord said to Moses, 'Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.'" - Exodus 34:1
2. "And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.'" - Exodus 34:6
3. "Then the Lord said: 'I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you.'" - Exodus 34:10
4. "When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord." - Exodus 34:29
5. "Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, and his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him." - Exodus 34:30

These verses highlight the importance of God's covenant with the Israelites, and the mercy and compassion that he shows towards them. They also emphasize the radiance of Moses' face after he has been in God's presence, demonstrating the awe-inspiring power of the Lord.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 34:

Exodus chapter 34 recounts a significant event in the life of Moses and the Israelites. After the incident with the golden calf, God commands Moses to carve two new stone tablets and ascend Mount Sinai once again. There, God reveals His character and renews His covenant with the Israelites.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the mercy and forgiveness of God. Despite the Israelites' rebellion and idolatry, God chooses to extend His grace and give them another chance. He passes before Moses, proclaiming His name and revealing His attributes of compassion, graciousness, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and faithfulness. This declaration highlights God's willingness to forgive and restore a repentant people.

The chapter also emphasizes the importance of obedience to God's commands. As part of the renewed covenant, God reiterates the necessity of exclusive worship and the prohibition of making covenants with the inhabitants of the land. He instructs the Israelites to destroy the altars, idols, and Asherah poles of the Canaanites to maintain their faithfulness to Him.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 34, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the boundless mercy and forgiveness of God. No matter how we have strayed or sinned, God is always willing to extend His grace and offer us a fresh start. We are called to approach Him with repentant hearts, seeking His forgiveness and restoration.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the significance of knowing and understanding the character of God. God reveals Himself to Moses, showcasing His compassionate and

loving nature. As we deepen our knowledge of who God is, we grow in our trust and faith in Him. We can rely on His faithfulness, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, even when we fall short.

Furthermore, the chapter underscores the importance of obedience to God's commands. Just as God gave the Israelites specific instructions for worship and warned against making alliances with the inhabitants of the land, we too are called to live in obedience to God's Word. Obedience is an expression of our love for God and our desire to honor Him in all areas of our lives.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 34 reveals the mercy and forgiveness of God, the importance of knowing His character, and the call to obedience. It reminds us of God's willingness to forgive and restore us when we repent, encourages us to deepen our knowledge of who God is, and challenges us to live obediently according to His commands. By reflecting on these lessons, we can experience the fullness of God's grace, grow in our relationship with Him, and live lives that honor and glorify Him.

## CHAPTER 35

Ex. 35:1 Moses assembled the whole Israelite community and said to them, "These are the things the LORD has commanded you to do:

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Ex. 35:2 For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day shall be your holy day, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it must be put to death.

Ex. 35:3 Do not light a fire in any of your dwellings on the Sabbath day."

Ex. 35:4 Moses said to the whole Israelite community, "This is what the LORD has commanded:

Ex. 35:5 From what you have, take an offering for the LORD. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the LORD an offering of gold, silver and bronze;

Ex. 35:6 blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair;

Ex. 35:7 ram skins dyed red and hides of sea cows; acacia wood;

Ex. 35:8 olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense;

Ex. 35:9 and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

Ex. 35:10 "All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the LORD has commanded:

Ex. 35:11 the tabernacle with its tent and its covering, clasps, frames, crossbars, posts and bases;

Ex. 35:12 the ark with its poles and the atonement cover and the curtain that shields it;

Ex. 35:13 the table with its poles and all its articles and the bread of the

Presence;

Ex. 35:14 the lampstand that is for light with its accessories, lamps and oil for the light;

Ex. 35:15 the altar of incense with its poles, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense; the curtain for the doorway at the entrance to the tabernacle;

Ex. 35:16 the altar of burnt offering with its bronze grating, its poles and all its utensils; the bronze basin with its stand;

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Ex. 35:17 the curtains of the courtyard with its posts and bases, and the curtain for the entrance to the courtyard;

Ex. 35:18 the tent pegs for the tabernacle and for the courtyard, and their ropes;

Ex. 35:19 the woven garments worn for ministering in the sanctuary — both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests.”

Ex. 35:20 Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses’ presence,

Ex. 35:21 and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work on the Tent of Meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments.

Ex. 35:22 All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewellery of all kinds: brooches, ear-rings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the LORD.

Ex. 35:23 Everyone who had blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen, or goat hair, ram skins dyed red or hides of sea cows brought them.

Ex. 35:24 Those presenting an offering of silver or bronze brought it as an offering to the LORD, and everyone who had acacia wood for any part of the work brought it.

Ex. 35:25 Every skilled woman spun with her hands and brought what she had spun — blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen.

Ex. 35:26 And all the women who were willing and had the skill spun the goat hair.

Ex. 35:27 The leaders brought onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

Ex. 35:28 They also brought spices and olive oil for the light and for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense.

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Ex. 35:29 All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the LORD freewill offerings for all the work the LORD through Moses had commanded them to do.

Ex. 35:30 Then Moses said to the Israelites, “See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of

Judah,

Ex. 35:31 and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts —

Ex. 35:32 to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze,

Ex. 35:33 to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic craftsmanship.

Ex. 35:34 And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others.

Ex. 35:35 He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as craftsmen, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers — all of them master craftsmen and designers.

Exodus chapter 35 begins with Moses gathering the Israelites and reminding them of the importance of keeping the Sabbath holy. He tells them that on the Sabbath, no work is to be done and it is a day of rest and worship.

Moses then instructs the people to bring offerings for the building of the tabernacle, which is to be a dwelling place for the Lord among the people. The people respond generously and bring gold, silver, bronze, fine linen, and many other materials.

The chapter goes on to describe the skilled craftsmen who are chosen to work on the tabernacle. These artisans are filled with the Spirit of God and are given the ability to work with skill and creativity to make the various items needed for the tabernacle.

