One Year Bible Challenge, Week 4



Week 4

January 22 to 28, 2011[1. The notes, summaries and points on this page are intended as bookmarks of important matters which are covered in this week's readings. They are not intended as complete summaries of readings. Please forgive me if some of my summaries are not 100% on point. Read the manual—i.e. Bible—so that you will get a more clear understanding of the material. Thank you.
—*Tom Truex*]

This is the *"One Year Bible Challenge:"* to read the entire Bible in one year. Assuming a normal reading level, this can be done by spending about 10-15 minutes per day, each and every day. See **ReadTheWholeBible.COM** for more information. If you would like details so you can join us, or if you have any other questions, please call Tom Truex. Or send an email by using the CONTACT form on K-Line.ORG.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS: Genesis 44:1-Exodus 7:25
Themes and stories: Joseph gives his brothers more food to carry them through the seven year famine. The brothers still don't recognize Joseph. Joseph finally reveals his identity to them. Joseph gives them more provisions to survive the great famine. Jacob's family moves to Egypt. Pharaoh gives permission for them to settle in the Land of Goshen.

Joseph purchased, on behalf of Pharaoh, land and livestock from the Egyptians as they sold their possessions in order to have food to survive the famine.

Jacob prophesied the future of his descendants. Then Jacob died. His sons returned his body to Canaan so he could be buried in the same tomb as his father, Isaac, and grandfather, Abraham. Joseph's brothers were concerned that Joseph still held a grudge against them for selling him into slavery many years before. They thought he might punish them, now that their father had died. But Joseph treated them kindly. Joseph died at the age of 110 years, and was buried in Egypt.

Begin Exodus. The Israelites were fruitful and multiplied. The new king (Pharaoh) in Egypt didn't know Joseph, but he feared the Israelites were becoming too numerous and too strong. He made the Israelites slaves and ordered the slaughter of the baby boys. Moses' mother put baby Moses in a basket in the river. Pharaoh's daughter found Moses and adopted him.

When Moses grew up, he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave. Moses killed the Egyptian. Moses fled to avoid detection for killing the Egyptian.

God spoke to Moses in a burning bush and chose Moses to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Moses was afraid to be the one to lead them out of bondage. Moses asked God his name. The answer: "I AM." Moses returned to Egypt and asked Pharaoh to let the Hebrews celebrate a festival in the wilderness. Instead, Pharaoh made Moses' people work harder.

God told Moses to ask Pharaoh to let his people leave Egypt. God gave Aaron a staff that turned into a snake when he threw it down before Pharaoh. Still, Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he wouldn't let the Israelites leave. God sent the first of the plagues to afflict the Egyptians—the water in the Nile River turned to blood.

Discussion points: Moses asked Pharaoh to let the Israelites

out of his land. God gave Aaron a staff that turned into a snake when he threw it on the ground. Pharaoh wasn't convinced. Pharaoh's sorcerers performed the same trick "by their secret arts." Exodus 6:28 to 7:13.
Psalms: Psalm 18:37-23:6
Proverbs: Proverbs 4:11-5:23

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS: Matthew 14:13-19:12



Jesus feeds 5,000

Themes and stories: Jesus feeds 5,000 men, plus women and children, with five loaves of bread and two fish. They had 12 baskets of leftovers.

Jesus walks on water. He healed all the sick people who were brought to him. He preaches about inner purity. He drove a demon out of a girl. Jesus fed another 4,000 (plus women and children) seven loaves of bread and a few small fish. This time there were seven baskets of leftovers.

Jesus' teachings bring him into conflict with the Jewish religious leaders. Peter finally recognizes that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus predicts his death. Jesus is "transfigured" on the mountain—and meets with Moses and Elijah. Jesus heals a demon-possessed boy. Peter catches a fish, and finds a coin in its mouth, with which to pay the temple tax. Jesus warns against temptation, and against looking down on others. He tells the parable of the unforgiving debtor. Jesus teaches

about marriage and divorce.

Discussion points: How are we to treat a fellow believer who sins? Matthew 18:15-20.

REVIEW / STUDY QUESTIONS:

- Where was Goshen, and what was it's significance (Hint: *Not in Indiana.*)? Genesis 45:10.
- Why would the Israelites want to know God's name? Exodus 3:13-15.
- How were Pharaoh's sorcerers and magicians able to duplicate Moses miracle? Exodus 7:11.
- Jesus and the religious leaders are in conflict over tradition. But aren't religious traditions good? Matthew 15:1-3.
- What is the "rock" in Matthew 16:18?

DISCUSSION POINTS AND VERSES – Christian Men's Breakfast only[2. Subject to change.]
The discussion notes (PDF / TEXT) for breakfast on Saturday, January 29, 2011 are now online – *"God can use EVEN YOU!"*. Did you ever feel like you aren't really important enough to accomplish anything for God? You aren't the first person to feel this way. Yet throughout history, God has frequently chosen the least likely of his servants to carry out his instructions. Keep an open mind. God might need YOU! *Discussion verses:* Exodus 6:28 to 7:13 and Matthew 18:15-20.

FOOTNOTES