Joshua 1 Handout – The long way around

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Exodus 1:6–22 (AMP)

6 Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. 7 But the descendants of Israel were fruitful
and increased abundantly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, and the land was full of them. 8 Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, Behold, the Israelites are too many and too mighty for us [and they outnumber us both in people and in strength]. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply more and, should war befall us, they join our enemies, fight against us, and escape out of the land. 11 So they set over [the Israelites] taskmasters to afflict and oppress them with [increased] burdens. And [the Israelites] built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. 12 But the more [the Egyptians] oppressed them, the more they multiplied and expanded, so that [the Egyptians] were vexed and alarmed because of the Israelites.

The Bible tells us that during that period the Israelite slaves were forced to make mud bricks (Exodus 5:10-14). This detail is consistent with the type of brick used to construct pyramids. In fact, according to Exodus 5:7, Pharaoh told the taskmasters, “You shall no longer give the people straw to make brick as before. Let them go and gather straw for themselves.” While we are not told specifically that the bricks were used for pyramids, it seems plausible that they were. The Jewish historian Josephus supports this theory: “They [the Egyptian taskmasters] set them also to build pyramids” (Antiquities, II:9.1).

22 Then Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, every son born [to the Hebrews] you shall cast into the river [Nile], but every daughter you shall allow to live.

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Exodus 3:8 (AMP)

8 And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand and power of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a land good and large, a land flowing with milk and honey [a land of plenty]...

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The defiant leader Moses rises up against the Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses, setting 600,000 slaves on a monumental journey of escape from Egypt and its terrifying cycle of deadly plagues.

Exodus 12:37–38 (AMP)

37 The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about 600,000 men on foot, besides women and children. 38 And a mixed multitude went also with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds.
Exodus 13:3 (AMP)

3 And Moses said to the people, [Earnestly] remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage and bondmen, for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place;

Exodus 13:17–18

17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God led them not by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God said, Lest the people change their purpose when they see war and return to Egypt. 18 But God led the people around by way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea.
Exodus 13:21  The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. 22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

Exodus 14:1  AND THE Lord said to Moses, 2 Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the [Red] Sea, before Baal-zephon. You shall encamp opposite it by the sea. 3 For Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, They are entangled in the land; the wilderness has shut them in. 4 I will harden (make stubborn, strong) Pharaoh’s heart, that he will pursue them, and I will gain honor and glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord. And they did so.
Exodus 14:5  It was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled; and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, What is this we have done? We have let Israel go from serving us! 6 And he made ready his chariots and took his army, 7 And took 600 chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. 8 The Lord made hard and strong the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the Israelites, for [they] left proudly and defiantly. 9 The Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the [Red] Sea by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

Exodus 14:11-12 (AMP)

10 When Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked up, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and the Israelites were exceedingly frightened and cried out to the Lord. 11 And they said to Moses, Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you treated us this way and brought us out of Egypt? 12 Did we not tell you in Egypt, Let us alone; let us serve the Egyptians? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.

Exodus 14:13  Moses told the people, Fear not; stand still (firm, confident, undismayed) and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again. 14 The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace and remain at rest.
The Lord said to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward! Lift up your rod and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the Israelites shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night and made the sea dry land; and the waters were divided. And the Israelites went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

The waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that pursued them; not even one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians, and the people [reverently] feared the Lord and trusted in (relied on, remained steadfast to) the Lord and to His servant Moses.

Exodus 17:9 (AMP)

9 And Moses said to Joshua, choose us out men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.

Exodus 17:13 (AMP)

13 And Joshua mowed down and disabled Amalek and his people with the sword.

Exodus 24:12–13 (AMP)

12 And the Lord said to Moses, Come up to Me into the mountain and be there, and I will give you tables of stone,
with the law and the commandments which I have written that you may teach them. 13 So Moses rose up with Joshua his attendant; and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

Exodus 33:11 (AMP)

11 And the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Moses returned to the camp, but his minister Joshua son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the [temporary prayer] tent.

Numbers 13:16 (AMP)

16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to explore and scout out the land. And Moses called Hoshea son of Nun, Joshua.