The chapter ends with a reminder that the people must keep the Sabbath day holy, as it is a sign of the covenant between God and Israel. This is reiterated several times, emphasizing the importance of resting on the Sabbath and not doing any work.

the key verses Chapter 35 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus 35 describes the contributions made by the Israelites to build the Tabernacle, a portable sanctuary for God's presence.

The key verses in this chapter include:

1. "Moses assembled all the congregation of the people of Israel and said to them, "These are the things that the Lord has commanded you to do." (Exodus 35:1) - Moses gathers the people to tell them what God has commanded them to do.
2. "Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze." (Exodus 35:5) - The people are asked to bring contributions of gold, silver, and bronze for the building of the Tabernacle.
3. "And every skillful woman spun with her hands, and they all brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen." (Exodus 35:25) - The women of the community contribute by spinning yarns and linen.
4. "And Moses said to the people of Israel, "See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship." (Exodus 35:30-31) - Moses appoints Bezalel as the chief artisan

and acknowledges that God has given him the necessary skills to build the Tabernacle.

5. "And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning," (Exodus 35:24) - The people generously contribute to the building of the Tabernacle, and their offerings are accepted by Moses.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 35:

Exodus chapter 35 marks a pivotal moment in the story of the Israelites' journey towards the Promised Land. In this chapter, Moses gathers the entire community of Israel and instructs them to bring offerings for the construction of the tabernacle and its furnishings. The people respond wholeheartedly, bringing a generous abundance of materials, skills, and talents for the work of the Lord.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of a willing and generous heart in the service of God. The Israelites demonstrated their dedication and commitment to the Lord by willingly contributing the necessary resources and offering their skills. Their obedience and generosity were a response to the call of God, reflecting their desire to participate in the construction of the tabernacle, which would serve as a dwelling place for God's presence among them.

The chapter also emphasizes the role of skilled craftsmen and artisans in the work of God. Bezalel and Oholiab, who were filled with the Spirit of God, were appointed to oversee the construction and craftsmanship of the tabernacle. Their expertise and craftsmanship were recognized as God-given gifts, and they played a crucial role in the realization of God's vision for the tabernacle.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 35, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of a willing and generous heart in our service to God. Just as the Israelites willingly brought their offerings, talents, and skills, we are called to offer our lives and resources to God with a joyful and sacrificial spirit. We should approach our service to God with a sense of gratitude, recognizing that everything we have comes from Him.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the value of diverse skills and talents within the body of Christ. God appointed specific individuals, like Bezalel and Oholiab, for their craftsmanship and artistic abilities. Each person's unique skills and talents are valuable and can be used for the glory of God. We should not underestimate the significance of our individual contributions but rather embrace and utilize them for the building up of God's kingdom.

Furthermore, the chapter emphasizes the importance of being filled with the Spirit of God. Bezalel and Oholiab were filled with God's Spirit, enabling them to carry out their tasks with excellence. Similarly, we need the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment in

our lives to fulfill the work that God has called us to do. We should seek the Spirit's presence and depend on Him to equip and enable us for service.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 35 reminds us of the importance of a willing and generous heart, the value of diverse skills and talents, and the need for the Spirit's empowerment in our service to God. It calls us to offer ourselves and our resources to God with joy and gratitude, recognizing the unique contributions we can make for His kingdom. By reflecting on these lessons, we can embrace a spirit of generosity, utilize our skills for God's purposes, and depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance and empowerment in our service to Him.

## CHAPTER 36

Ex. 36:1 So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the LORD has commanded.”

Ex. 36:2 Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work.

Ex. 36:3 They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.

Ex. 36:4 So all the skilled craftsmen who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left their work

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Ex. 36:5 and said to Moses, “The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the LORD commanded to be done.”

Ex. 36:6 Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: “No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.” And so the people were restrained from bringing more,

Ex. 36:7 because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.

Ex. 36:8 All the skilled men among the workmen made the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim worked into them by a skilled craftsman.

Ex. 36:9 All the curtains were the same size — twenty-eight cubits long and four cubits wide.

Ex. 36:10 They joined five of the curtains together and did the same with the other five.

Ex. 36:11 Then they made loops of blue material along the edge of the end curtain in one set, and the same was done with the end

curtain in the other set.

Ex. 36:12 They also made fifty loops on one curtain and fifty loops on the end curtain of the other set, with the loops opposite each other.

Ex. 36:13 Then they made fifty gold clasps and used them to fasten the two sets of curtains together so that the tabernacle was a unit.

Ex. 36:14 They made curtains of goat hair for the tent over the tabernacle — eleven altogether.

Ex. 36:15 All eleven curtains were the same size — thirty cubits long and four cubits wide.

Ex. 36:16 They joined five of the curtains into one set and the other six into another set.

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Ex. 36:17 Then they made fifty loops along the edge of the end curtain in one set and also along the edge of the end curtain in the other set.

Ex. 36:18 They made fifty bronze clasps to fasten the tent together as a unit.

Ex. 36:19 Then they made for the tent a covering of ram skins dyed red, and over that a covering of hides of sea cows.

Ex. 36:20 They made upright frames of acacia wood for the tabernacle.

Ex. 36:21 Each frame was ten cubits long and a cubit and a half wide,

Ex. 36:22 with two projections set parallel to each other. They made all the frames of the tabernacle in this way.

Ex. 36:23 They made twenty frames for the south side of the tabernacle

Ex. 36:24 and made forty silver bases to go under them — two bases for each frame, one under each projection.

Ex. 36:25 For the other side, the north side of the tabernacle, they made twenty frames

Ex. 36:26 and forty silver bases — two under each frame.

Ex. 36:27 They made six frames for the far end, that is, the west end of the tabernacle,

Ex. 36:28 and two frames were made for the corners of the tabernacle at the far end.

Ex. 36:29 At these two corners the frames were double from the bottom all the way to the top and fitted into a single ring; both were made alike.

Ex. 36:30 So there were eight frames and sixteen silver bases — two under each frame.

