

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

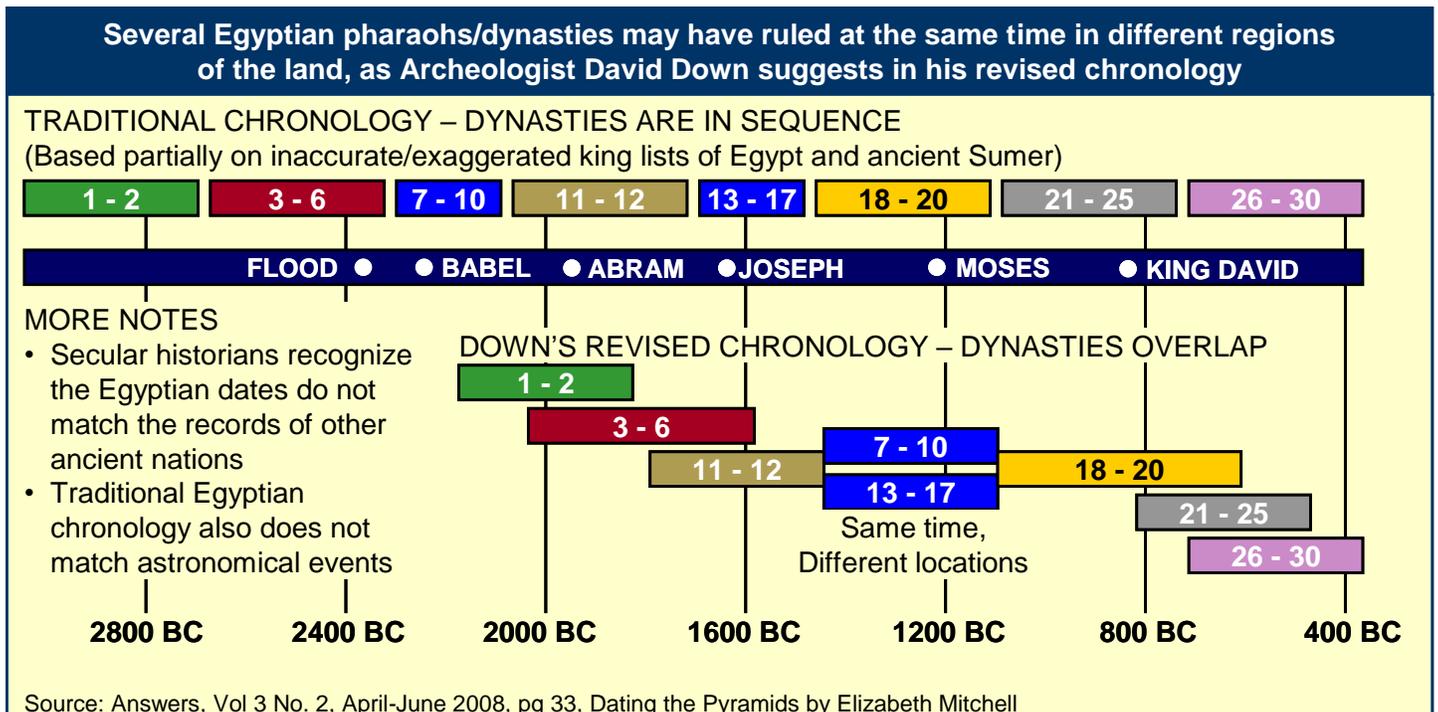
1) 03 Sept 2017	Exodus 01-04	Reluctance
2) 10 Sept	Exodus 05-10	Confrontation
3) 17 Sept	Exodus 11-12	Liberation
4) 24 Sept	Exodus 13-14	Victory
5) 01 Oct	Exodus 15-18	Sufficient
6) 08 Oct	Exodus 19-24	Commanded
7) 15 Oct	Exodus 25-31	Equipped
8) 22 Oct	Exodus 32-34	Rebellion
9) 29 Oct	Exodus 35-40	His Presence
10) 05 Nov	Leviticus 01-07	Set Before
11) 12 Nov	Leviticus 08-15	Set Apart
12) 19 Nov	Leviticus 16-22	Set Free
13) 26 Nov	Leviticus 23-27	Set Futures

INTRODUCTION

- God is silent for 430 years during Israel's Egyptian pilgrimage. Then when the time was right, Moses is prepared to relocate ~3,000,000 whiners out of Egypt & through a desert for 40 years
- Population statistics show that 70 people could produce more than 10M+ offspring in 430 years, assuming 25 years to double
- Little to no "recognized" historical or archeological evidence of the exodus event is known outside of Scripture. But, see Exodus Decoded: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljW8RxXB0NI&t=44m30s>
- Either **Seti I** / Ramses II or **Thutmose III** / Amunhotep II were the pharaohs Moses dealt with during the oppression / exodus periods