Numbers 13:25–33 (AMP)

25 And they returned from scouting out the land after forty days. 26 They came to Moses and Aaron and to all the Israelite congregation in the Wilderness of Paran at Kadesh, and brought them word, and showed them the land’s fruit. 27 They told Moses, We came to the land to which you sent us; surely it flows with milk and honey. This is its fruit.

28 But the people who dwell there are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; moreover, there we saw the sons of Anak [of great stature and courage].

30 Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; we are well able to conquer it.
But his fellow scouts said, We are not able to go up against the people [of Canaan], for they are stronger than we are. So they brought the Israelites an evil report of the land which they had scouted out, saying, The land through which we went to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. And all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the Nephilim [or giants], the sons of Anak, who come from the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Numbers 14:1–10 (AMP)

1 AND ALL the congregation cried out with a loud voice, and [they] wept that night. 2 All the Israelites grumbled and deplored their situation, accusing Moses and Aaron, to whom the whole congregation said, Would that we had died in Egypt! Or that we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why does the Lord bring us to this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and little ones will be a prey. Is it not better for us to return to Egypt? 4 And they said one to another, Let us choose a captain and return to Egypt.

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of Israelites. 6 And Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among the scouts who had searched the land, rent their clothes, 7 And they said to all the company of Israelites, The land through which we passed as scouts is an exceedingly good land. 8 If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land flowing with milk and honey. 9 Only do not rebel against the Lord, neither fear the people of the land,
for they are bread for us. Their defense and the shadow [of protection] is removed from over them, but the Lord is with us. Fear them not. 10 But all the congregation said to stone [Joshua and Caleb] with stones.

Numbers 14:27–38 (AMP)

27 How long will this evil congregation murmur against Me? I have heard the complaints the Israelites murmur against Me. 28 Tell them, As I live, says the Lord, what you have said in My hearing I will do to you: 29 Your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness—of all who were numbered of you, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against Me, 30 Surely none shall come into the land in which I swore to make you dwell, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.

34 After the number of the days in which you spied out the land [of Canaan], even forty days, for each day a year shall you bear and suffer for your iniquities, even for forty years, and you shall know My displeasure [the revoking of My promise and My estrangement].

Christyn Taylor - This week did not go as expected: One day we left a joyful charity benefit with Rebecca onstage auctioning her blanket - the next she was in a wheelchair barely lifting her head from pain.

One day we leave balmy 90 degree weather – the next we enter ice cold temperatures 65 degrees cooler.

One day we were holding a schedule of outpatient appointments- the next we are inpatient with all appointments redirected to the hospital room.
One day Rebecca is stable – the next her pancreatic and liver enzymes are severely elevated.

One day we are planning Brian’s birthday celebration at home with the boys – the next we are listening to their voices solemnly sing ‘Happy Birthday’ over a phone.

One day I am assuring Alexander I will be home soon - the next I am buying months’ worth of warm clothing never to be worn beyond this particular season in our lives.

The difference of one day can be shocking....

Weeks like this clearly remind me how God is in control. I have a hard time not laughing in the face of planners...I used to be one. I made list after list of daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly plans. I was organized, scheduled, and on track for my idea of how my family’s future would look. My hopes, my desires, my dreams, my, my, my....

I have not accomplished a single list in over four years.

Four and a half VERY long years.

Everything I schedule, everything I plan, is somehow turned upside down and I am forced to depend on a second by second (minutes are too long) flexibility which is ever-changing.

But I discovered something in this out-of-control existence I am now a part of. When I am forced to give up my plans, I am forced to give in to God’s. And by erasing my calendar and burning my lists – I get the first-hand privilege of experiencing the Lord’s manna for the day. The very sustenance I require to get through this complicated and arduous journey...
1. Do you believe I love you regardless?
2. Do you trust I am in this?
3. Do you believe I am leading you?
4. Do you believe wandering in the wilderness 40 years is part of my plan for your life?
5. When all of this is over will you love Me more or less?
6. When all of this is over will people see Me in you?
7. When this trial is complete will people want to know Me because of your attitude?
8. After 40 years has your perspective on Me changed?