

January 30/Day 30

Exodus 1

Verses 1-7

- Exodus means “a mass departure”.
- This book was written by Moses later through the inspiration of God. It is a book of history, as was Genesis.
- Exodus picks up where Genesis left off. The sons of Israel (Jacob) had come to live in the Valley of Goshen in Egypt due to a world-wide famine. They had sold their brother, Joseph, into slavery when he was seventeen years old, now many years later God used Joseph to save their lives.
- Review the names of the sons of Israel listed here. Exodus begins at their end, at their deaths.
- What had happened to the sons of Israel in the land of Egypt? If you are just now joining us, you should know this was a promise God had made Israel (Jacob), his father Isaac, and his grand-father Abraham; that they would be made a great nation.

Verses 8-14

- Pharaoh had placed Joseph as second-in-charge of all of Egypt, but now not only is Joseph dead, but the Pharaoh who had esteemed Joseph is dead. What are we told about the kings who rose up over Egypt now?
- He hadn't known Joseph so the presence of the sons of Israel only affected him by the threat they had become in size.
- What did Pharaoh appoint over the sons of Israel? Why?
- What did the sons of Israel build? What kind of cities? What word is used?
- What happened the more they were afflicted?
- How were their lives affected by the Egyptians?
- According to the text, they were builders and field-hands. Rigorous means “strict, inflexible, or exhaustive”.

Verses 15-22

- What were the midwives supposed to do if a Hebrew woman bore a son? What would we call this act today?
- In the ancient times, women gave birth in a more natural squatting position, on a birthstool. We have seen it said a child was born upon the knees of another. This is how that was possible. Women didn't give birth lying on their backs in those days.
- Did the midwives obey their governing authority? Why or why not?
- They didn't exactly tell him the truth though, did they?
- Did God honor the midwives' obedience to Him?
- When the midwives refused to obey Pharaoh, what plan did he devise?

Exodus 2

Verses 1-4

- A man from the house of Levi would be a descendant of Levi. Later we will see God makes the Levites His priests.
- How long was the mother able to hide her son from the Egyptians?
- What did she do with him when she could no longer hide him?
- Think about it, at three months old, he was big enough to roll over and maybe sit up.
- She covered the basket with tar and pitch, the same thing was used with Noah's ark. In fact, this basket is another picture of an ark, and of safety and provision.
- While the Nile flows downhill, it flows to the north. While she is revered as a life-source by the Egyptians, she is full of crocodiles and hippos, as well as turtles, lizards, snakes, and many sorts of fish; not the kind of creatures you want to trust with your three-month-old child.
- Who stood nearby to see that he was rescued?

Verses 5-10

- Who found the boy in the basket?
- Did she recognize right away he was a Hebrew child?
- Who offered to fetch a wet-nurse?
- Who would be payed for nursing the child?
- What did Pharaoh's daughter name the child?

Verses 11-14

- Apparently, Moses knew he was Hebrew. What did he observe about their labors?
- What else did he observe? How did he retaliate?
- What is implied by the phrase, "He looked this way and that"?
- What did Moses do with the man he killed?
- Had anyone witnessed what Moses had done?

Verse 15

- What happened when Pharaoh heard about this?
- What did Moses do?

Verses 16-22

- The Midianites were descendants of Abraham as well, by his second wife, Keturah.
- Since the Midianites were descended from Abraham, do you think this priest believed in the same God? What was the priest's name?
- How many daughters did the priest of Midian have?

- What had Moses done for the daughters?
- Which daughter became Moses's wife?
- What was his first-born's name?

Verses 23-25

- What happened to the Pharaoh who was angry with Moses?
- What did God hear from the sons of Israel?
- The text says, "God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Had God forgotten? Does God forget? Or, does it mean He acknowledged it after he heard from them?

Exodus 3

Verses 1-6

- You many have noticed, when we are first introduced to the priest of Midian, he is called Reuel, which means "Friend of God". Here he is known as Jethro, which means "Pre-eminence or abundance". Scholars aren't sure why he is known by both names because we are not told, but what do we know about Abraham, Sarah, and Jacob?
- Moses was raised in the household of Pharaoh, what is his occupation now?
- Who appeared to Moses? What name do we see? If you weren't with us before, you should know that anytime we see "the angel of the LORD", it is Jesus in a pre-incarnate or pre-man state.
- How does he appear to Moses?
- How did God introduce Himself to Moses?

Verses 7-9

- What does God tell him about the people in Egypt? Whose people are they?
- What does verse 8 say in relation to God's position?
- Where does the passage say God will bring them? Do you know what land this is?

Verses 10-12

- To whom was God going to send Moses?
- Was Moses excited about the opportunity?
- Who will be with him in his endeavors?
- What does God say will happen to the sons of Israel, the Hebrew nation?

Verses 13-22

- What did God answer Moses about His name?
- This is the covenant name for God, YHWH. He is the "I am". Nothing else is needed.

- He says this is His name forever and His memorial name to all generations. This is such a holy and revered name for God, the Hebrew people would not say it, but used “Jehovah” instead.
- How many people-groups are living in the land of promise at this time?
- What is the land like?
- For what reason are they to tell Pharaoh they need to go three-days journey into the wilderness?
- Will he let them go? Then what will God do?
- When Pharaoh is forced to relent, will the people leave empty-handed?
- Does God ALWAYS give us a step-by-step plan? Can He be trusted even when we don’t know the next step?

See you tomorrow.