

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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Exodus 6:13-7:13

1. What happened in last week's Bible Study?
 - a. Even though things looked impossible, God assured Moses that He would fulfill His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
 - b. God assured Moses that he had Pharaoh right where he wanted him and Pharaoh would not only let them go, but he would drive them out.
 - c. God reminded Moses that it was by His mighty hand that this would all happen.
 - d. God sent Moses with another message and promise to Israel...but they were not impressed.

 2. What happens in Exodus 6:13-27?
 - a. I don't know, I zoned out there for a minute.
 - b. This is a family record, which has been inserted into the middle of the story. It seems intended to make sure that everybody understood who Moses and Aaron were within the context of Israel's family history.
 - c. The family history is a partial replication of Genesis 46:9-27, listing the leaders of the families under the tribes led by the 3 oldest sons of Israel. It ends, however, with Levi, the 3rd son because it is focusing on Moses and Aaron's place as Levites as well as the place of the contemporary (perhaps contemporary to the writing or insertion of this text) priesthood, which would have been descended from Aaron (not Moses, Aaron was the firstborn).

 3. What is the significance of 6:28-7:7?
 - a. It almost feels like we began a new story. This is the same story, but the beginning of this section summarizes the previous stories that we have already studied.
 - b. Verse 1 explains the line of authority and how the word of God was passed on. Moses was "like God" (this is a metaphor, not a description of Moses himself) and Aaron was the like the prophet through whom God was speaking. Moses was still the one who was able to clearly hear the word of God but an additional step had to be added.
 - c. While our previous texts have included some very personal information about Moses and his discussions with God, this portion seems to be written about him and telling the story from another perspective.

 4. What happened in verses 7:8-13?
 - a. God told Moses and Aaron to perform a miracle when called upon to do so by Pharaoh.
 - b. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and it became a snake.
 - c. Wait, wasn't this the miracle that God told Moses himself to perform in our previous study?
 - d. Pharaoh has wise men and sorcerers that could perform this same miracle...but God's snake ate their snakes.
 - e. Pharaoh's heart was hard nonetheless and this miracle was not enough

 5. Although our text has transitioned in style a little bit, let's not lose sight of the fact that God is now beginning to fulfill what he promised to do (the action has finally started). At the moment when the miracles start happening, are you encouraged by the movement and progress or are you discouraged that it still hasn't been enough for Pharaoh to relent and let the Israelites go?
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