Reading through the Bible ~ 2016   January 18-24

Monday, January 18—Exodus 1-3
The narrative of Genesis continues with the mention of Jacob's sons in Egypt (1:1-5); God blesses the Israelites (1:6; Gen.12:1-3), hears their groaning under the oppression of slavery and raises up a deliverer, Moses. Note especially God's words to Moses—3:7-22;

Tuesday, January 19—Exodus 4-6
Moses' encounter with Yahweh at the burning bush continues; Moses resists God's call; Moses arrives in Egypt with Aaron, meeting with the elders of Israel and with Pharaoh; note in particular the reference to God's sovereign providence (4:11, 21; 5:1-21; 6:6-8)

Wednesday, January 20—Exodus 7-9
God begins to bring His plagues upon Pharaoh and the land of Egypt. Take note of the many various expressions of God's absolute sovereignty over the situation—especially Ex.9:16

Thursday, January 21—Exodus 10-12
The plagues upon Egypt continue; take note of the absolute sovereignty of God as demonstrated in the situation by His hardening of Pharaoh's heart and of His inclining the hearts of the Egyptians to be generous with the children of Israel. Truly, God is the one controlling the situation.

Friday, January 22—Exodus 13-15
This section includes the crossing of the Red Sea and the final destruction of Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Take note again of the absolute sovereignty of God as He shows Himself to be the LORD.

Saturday, January 23—Exodus 16-18
The beginning of the journey through the wilderness to Canaan; notice the propensity of the people to unbelief demonstrated in the grumbling over food and water. Had God not said He would give them the land? Had God not powerfully delivered them out of the bondage of Egypt? Would He not provide for them?

Sunday, January 24—Exodus 19-21
The Lord God gives to his people the Law under which they must live if they are to dwell in His presence and enjoy the blessing of life that His presence brings; notice how absolutely the person of God determines how the people are to live in relationship with Him and with one another.