

# Student Notes for Unit 4

## Key Understandings for This Unit

These are the key concepts you need to understand by the end of the unit:

- The first leaders of Israel had a unique calling from God.
- The people of Israel became who they were through significant events such as the call of Abraham and the other patriarchs, the Exodus, and the Covenant at Mount Sinai.
- We can look to the early leaders of Israel for inspiration in our lives today.
- From the beginning of their covenant relationship with God, the people of Israel had a specific pattern. This was the cycle of redemption, in which they sinned and moved away from the covenant but were able to return to God because of God's faithfulness and love.

## The Relationship between Covenant and the Early Leaders of Israel

### Abraham

1. The Book of Genesis tells us that despite humanity's \_\_\_\_\_, God chose to stay in relationship with humanity.
2. Look up the word *nomad* and write its definition.
3. What is the name of the strange land to which God leads Abram and Sarai?
4. Define *covenant*:
5. What is the new name God gives Abram?
6. What is the new name God gives Sarai?
7. What is the name of Abram and Sarai's son?
8. With whom does God make a covenant?

### Patriarchs and Holy Women

9. What is a patriarch?



10. What is a matriarch? Why do some refer to the holy women married to the patriarchs as “matriarchs”?
11. List three things we know about Isaac.
12. Isaac is married to Rachel. (T / F)
13. What are the names of Isaac’s two sons?
14. How does God reveal himself to Jacob?
15. What are four characteristics shared by the patriarchs?
16. God came to men and women and invited them to share his \_\_\_\_\_.

## Moses and the Exodus

### A People Enslaved

1. The Israelites in Egypt were descendants of \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ s.
2. Why did the new pharaoh feel threatened?
3. What are two things we know about Miriam?
4. Why did Moses flee to Midian? Who did he meet there?

### The Exodus

5. Explain the way God revealed himself to Moses. Why is this called a theophany?
6. How did God identify himself?
7. What did God call Moses to do?
8. What was the event that made Pharaoh dismiss the Israelites?
9. What happened during the Passover?



## Building Trust in God

10. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness. (T / F)
11. The Israelites kept good faith in God throughout their journey. (T / F)
12. How did God meet the needs of the Israelites?

## The Ten Commandments

13. Where did God make a covenant with Moses and the people of Israel?
14. What are two things that God says to the people of Israel during this covenant making?

See the Ten Commandments on the handout “The Ten Commandments” (Document #: TX001115).

## The Cycle of Redemption

1. The cycle of redemption was a one-time event. (T / F)
2. What does the word *redemption* mean?
3. Write down the five stages of the cycle of redemption pattern.

