

The Bible - From Beginning to End Using the Twenty C's

6 – Carrying Burdens

Scriptures:	Exodus 1-14
Focal Point:	Israel's Deliverance from Egyptian Bondage
Principal Characters:	Moses, Aaron, Pharaoh
Primary Events:	Enslavement of the Jews Birth of Moses The Call of Moses at the Burning Bush The Ten Plagues Crossing the Red Sea

1. The enslavement of the Jews.
 - Abraham was certainly a man of faith, but there was a steady degeneration of his descendents until the nation of Israel ended up as mere slaves in Egypt. They were in Egyptian bondage for over 400 years. **Acts 7:6-7**
 - God used this time in Egypt to allow His people to develop in size and strength so that they might be capable of possessing their promised land. **Exodus 1:7-9**
2. The birth and call of Moses.
 - Moses was born of godly parents who hid him for three months. **Exodus 2:1-2; cf. Hebrews 11:23**
 - Through a miraculous set of events, God delivered Moses and allowed him to grow up and be educated in Pharaoh's court. **Exodus 2:3-10**
 - When Moses was forty, he was forced to flee from the land of Egypt because Pharaoh desired to kill him. Moses had identified himself with his people, Israel. cf. **Hebrews 11:24-27**
 - Forty years later, Moses received a divine call to return to Egypt and deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage. **Exodus 3:1-10**
 - Moses did not feel worthy of this calling, so God gave Moses two things to help him:
 - Aaron – his older brother. **Exodus 4:16**
 - Miraculous signs. **Exodus 4:17, 29-31**
3. The ten plagues.
 - Moses and Aaron marched right in to Pharaoh and told him God's demand, "*Let my people go.*" **Exodus 5:1**
 - Pharaoh refused (**Exodus 5:2**), so this led to a showdown between the Lord God and the pagan gods of Egypt (they worshiped over 80 gods - **Exodus 12:12**). Through God's power, Moses called down ten plagues on Egypt.
 - Water into blood - 7:20
 - A frog invasion - 8:6
 - Lice - 8:17

- Flies - 8:24
- Cattle disease - 9:6
- Boils - 9:10
- Hail mingled with fire - 9:24
- Locusts - 10:13
- Three-day darkness - 10:22
- Slaying of the firstborn - 12:29
- These plagues were to demonstrate to Israel the strength of their God and to show the Egyptians the total inability of their gods. Each plague was directed against a particular Egyptian god. **Exodus 7:5**
- What was the result of these plagues?
 - At midnight, April 14th, the death angel passed over Egypt and took every firstborn son from all unprotected homes, including Pharaoh himself. **Exodus 12:23**
 - During the early morning hours of the 15th, all Israel crossed the border of Egypt - 600,000 men and their families. **Exodus 12:30-33, 37**
- Pharaoh then regretted his decision to let Israel go and pursued them. God miraculously delivered Israel through the parting of the Red Sea. **Exodus 14:13-14, 21-28**
 - This was a great miracle when you consider that that average depth of the waters is about 5,000 feet!
 - God demonstrated His great power to encourage His people for the challenges ahead.