

Today we start into our series in the Book of Exodus. Since the beginning of the year, we began Genesis and just recently completed it. Exodus we will find is much more different than Genesis in that its focus is one people and that is the Children of Israel and one person, Moses.

I do not perceive spending a whole year on this book. Especially considering the coming Holidays. What I will do, is my best to pull out and discuss the Major stories in this book. Also include important points that need to be made which will later be found in the New Testament. I guess we will see.

Let us begin:

Exodus 1:1-22

- (1) Now these are the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob:
- (2) Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah;
- (3) Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin;
- (4) Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

- (5) All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt already).
- (6) And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation.
- (7) But the **children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.**

A) God had a plan for Israel, and it was not Egypt. God was going to grow Israel to inherit the land of Canaan. So even in captivity they increased and multiplied. Again, this tells us a lot of about God.

It does not matter your surroundings, for God is able to bless you wherever you are. If you are not being blessed or a blessing, it is not God, it is you. While it may not always be fun or great, even in a storm God knows how to sustain and bless those who are his.

(8) Now there arose a **new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.**

- A) This is where the story truly turns. Egypt and those around were built and prospered because of Joseph. Kings live and kings die but about 400 years have passed and now there is a new King who does not account for what is owed to Joseph and his people.
- B) When we begin to raise a society that forgets God it is no different. There are many who have grown in a religious home. What we see happening today is people not pushing the faith on their children anymore. They ask, “How is school?” “How is work?” “How is family?” But neglect “How is Church?” “How is your relationship with God?” So people are being raised without God or semi-God in their life and as the next generation grows it become less and less of God and so turns the tide.

Exodus 20:5-6 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the

LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; (6) And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

(9) And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the **children of Israel are more and mightier than we;** (10) come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also **join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land.**"

A) At that time there was a lot of unrest. Egypt had ruled as a leader in Canaan. It ruled the whole region and just as of recent those in Canaan started to separate from Egypt and fight for their independence.

Egypt started to believe that the people of Israel will also be like that and began to fear.

Fear will make you do things that you should not do. Fear will make you believe things you should not. Fear is the enemy of faith. It is ok to be afraid, but we cannot let fear rule our lives. The only true fear we should have is the fear of God. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. What does God think and what does God want us to do should be the most central part of our lives.

(11) Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses.

(12) But the **more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel.** (The plan backfired)

(13) So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. (14) And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, brick, and in all

manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was rigorous. (Cruelty)

(15) Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; (16) and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." (17) **But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.**

(18) So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?" (19) And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them." (20) **Therefore God dealt well with the midwives,** and the people multiplied and grew very

mighty. (21) And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them (Israelites).

A) The Pharaoh wanted the midwives to kill the children secretly. Yet, the midwives would not do it. Their explanation is that the children were already delivered before they could handle it.

(22) So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, **"Every son who is born you shall cast into the river,** and every daughter you shall save alive."

A) This command went from midwives to the people in general. If you see a son born of Israel, you shall kill it. Pharaoh's plan was no longer a secret. He so boldly made the whole nation against the children of Israel.

B) Once you realize this and the contribution of Egypt, you have no sympathy for God's vengeance on Egypt.

So it shall be for all nations that participate in the killing and slaughter of the innocent.

Exodus 2:1-25

- (1) And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi.
- (2) So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months.
- (3) But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank.
- (4) And his sister (Mariam) stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.
- (5) Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it.
- (6) And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she

had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

(7) **Then his sister (Moses Sister)** said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"

(8) And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother.

(9) Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

(10) And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

A) This is a remarkable story of God's provisions. Child put into the water by mother. Found by Pharaoh's Daughter. Given back to mother to nurse. Getting paid to do it. Then returned to Daughter of

Pharoah. She named him MOSES which means drawn out.

(11) Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian **beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.** (12) So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

(13) And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?"

(14) Then he said, "**Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?**"

A) This unappreciation and rebellion will run in the blood of the Israelites for life.

So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!" (15) When Pharaoh heard of

this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

A) The issue here was not murder. If an Egyptian prince or royalty killed an Egyptian it would be fine. If an Egyptian killed a Hebrew, it would be great. Yet for Moses this luxury and privilege was not there even if being raised in the household. To Pharaoh he was a Hebrew no matter what. To Egyptians it was treated as an act of treason.

MOSES means Drawing Out

CHURCH means the Called Out

John 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.