

Reformed University Fellowship Bible Survey Conference

Precourse Assignment

Welcome to the RUF *Bible Survey* Conference! The Bible is a big book – or actually a collection of books. It takes a while to read all of it, and longer to feel familiar with it. This conference will help you to get the big picture of the Bible. We will not have time to look at every book, but we will look at most of them. As we go through, we will trace the themes that form the backbone of the Bible's message.

This precourse assignment will help us to make good use of our time during the weekend. Perhaps the most pivotal event in the Old Testament was the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. This began the process of forming the descendants of Jacob into the nation of Israel. The exodus provides many of the themes which the later biblical authors use – all the way through to Revelation.

We will use your insights from this passage early in the weekend. Please do not wait until 6:00 P.M. Friday to do it. You will enjoy it more and learn better if you do it early in the week. The whole assignment should take about 1½ hours. You could do one part each day for four days during your personal devotions if you would like. Please write your answers on this sheet and bring it with you to the conference. See you Saturday!

Read Exodus 1:1-15:21 and answer the following questions.

1. How many people went down to Egypt? Why is this mentioned?
2. Why was Moses' first attempt to deliver his countrymen unsuccessful?
3. Why did God decide to rescue the Israelites?
4. When God called Moses, Moses had four objections. What were they? List the verses where you found them.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
5. What is the reason Moses gives to Pharaoh for allowing the people to go into the wilderness? (5:3)

6. God sent ten plagues upon Egypt when Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites leave. List them.
 - a. f.
 - b. g.
 - c. h.
 - d. i.
 - e. j.
7. Why did God attack the firstborn in the final plague? See 4:22-23. What is special about the firstborn?
8. What is happening in 12:35-36? Look at verse 41.
9. What was the cumulative effect of all the plagues and the drowning of the Egyptian army?
10. How might this have affected the future of the Israelites?