Passage	Comments
Is it ever OK to Lie?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical Principles on Lying / Withholding the Truth. There are principles in Scripture where lying or withholding the truth seems justified to preserve innocent lives or when confronted with casting pearls (i.e., truth) before swine. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Abraham & Isaac lied about their wives being their sisters, and they both walked away blessed Gen 19, 20, 26 ♦ Hebrew midwives lied to Pharaoh and reaped blessings from God Exodus 1: 15-21 ♦ Rahab lied about the 2 spies, and she saved her family and became an ancestor of Jesus Joshua 2 ♦ King David feigned insanity to protect his life... 1Sam 21:13 ♦ Jesus withheld the truth when questioned before His death ♦ Did Jesus lie when He said He had no intentions of going up to the Feast, but He went up anyway? NO – Jesus had no intentions of going up to make a spectacle of Himself as His brothers alluded to John 7:4-14 • More Thots. We are not to give pearls of truth to swine & we need to be wise as serpents, gentle as doves... Mat 7:6; 10:16 • Therefore, it seems OK to conceal the truth for a higher purpose – not to harm, not for convenience sake, not to achieve gain – but to protect innocent lives from evil intent • On the Flipside. If we want to live long, don't lie Ps 34:12-13 A lying tongue is an abomination to God Prov 6:16-17 Israel became a nation of liars Mic 6:12 Ananias & Sapphira lied and died Acts 5:1-11
Exodus 2	<p>Moses is Born into Poverty, but Raised in the Palace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice the sequence: First oppression, then abortion, then murder. How far away is America from unfettered infanticide? • vv7-8. Moses' sister calls their mom to nurse her son for the Princess. What Providence! Moses grew up in a prestigious environment, but his mother tutored him on his Jewishness. • v12. Moses committed premeditated murder – "He looked this way and that..." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Caution on taking matters into our own hands ♦ God does not need our help ♦ Fortunately, His sovereignty can overrule our youthful exuberance and, often times, stupidity • vv23-25. Israel cried for help – God remembered His covenant – and He took notice of them. God begins to act when all the pieces have come together. The Lord "waits" to be gracious to us – blessed are they who "wait" on Him... Is 30:18

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Exodus 1	<p>Why was God Silent for So Long if Israel wasn't in Sin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is God silent today as He was back then? Many believers would say Yes, since God is seemingly working providentially (which is subjective by nature) and not supernaturally. • Note. God's supposed-silence stops for the modern world once the Rapture and Tribulation era starts • v8. A new king arose over Egypt either thru generational succession or military conquest. See below for Egypt's revised chronology that reconciles Pharaonic dynasties with recognized astronomical & historical events • v10. "Let us oppress them" – Twisted logic is common when biblical principles are ignored. If you want a friendly neighbor, befriend them, not oppress them. • vv12-15. The more the Jews were afflicted, the more they multiplied. God even blessed the midwives for lying.