Ex. 36:31 They also made crossbars of acacia wood: five for the frames on one side of the tabernacle,

Ex. 36:32 five for those on the other side, and five for the frames on the west, at the far end of the tabernacle.

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Ex. 36:33 They made the centre crossbar so that it extended from end

to end at the middle of the frames.

Ex. 36:34 They overlaid the frames with gold and made gold rings to hold the crossbars. They also overlaid the crossbars with gold.

Ex. 36:35 They made the curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim worked into it by a skilled craftsman.

Ex. 36:36 They made four posts of acacia wood for it and overlaid them with gold. They made gold hooks for them and cast their four silver bases.

Ex. 36:37 For the entrance to the tent they made a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen — the work of an embroiderer;

Ex. 36:38 and they made five posts with hooks for them. They overlaid the tops of the posts and their bands with gold and made their five bases of bronze

Exodus chapter 36 continues the description of the construction of the tabernacle. The chapter begins by describing how the Israelites brought so many offerings that Moses had to tell them to stop bringing them.

The chapter goes on to describe how the skilled craftsmen made the various parts of the tabernacle, including the curtains, the frames, the coverings, and the furniture. They worked with skill and craftsmanship, just as God had commanded Moses.

The chapter also describes how Bezalel and Oholiab, the chief craftsmen, were responsible for overseeing the work and making sure everything was done according to God's instructions.

Finally, the chapter concludes by describing how the people brought even more offerings than were needed, demonstrating their generosity and commitment to the work of the Lord.

Overall, Exodus chapter 36 highlights the importance of working with skill and craftsmanship to create something beautiful and worthy of the Lord's dwelling place among His people. It also emphasizes the importance of generosity and commitment in giving to the work of the Lord.

the key verses Chapter 36 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 36 describes the construction of the tabernacle, which is the portable sanctuary that God instructed Moses to build in the wilderness.

Some key verses in this chapter include:

1. "And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the Lord has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the Lord has commanded" (Exodus 36:1). This verse highlights the importance of God-given skills and abilities for carrying out His work.
2. "And Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the



- work" (Exodus 36:2). This verse emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in inspiring and motivating people to serve God.
3. "And they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning" (Exodus 36:3). This verse highlights the generosity of the people in contributing their resources to the work of the Lord.
  4. "Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing, and they spoke to Moses, saying, 'The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded us to do'" (Exodus 36:4-5). This verse shows that the people's generosity exceeded the needs of the project.
  5. "So the people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much" (Exodus 36:6). This verse highlights the abundance of resources that God provided for His work.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 36:

Exodus chapter 36 continues the narrative of the construction of the tabernacle and its furnishings. In this chapter, we see the response of the Israelites to the call for contributions and skilled craftsmanship. The people, inspired by their willingness and generosity, bring an abundance of materials for the construction of the tabernacle. The skilled craftsmen, Bezalel and Oholiab, along with other willing workers, take charge of the construction and carry out the work with great skill and attention to detail.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the power of community and unity in accomplishing God's work. The Israelites, united in their purpose and desire to honor God, come together to bring their offerings and contribute to the construction of the tabernacle. Their collective effort creates a sense of synergy and abundance, resulting in an overflow of materials. Additionally, the skilled craftsmen and the willing workers collaborate, combining their talents to bring God's vision for the tabernacle to life.

The chapter also highlights the meticulous attention given to the construction of the tabernacle. The workers follow the instructions given by God to Moses, ensuring that every detail is carried out precisely as commanded. They demonstrate their reverence and obedience by not deviating from the instructions, showing the importance of honoring God through careful craftsmanship.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 36, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the power and beauty of community and unity in the work of God. When we come together with a shared purpose and a heart for God, great things can be accomplished. The contributions and efforts of each individual, no matter how small, can combine to create an abundance that honors and glorifies God.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the value of excellence and attention to detail in our service to God. Just as the skilled craftsmen meticulously followed God's instructions, we

should strive for excellence in everything we do for His glory. Our work, whether big or small, should be carried out with integrity and a desire to honor God, reflecting the importance we place on our relationship with Him.

Furthermore, the chapter encourages us to be generous and willing in our contributions to God's work. The Israelites' generosity and willingness to bring their offerings paved the way for the construction of the tabernacle. We too are called to be generous with our resources, time, and talents, recognizing that everything we have is ultimately a gift from God.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 36 teaches us about the power of community and unity, the value of excellence and attention to detail, and the importance of generosity and willingness in serving God. It calls us to come together in unity, offering our best to God, and collaborating with others for His purposes. By reflecting on these lessons, we can participate in God's work, honor Him through our craftsmanship and contributions, and experience the joy of being part of a community that seeks to glorify Him.

#### CHAPTER 37

Ex. 37:1 Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood — two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.

Ex. 37:2 He overlaid it with pure gold, both inside and out, and made a gold moulding around it.

Ex. 37:3 He cast four gold rings for it and fastened them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other.

Ex. 37:4 Then he made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.

Ex. 37:5 And he inserted the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry it.

Ex. 37:6 He made the atonement cover of pure gold — two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide.

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Ex. 37:7 Then he made two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover.

Ex. 37:8 He made one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; at the two ends he made them of one piece with the cover.

Ex. 37:9 The cherubim had their wings spread upwards, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim faced each other, looking towards the cover.

Ex. 37:10 They made the table of acacia wood — two cubits long, a cubit wide, and a cubit and a half high.

Ex. 37:11 Then they overlaid it with pure gold and made a gold moulding around it.

Ex. 37:12 They also made around it a rim a handbreadth wide and put a gold moulding on the rim.

Ex. 37:13 They cast four gold rings for the table and fastened them to

the four corners, where the four legs were.

Ex. 37:14 The rings were put close to the rim to hold the poles used in carrying the table.

Ex. 37:15 The poles for carrying the table were made of acacia wood and were overlaid with gold.

Ex. 37:16 And they made from pure gold the articles for the table — its plates and dishes and bowls and its pitchers for the pouring out of drink offerings.

Ex. 37:17 They made the lampstand of pure gold and hammered it out, base and shaft; its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms were of one piece with it.

Ex. 37:18 Six branches extended from the sides of the lampstand — three on one side and three on the other.

Ex. 37:19 Three cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms were on one branch, three on the next branch and the same for all six branches extending from the lampstand.

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Ex. 37:20 And on the lampstand were four cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms.

Ex. 37:21 One bud was under the first pair of branches extending from the lampstand, a second bud under the second pair, and a third bud under the third pair — six branches in all.

Ex. 37:22 The buds and the branches were all of one piece with the lampstand, hammered out of pure gold.

Ex. 37:23 They made its seven lamps, as well as its wick trimmers and trays, of pure gold.

Ex. 37:24 They made the lampstand and all its accessories from one talent of pure gold.

Ex. 37:25 They made the altar of incense out of acacia wood. It was square, a cubit long and a cubit wide, and two cubits high — its horns of one piece with it.

Ex. 37:26 They overlaid the top and all the sides and the horns with pure gold, and made a gold moulding around it.

Ex. 37:27 They made two gold rings below the moulding — two on opposite sides — to hold the poles used to carry it.

Ex. 37:28 They made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.

Ex. 37:29 They also made the sacred anointing oil and the pure, fragrant incense — the work of a perfumer.

Exodus chapter 37 continues the account of the construction of the tabernacle. The chapter describes how Bezalel, the skilled craftsman, made the ark of the covenant, the table for the bread of the Presence, the golden lampstand, and the altar of incense. Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood and overlaid it with pure gold, both inside and out. The ark was covered by a mercy seat, also made of pure gold, with two cherubim on top.

The table for the bread of the Presence was made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold, with dishes, pans, and jars for the bread and wine.

The golden lampstand had seven branches, each with its own lamp, and was also made of pure gold. The altar of incense was made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold, with horns at its corners.

The chapter concludes with a reminder that everything was made according to God's commandments, and that Bezalel was the one who made everything according to the plan given to Moses.

Overall, Exodus chapter 37 highlights the importance of skilled craftsmanship and attention to detail in creating items for the worship of God. It also emphasizes the importance of following God's commands and working according to His plan.

The key verses Chapter 37 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 37 describes the making of the Ark of the Covenant and other items for the Tabernacle. The key verses in this chapter are:

1. "Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood—two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high" (Exodus 37:1). This verse describes the beginning of the construction of the most sacred object in Israelite religion, the Ark of the Covenant.
2. "He made the atonement cover of pure gold—two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide" (Exodus 37:6). This verse describes the construction of the mercy seat or atonement cover, which was placed on top of the Ark of the Covenant.
3. "He made the table of acacia wood—two cubits long, a cubit wide and a cubit and a half high" (Exodus 37:10). This verse describes the construction of the table of showbread, which was used to hold twelve loaves of bread representing the twelve tribes of Israel.
4. "He made the lampstand of pure gold. He hammered out its base and shaft, and its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms were of one piece with them" (Exodus 37:17). This verse describes the construction of the golden lampstand, which provided light for the Tabernacle.

These verses emphasize the careful and detailed craftsmanship that went into the construction of the Tabernacle and its sacred items.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 37:

Exodus chapter 37 continues the account of the construction of the tabernacle and its furnishings. In this chapter, we see the skilled craftsman Bezalel crafting the various items for the tabernacle according to the instructions given by God to Moses. He constructs the ark of the covenant, the table for the bread of the Presence, the golden lampstand, and the altar of incense with great skill and attention to detail.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of craftsmanship and the use of one's talents for the glory of God. Bezalel exemplifies the skilled artisan who uses his God-given abilities to create objects of beauty and significance for the worship of God.

His craftsmanship demonstrates the value of excellence and attention to detail in offering our best to God.

The chapter also emphasizes the significance of the tabernacle and its furnishings as tangible symbols of God's presence among the Israelites. The ark of the covenant, in particular, holds great spiritual and symbolic importance as the place where God's presence dwells. The construction of these sacred objects showcases the Israelites' commitment to honor and worship God in a tangible and reverent manner.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 37, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the value of our skills and talents in serving God. Bezalel's craftsmanship demonstrates that our talents and abilities are not only meant for personal gain or recognition but also to be used for the glory of God. We should offer our skills to Him, seeking to use them to honor and worship Him in all that we do.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the significance of creating spaces and objects that reflect the presence of God. While the tabernacle and its furnishings were physical representations of God's presence in the Old Testament, as believers today, we are called to be living temples of the Holy Spirit. We should strive to cultivate an environment and mindset that reflects God's presence in our lives and in the communities we belong to.

Furthermore, the chapter encourages us to pursue excellence and attention to detail in our service to God. Bezalel's careful craftsmanship and adherence to God's instructions demonstrate the importance of offering our best to God. As we seek to honor Him, we should strive for excellence, paying attention to the details and investing our time and effort into the tasks He has entrusted to us.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 37 teaches us about the value of craftsmanship and the use of our talents for God's glory. It reminds us of the significance of creating spaces and cultivating an environment that reflects God's presence. It also calls us to pursue excellence and attention to detail as we offer our best to God. By reflecting on these lessons, we can embrace the value of our skills, honor God in all that we do, and create an atmosphere that welcomes and reflects His presence.

## CHAPTER 38

Ex. 38:1 They built the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood, three cubits high; it was square, five cubits long and five cubits wide.

Ex. 38:2 They made a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar were of one piece, and they overlaid the altar with bronze.

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Ex. 38:3 They made all its utensils of bronze — its pots, shovels, sprinkling bowls, meat forks and firepans.

Ex. 38:4 They made a grating for the altar, a bronze network, to be

under its ledge, halfway up the altar.

Ex. 38:5 They cast bronze rings to hold the poles for the four corners of the bronze grating.

Ex. 38:6 They made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with bronze.

Ex. 38:7 They inserted the poles into the rings so they would be on the sides of the altar for carrying it. They made it hollow, out of boards.

Ex. 38:8 They made the bronze basin and its bronze stand from the mirrors of the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

Ex. 38:9 Next they made the courtyard. The south side was a hundred cubits long and had curtains of finely twisted linen,

Ex. 38:10 with twenty posts and twenty bronze bases, and with silver hooks and bands on the posts.

Ex. 38:11 The north side was also a hundred cubits long and had twenty posts and twenty bronze bases, with silver hooks and bands on the posts.

Ex. 38:12 The west end was fifty cubits wide and had curtains, with ten posts and ten bases, with silver hooks and bands on the posts.

Ex. 38:13 The east end, towards the sunrise, was also fifty cubits wide.

Ex. 38:14 Curtains fifteen cubits long were on one side of the entrance, with three posts and three bases,

Ex. 38:15 and curtains fifteen cubits long were on the other side of the entrance to the courtyard, with three posts and three bases.

Ex. 38:16 All the curtains around the courtyard were of finely twisted linen.

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Ex. 38:17 The bases for the posts were bronze. The hooks and bands on the posts were silver, and their tops were overlaid with silver; so all the posts of the courtyard had silver bands.

Ex. 38:18 The curtain for the entrance to the courtyard was of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen — the work of an embroiderer. It was twenty cubits long and, like the curtains of the courtyard, five cubits high,

Ex. 38:19 with four posts and four bronze bases. Their hooks and bands were silver, and their tops were overlaid with silver.

Ex. 38:20 All the tent pegs of the tabernacle and of the surrounding courtyard were bronze.

Ex. 38:21 These are the amounts of the materials used for the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the Testimony, which were recorded at Moses' command by the Levites under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron, the priest.

Ex. 38:22 (Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made everything the LORD commanded Moses;

Ex. 38:23 with him was Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan

— a craftsman and designer, and an embroiderer in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen.)

Ex. 38:24 The total amount of the gold from the wave offering used for all the work on the sanctuary was 29 talents and 730 shekels, according to the sanctuary shekel.

Ex. 38:25 The silver obtained from those of the community who were counted in the census was 100 talents and 1,775 shekels, according to the sanctuary shekel —

Ex. 38:26 one beka per person, that is, half a shekel, according to the sanctuary shekel, from everyone who had crossed over to those counted, twenty years old or more, a total of 603,550 men.

Ex. 38:27 The 100 talents of silver were used to cast the bases for the sanctuary and for the curtain — 100 bases from the 100 talents, one talent for each base.

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Ex. 38:28 They used the 1,775 shekels to make the hooks for the posts, to overlay the tops of the posts, and to make their bands.

Ex. 38:29 The bronze from the wave offering was 70 talents and 2,400 shekels.

Ex. 38:30 They used it to make the bases for the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, the bronze altar with its bronze grating and all its utensils,

Ex. 38:31 the bases for the surrounding courtyard and those for its entrance and all the tent pegs for the tabernacle and those for the surrounding courtyard

Exodus chapter 38 continues the account of the construction of the tabernacle. The chapter describes the construction of the bronze altar, the courtyard, and the basin for washing.

The bronze altar was used for burnt offerings and was made of acacia wood covered with bronze. The altar was hollow and had horns at each corner. The courtyard was made of curtains of finely twisted linen, held up by bronze posts and silver hooks. The courtyard was rectangular and measured 100 cubits by 50 cubits.

The basin for washing was made of bronze and was placed between the altar and the entrance to the tabernacle. It was used for the priests to wash their hands and feet before entering the tabernacle.

The chapter concludes with a summary of the materials used and the skilled craftsmen who made everything according to God's instructions.

Overall, Exodus chapter 38 emphasizes the importance of having a designated place of worship and the attention to detail required in its construction. It also highlights the importance of following God's commands and working together in unity to accomplish His will.

The key verses Chapter 38 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 38 describes the construction of the altar of burnt offering, the bronze basin, and the courtyard of the tabernacle. The key verses in this chapter are:

1. "He made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood. It was square, five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high." (Exodus 38:1) - This verse describes the construction of the altar of burnt offering which was a significant part of the tabernacle.
2. "He made the bronze basin and its stand from bronze mirrors donated by the women who served at the entrance of the Tabernacle." (Exodus 38:8) - This verse highlights the contribution of the women who served at the tabernacle and donated bronze mirrors for the construction of the bronze basin.
3. "The bases for the posts were made of bronze. The hooks and bands on the posts were silver, and the tops of the posts were overlaid with silver. So all the posts of the courtyard had silver bands and hooks, with bronze bases." (Exodus 38:17-19) - This verse describes the construction of the courtyard of the tabernacle and the use of bronze and silver in its construction.
4. "The screen for the entrance to the courtyard was made of finely woven linen and was embroidered with blue, purple, and scarlet thread. It was the same size as the inner curtain of the Tabernacle." (Exodus 38:18) - This verse describes the screen for the entrance to the courtyard and its construction using finely woven linen and embroidery.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 38:

Exodus chapter 38 continues the account of the construction of the tabernacle and its furnishings. In this chapter, we see the detailed description of the construction of the altar of burnt offering, the basin for washing, and the courtyard of the tabernacle. The materials used, such as bronze and precious metals, are listed, highlighting the significance and value placed on creating a sacred space for the worship of God.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of order, structure, and attention to detail in worship and service to God. The meticulous construction of the various elements of the tabernacle reflects the Israelites' commitment to honoring God through their offerings and the creation of a space dedicated to His presence. The materials used and the precise measurements demonstrate their reverence and dedication to the worship of the Lord.

The chapter also emphasizes the role of the community in the construction of the tabernacle. It mentions the participation of the skilled craftsmen and the willing hearts of the people who contributed the necessary materials for the construction. This highlights the collaborative effort and the shared responsibility of the Israelites in creating a place of worship for their community.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 38, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of order and attention to detail in our worship and service to God. Just as the Israelites followed specific instructions for the construction of the tabernacle, we should approach our worship and service with reverence and a desire to



honor God. Paying attention to the details and ensuring that our actions align with His Word can help create an environment that glorifies Him.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the value of community and shared responsibility in our worship and service. The Israelites came together, each contributing their part, whether it was through skilled craftsmanship or the offering of materials. Similarly, as believers, we are part of a larger community of faith. We should recognize that our individual contributions, skills, and resources can be combined to create a more significant impact for the kingdom of God. We are called to support and encourage one another in our collective worship and service to Him.

Furthermore, the chapter emphasizes the importance of our offerings and contributions to God's work. The Israelites willingly gave their valuable possessions to construct the tabernacle, demonstrating their commitment and dedication to the Lord. We too are called to offer our resources and talents to God, recognizing that everything we have comes from Him. Our offerings can be used to support the work of the kingdom and create spaces where God's presence can be experienced.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 38 teaches us about the importance of order and attention to detail, the value of community and shared responsibility, and the significance of our offerings and contributions to God's work. It calls us to approach our worship and service with reverence and a desire to honor God in all that we do. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate an environment that glorifies God, collaborate with others in our worship and service, and offer our resources and talents to support His kingdom.

## CHAPTER 39

Ex. 39:1 From the blue, purple and scarlet yarn they made woven garments for ministering in the sanctuary. They also made sacred garments for Aaron, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex. 39:2 They made the ephod of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen.

Ex. 39:3 They hammered out thin sheets of gold and cut strands to be worked into the blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen — the work of a skilled craftsman.

Ex. 39:4 They made shoulder pieces for the ephod, which were attached to two of its corners, so that it could be fastened.

Ex. 39:5 Its skilfully woven waistband was like it — of one piece with the ephod and made with gold, and with blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and with finely twisted linen, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex. 39:6 They mounted the onyx stones in gold filigree settings and engraved them like a seal with the names of the sons of Israel.

Ex. 39:7 Then they fastened them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel, as the LORD commanded Moses.

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Ex. 39:8 They fashioned the breastpiece — the work of a skilled craftsman. They made it like the ephod: of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen.

Ex. 39:9 It was square — a span long and a span wide — and folded double.

Ex. 39:10 Then they mounted four rows of precious stones on it. In the first row there was a ruby, a topaz and a beryl;

Ex. 39:11 in the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and an emerald;

Ex. 39:12 in the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;

Ex. 39:13 in the fourth row a chrysolite, an onyx and a jasper. They were mounted in gold filigree settings.

Ex. 39:14 There were twelve stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes.

Ex. 39:15 For the breastpiece they made braided chains of pure gold, like a rope.

Ex. 39:16 They made two gold filigree settings and two gold rings, and fastened the rings to two of the corners of the breastpiece.

Ex. 39:17 They fastened the two gold chains to the rings at the corners of the breastpiece,

Ex. 39:18 and the other ends of the chains to the two settings, attaching them to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front.

Ex. 39:19 They made two gold rings and attached them to the other two corners of the breastpiece on the inside edge next to the ephod.

Ex. 39:20 Then they made two more gold rings and attached them to the bottom of the shoulder pieces on the front of the ephod, close to the seam just above the waistband of the ephod.

Ex. 39:21 They tied the rings of the breastpiece to the rings of the ephod with blue cord, connecting it to the waistband so that the breastpiece would not swing out from the ephod — as the LORD commanded Moses.

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Ex. 39:22 They made the robe of the ephod entirely of blue cloth — the work of a weaver —

Ex. 39:23 with an opening in the centre of the robe like the opening of a collar, and a band around this opening, so that it would not tear.

Ex. 39:24 They made pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen around the hem of the robe.

Ex. 39:25 And they made bells of pure gold and attached them around the hem between the pomegranates.

Ex. 39:26 The bells and pomegranates alternated around the hem of the robe to be worn for ministering, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex. 39:27 For Aaron and his sons, they made tunics of fine linen — the work of a weaver —

Ex. 39:28 and the turban of fine linen, the linen headbands and the undergarments of finely twisted linen.

Ex. 39:29 The sash was of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn — the work of an embroiderer — as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex. 39:30 They made the plate, the sacred diadem, out of pure gold and engraved on it, like an inscription on a seal: HOLY TO THE LORD.

Ex. 39:31 Then they fastened a blue cord to it to attach it to the turban, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex. 39:32 So all the work on the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, was completed. The Israelites did everything just as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex. 39:33 Then they brought the tabernacle to Moses: the tent and all its furnishings, its clasps, frames, crossbars, posts and bases;

Ex. 39:34 the covering of ram skins dyed red, the covering of hides of sea cows and the shielding curtain;

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Ex. 39:35 the ark of the Testimony with its poles and the atonement cover;

Ex. 39:36 the table with all its articles and the bread of the Presence;

Ex. 39:37 the pure gold lampstand with its row of lamps and all its accessories, and the oil for the light;

Ex. 39:38 the gold altar, the anointing oil, the fragrant incense, and the curtain for the entrance to the tent;

Ex. 39:39 the bronze altar with its bronze grating, its poles and all its utensils; the basin with its stand;

Ex. 39:40 the curtains of the courtyard with its posts and bases, and the curtain for the entrance to the courtyard; the ropes and tent pegs for the courtyard; all the furnishings for the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting;

Ex. 39:41 and the woven garments worn for ministering in the sanctuary, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when serving as priests.

Ex. 39:42 The Israelites had done all the work just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Ex. 39:43 Moses inspected the work and saw that they had done it just as the LORD had commanded. So Moses blessed them.

Exodus chapter 39 continues the account of the construction of the tabernacle and the priestly garments. This chapter focuses on the making of the priestly garments and the completion of the tabernacle.

The chapter begins by describing the creation of the ephod, a special garment worn by the high priest. The ephod was made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, and fine linen. It

had two shoulder pieces, each with an onyx stone engraved with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. The breastpiece was also made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, and fine linen. It had twelve precious stones, each representing one of the twelve tribes of Israel.

The chapter also describes the making of the other priestly garments, including the tunics, sashes, and caps. These garments were made of fine linen and were embroidered with gold thread.

The chapter concludes with a summary of the completion of the tabernacle. The Israelites had followed God's instructions and had constructed the tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly as He had commanded. When everything was complete, Moses blessed the people and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

Overall, Exodus chapter 39 emphasizes the importance of obedience and attention to detail in carrying out God's commands. It also highlights the significance of the priestly garments in the worship of God and the completion of the tabernacle as a place of worship for the Israelites.

The key verses Chapter 39 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 39 describes in detail the making of the priestly garments, including the ephod, breastplate, robe, and turban. The key verses in this chapter are:

Verse 1: "From the blue, purple and scarlet yarn they made woven garments for ministering in the sanctuary. They also made sacred garments for Aaron, as the Lord commanded Moses."

Verse 2: "They made the ephod of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen."

Verse 22: "They made the robe of the ephod entirely of blue cloth—the work of a weaver—with an opening in the center of the robe like the opening of a collar, and a band around this opening, so that it would not tear."

Verse 26: "They made pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen around the hem of the robe."

Verse 31: "They fastened the robe by its rings to the ephod with blue cord, connecting it to the waistband so that the robe would not swing out from the ephod—as the Lord commanded Moses."

These verses emphasize the detailed and precise instructions that the Israelites followed to make the priestly garments according to the Lord's commandments, and highlight the importance of these garments in the ministry of the sanctuary.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 39:

Exodus chapter 39 continues the narrative of the construction of the tabernacle and its furnishings. In this chapter, we see the completion of the priestly garments and the finalization of the tabernacle's construction. The skilled craftsmen, Bezalel and Oholiab, along with their team of workers, meticulously carry out the work according to the instructions given by God. The chapter describes the materials used, the intricate details of the garments, and the dedication of the Israelites in creating a sacred space for the worship of God.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the significance of the priesthood and the importance of the priestly garments. The garments, including the ephod, breastpiece, robe, and turban, are designed with intricate craftsmanship and symbolic meaning. They serve as a visual representation of the priesthood's role as mediators between God and the people. The attention to detail in the construction of these garments reflects the Israelites' commitment to honoring God and their understanding of the sacredness of their service.

The chapter also emphasizes the completion of the tabernacle and the satisfaction of the work done. The various elements, such as the ark of the covenant, the table for the bread of the Presence, and the golden lampstand, are meticulously crafted and placed in their designated positions within the tabernacle. This completion marks a significant milestone in the Israelites' journey towards creating a dwelling place for God's presence among them.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 39, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the significance of our roles as priests in the New Testament context. As believers in Christ, we are called to be a holy priesthood, representing Him and interceding for others. Just as the priestly garments had symbolic meaning and represented the sacredness of the priesthood, we should embrace our role as ambassadors of Christ, living out our faith with integrity and humility.

Secondly, this chapter highlights the importance of attention to detail and excellence in our service to God. The craftsmen, Bezalel, and Oholiab, demonstrated their dedication and skill in creating the garments and constructing the tabernacle. We should strive for excellence in all that we do, recognizing that our service to God is not to be taken lightly. Whether it is in our daily tasks, interactions with others, or our ministries, we should seek to honor God by offering our best.

Furthermore, the chapter encourages us to appreciate and celebrate the milestones and accomplishments in our spiritual journey. The completion of the tabernacle was a significant moment for the Israelites, signifying the realization of God's presence among them. In our own lives, we should take the time to recognize and celebrate the milestones and growth in our relationship with God. It is an opportunity to express gratitude for His faithfulness and to reflect on how far we have come in our journey of faith.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 39 teaches us about the significance of our role as priests, the importance of attention to detail and excellence in our service to God, and the need to appreciate and celebrate the milestones in our spiritual journey. It calls us to embrace our role as representatives of Christ, to offer our best in all that we do, and to recognize and celebrate the work of God in our lives. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a deeper understanding of our priestly calling, strive for excellence in our service, and express gratitude for God's faithfulness in our spiritual journey.

#### CHAPTER 40

Ex. 40:1 Then the LORD said to Moses:

Ex. 40:2 "Set up the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, on the first day

of the first month.

Ex. 40:3 Place the ark of the Testimony in it and shield the ark with the curtain.

Ex. 40:4 Bring in the table and set out what belongs on it. Then bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps.

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Ex. 40:5 Place the gold altar of incense in front of the ark of the Testimony and put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.

Ex. 40:6 “Place the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting;

Ex. 40:7 place the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it.

Ex. 40:8 Set up the courtyard around it and put the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard.

Ex. 40:9 “Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy.

Ex. 40:10 Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar, and it will be most holy.

Ex. 40:11 Anoint the basin and its stand and consecrate them.

Ex. 40:12 “Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and wash them with water.

Ex. 40:13 Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so that he may serve me as priest.

Ex. 40:14 Bring his sons and dress them in tunics.

Ex. 40:15 Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so that they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come.”

Ex. 40:16 Moses did everything just as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:17 So the tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month in the second year.

Ex. 40:18 When Moses set up the tabernacle, he put the bases in place, erected the frames, inserted the crossbars and set up the posts.

Ex. 40:19 Then he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering over the tent, as the LORD commanded him.

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Ex. 40:20 He took the Testimony and placed it in the ark, attached the poles to the ark and put the atonement cover over it.

Ex. 40:21 Then he brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the shielding curtain and shielded the ark of the Testimony, as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:22 Moses placed the table in the Tent of Meeting on the north side of the tabernacle outside the curtain

Ex. 40:23 and set out the bread on it before the LORD, as the LORD

commanded him.

Ex. 40:24 He placed the lampstand in the Tent of Meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle

Ex. 40:25 and set up the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:26 Moses placed the gold altar in the Tent of Meeting in front of the curtain

Ex. 40:27 and burned fragrant incense on it, as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:28 Then he put up the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.

Ex. 40:29 He set the altar of burnt offering near the entrance to the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, and offered on it burnt offerings and grain offerings, as the LORD commanded him.

Ex. 40:30 He placed the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing,

Ex. 40:31 and Moses and Aaron and his sons used it to wash their hands and feet.

Ex. 40:32 They washed whenever they entered the Tent of Meeting or approached the altar, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex. 40:33 Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard.

And so Moses finished the work.

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Ex. 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Ex. 40:35 Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Ex. 40:36 In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out;

Ex. 40:37 but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out — until the day it lifted.

Ex. 40:38 So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels

Exodus chapter 40 concludes the book of Exodus with the setting up of the tabernacle and the glory of the Lord filling it.

The chapter begins with God instructing Moses to set up the tabernacle on the first day of the first month, which was the beginning of the second year since the Israelites left Egypt. Moses follows God's instructions and sets up the tabernacle, placing all the furnishings inside it as God had commanded.

Once everything was in place, Moses anointed the tabernacle and all its furnishings with oil and consecrated them to the Lord. He then consecrated Aaron and his sons as priests and anointed them with oil as well.

Finally, the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle, and Moses was unable to enter it because of the cloud of the Lord's presence that covered it. The cloud of the Lord's presence remained over the tabernacle during the day, and at night, it appeared as a pillar of fire.

The chapter concludes with a powerful statement that the cloud of the Lord's presence was with the Israelites throughout their journeys in the wilderness.

Overall, Exodus chapter 40 emphasizes the importance of following God's instructions and consecrating ourselves and our worship to the Lord. It also highlights the significance of God's presence with His people and His willingness to lead them through their journeys.

The key verses Chapter 40 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 40 describes the final construction and assembly of the Tabernacle, and its consecration for use as a holy place of worship for the Israelites. The key verses in this chapter are:

Verse 2: "Set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, on the first day of the first month."

Verse 9: "Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy."

Verse 16: "Moses did everything just as the Lord commanded him."

Verse 33-34: "Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work."

Verse 35: "Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle."

These verses demonstrate the completion of the instructions given to Moses by God in earlier chapters, the obedience of Moses in carrying out those instructions, and the final act of God's glory filling the Tabernacle as a sign of his presence with the Israelites.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 40:

Exodus chapter 40 marks the completion of the tabernacle and the final act of consecration. After months of meticulous construction and preparation, the time has come for the tabernacle to be set up and filled with the presence of God. Moses receives detailed instructions from the Lord regarding the arrangement of the furnishings and the anointing of the priests. The chapter concludes with the glorious manifestation of God's presence filling the tabernacle.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the fulfillment of God's promise to dwell among His people. The tabernacle serves as a tangible representation of His presence in the midst of the Israelites. Through the construction and consecration of the tabernacle, God establishes a sacred space where He can dwell and commune with His chosen people. This fulfillment of God's promise highlights His faithfulness and His desire for a close relationship with His people.

The chapter also emphasizes the role of obedience in experiencing God's presence. Moses meticulously follows the Lord's instructions, ensuring that every detail of the tabernacle's



setup and consecration is carried out precisely as commanded. His obedience demonstrates the importance of following God's guidance in order to create an environment where His presence can be experienced.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 40, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of God's desire to dwell among His people. Just as the tabernacle served as a meeting place between God and the Israelites, we are called to cultivate a personal relationship with Him. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we become the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, and God desires to have an intimate and ongoing relationship with us.

Secondly, this chapter underscores the significance of obedience in experiencing God's presence. Like Moses, we are called to be attentive to God's instructions and follow them wholeheartedly. Obedience is not merely about carrying out religious rituals or adhering to rules; it is about aligning our lives with God's will and purposes. As we submit to His guidance and walk in obedience, we position ourselves to experience His presence in a more profound way.

Furthermore, the chapter encourages us to create space in our lives for God's presence. Just as the tabernacle was meticulously set up and consecrated, we should be intentional about setting aside time and creating an environment where we can encounter God. This can involve engaging in prayer, reading His Word, participating in worship, and seeking moments of solitude and stillness to listen to His voice. By creating space for God in our lives, we open ourselves to experience His presence more fully.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 40 teaches us about God's desire to dwell among His people, the importance of obedience in experiencing His presence, and the need to create space for Him in our lives. It reminds us of the faithfulness of God and His invitation for a close and personal relationship with us. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a deeper awareness of God's presence, walk in obedience to His will, and create a space where His presence can dwell in our lives.

Notes:

The Book of Exodus is another challenging book of the Christian Bible that has many difficult questions that remain unanswered. Here are a few examples:

1. What was the true identity of the Pharaoh who ruled during the time of Moses? The Bible does not name the Pharaoh, and there are several candidates from Egyptian history who could fit the bill. Scholars have proposed various possibilities, but there is no consensus on who the Pharaoh actually was.
2. How did the plagues in Egypt occur? Some scholars believe that the plagues were natural phenomena that were interpreted as divine acts, while others argue that they were supernatural events caused directly by God.
3. What was the exact route of the Israelites during the Exodus? The Bible provides some details, but the geography and topography of the region have changed over time, making it difficult to determine the exact path of the Israelites.

4. What was the nature of the manna that fell from heaven to feed the Israelites in the wilderness? The Bible describes it as a miraculous substance, but scholars have proposed various explanations, including that it was a natural product of the desert environment.
5. How did Moses part the Red Sea? Some scholars believe that the event was a natural phenomenon caused by a strong wind, while others argue that it was a supernatural act of God.

Again, it's important to note that while these questions remain unanswered, they have inspired ongoing scholarship and theological reflection.