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When is it OK to Take Matters into Our Own Hands Without Running Ahead of God?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah took matters into her own hands and gave her handmaid, Hagar, to her husband, Abraham, to father a child – and that didn't turn out too well..... Gen 16 • Rebekah took matters into her own hands and deceived her husband, Isaac, to abscond with a blessing for Jacob, and that didn't turn out well either..... Gen 27 • Tamar (Gen 38:13-30) dressed up like a prostitute and got pregnant by her father-in-law, Judah, to claim her Biblical rights, and that barely turned out well..... Gen 38 • Phinehas took matters into his own hands and killed an adulterous couple & saved 1,000s from a plague Num 25 • King Saul took matters into his own hand and lost his crown, for partial obedience is disobedience 1Samuel 15 • Abigail took matters into her own hands and saved everyone from destruction 1Samuel 25 • In this incident, Moses thought he was doing God a service by rescuing His people his way, but he ended up a fugitive spending possibly 40 needless years in the desert..... Ex 2 <p>Principle to Live By. If there is foolish or sinful behavior, then it is appropriate to seek proper recourse, otherwise one could invoke problems for one's self & others for generations</p>
Exodus 3	<p>Moses at the Burning Bush</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Mt Horeb – the Mountain of God. God seems to have a special affinity for mountain top experiences. • v6 – “The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” This term is used about 30x (20x OT, 10x NT). Whereas, the term “The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel” is only used 4x in the OT, and it is never used by God. More frequent use of Jacob's name (“supplanter”) instead of Israel (“God prevails”) conveys that God is also the God of imperfect people. • v8. God uses Israel to annihilate 7 people groups (genocide) and gives their land to them for an everlasting inheritance. • vv19-20. God knows Pharaoh will have to be forced to let the Jews go. The 10 plagues begin easy (God is merciful) then builds up to a crescendo (God is just) • vv21-22. Israel marched out with Egyptian wealth being given to their children. If you think about it, the adult generation Moses dealt with had a poverty mentality the entire 40 years. The younger generation had other issues to deal with, but they were not impoverished like their parents, who often cried to go back to Egyptian slavery, which was their comfort zone.
What is it about Mountains that God enjoys?	<p>Consider this about some special Mountains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God sent Abraham to the “Mount of the Lord” to sacrifice Isaac (often equated to the mountains of Jerusalem, which includes Mount Calvary and the Temple Mount) Gen 22:14 • Ex 3:1. Mount Horeb was called the Mountain of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ex 3:2. Moses saw the burning bush on Mt Horeb ♦ Ex 3:12. After leaving Egypt, Israel worshipped God at this Mount and basically circled it for 40 years. • Ex 19:11. God showed Himself on Mount Sinai • Is 2:2. In the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD (aka, Mount Zion – the Temple Mount) will be established as the chief of the mountains • Is 8:18. The LORD dwells on Mount Zion (the Temple Mount) • Is 24:23. The LORD will reign on Mount Zion & in Jerusalem • Is 65:25. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain (aka, Jerusalem),” says the LORD . • Is 66:20. Israel will be gathered from around the world to “My holy mountain Jerusalem” • Ezek 20:40. on “My holy mountain, on the high mountain of Israel, there the whole house of Israel, all of them, will serve Me in the land; says the Lord • Rev 14:1. Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 • Rev 21:10. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God

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How do we Deal with God-ordained Genocide?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God commanded Israel to wipe out the inhabitants of the land completely – men, women, children, & their animals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ “Show no mercy, and make no treaty” – in other words, no exceptions, no compromise, no prisoners..... Deut 7:1-6 ♦ BUT WHY? “...because they will turn you away from God to worship other gods, then God will have to destroy you” • Ultimately, a society without godly morals spirals downhill over time into adultery, immorality, murder, incest, child sacrifice, pedophilia, homosexuality, bestiality • Sexual sins, which are of the body, are different from all other sins, which are outside the body 1Cor 6:18 • Rampant, non-repentant, society-wide sexual sins (adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, pedophilia, etc.) invoke God to wipe the slate clean and start over – as seen with Noah's generation, Sodom & Gomorrah, the 7 Canaanite nations, near wipe-out of the tribe of Benjamin, Judah, and Israel, and finally, the last generation – which we might be in. • Even Israel's sins grew worse than their surrounding nations, to include child sacrifice, homosexuality, and bestiality on a national scale (Ezek 5:6) – Seems like America today (e.g., gay rights, abortion). Rampant bestiality might be next for us. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ How complacent is the church becoming with social sins? <p>BUT WHY DOES GOD'S JUSTICE TAKES SO LONG? The Lord is patient, not willing for any to perish, but that all should come to repentance 2Peter 3:9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God purges the land when His patience runs out and “sins are completed” Gen 6:5-12; 15:16; 19:13; Lev 18:20-30
Exodus 4	<p>Moses goes to Egypt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1, 10-14 – Moses gives excuses for not wanting to serve God, so God has to take a sterner approach. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What excuses do we make for not serving as we should? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Not talented enough □ No time □ Don't feel like it • vv21-23. In Exodus, 10x it is said God will harden Pharaoh's heart, and 10x it is said Pharaoh hardened his own heart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Was Pharaoh accountable if God hardened his heart? YES ♦ Consider this. Since God knows people's hearts & what they intend to do, He often seals their fate in the direction they are going, yet He also often gives them chances to turn (e.g. Cain, King Saul, Judas, Pharisees). And there are Exceptions: King Manasseh, Apostle Paul • vv24-26. God sought to put Moses to death. Similar issue with God wanting to strike Balaam down (Num 22:21-22). Both men were in route to deliver a message from God. Moses (like Balaam & King Saul) was guilty of partial or delayed obedience, which is nothing short of rebellion, which is akin to the sin of witchcraft (which carries the death penalty) and makes him totally useless for God... 1Sam 15:23

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- Watch out – God may be patient and merciful, but His patience does have a limit, and His holiness is not to be trifled with
- ...and watch out for partial or delayed obedience in our own lives

NEXT WEEK: Exodus 5-10. The first nine plagues...

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(See Acts 7:30-34)

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MOSES? DO I HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION?