

Exodus 1:1 (Just starting Exodus) 2/26/17

Sunday Morning

1. Name: earliest name is –“ The Book of Going Out”
2. After that it was called – “The Book of Names”
3. The Septuagint calls it – “Exodus”
4. The Exodus probably took place somewhere between 1446 & 1440 BC

V.1 *Now these are the names of the sons of Israel* who came to Egypt with Jacob; they came each one with his household:

V.2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah;

V.3 Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin;

V.4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

V.5 All the persons who came from the loins of Jacob were seventy in number, but Joseph was already in Egypt.

1. “Now these are the names of the sons of Israel”
  - a. “Now” is “**And**”
    - i. “And” ties this book to the book of Genesis
 

**Genesis 46:26** All the persons belonging to Jacob, who came to Egypt, his direct descendants, not including the wives of Jacob's sons, *were* sixty-six persons in all,<sup>27</sup> and the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt were two; all the persons of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt, *were* seventy.
  - b. Exodus was written by Moses (as were the rest of the first 5 books of Bible)
    - i. Critics have argued that Moses couldn't have written Exodus b/c Semitic writings didn't exist in his lifetime
    - ii. Semitic inscriptions written at least a hundred years earlier than Moses have been discovered in the Sinai desert
    - iii. Christ thought He knew who wrote the Pentateuch (first 5 books)
 

**Mark 12:26** "But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ' I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, and the God of Jacob'?<sup>27</sup> " He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken."

V.6 (NP)

V.6 *Joseph died*, and all his brothers and all that generation.

1. “Joseph died”
  - a. To give you a timeline of events since beginning of creation – Joseph died almost 2400 years after creation
    - i. Approx. 3600 years ago
  - b. To help w/ putting things in perspective – look at **Genesis 11**  
**Genesis 11:22** And Serug lived thirty years, and became the father of Nahor;  
<sup>23</sup> and Serug lived two hundred years after he became the father of Nahor, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
  - c. At **Genesis 11:22** is half way thru the Bible Chronologically speaking

V.7 But *the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied*, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

1. “the sons of Israel were fruitful...increased greatly...multiplied”
  - a. God is blessing the Jews; keeping & protecting them at the same time
  - b. It is conservatively believed that there were at least 2 million Jews by the time of the exodus
  - c. That is partially based off **Numbers 1:1&F**

**Numbers 1:1** Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

<sup>2</sup> " Take a census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, every male, head by head

<sup>3</sup> from twenty years old and upward, whoever *is able to go* out to war in Israel, you and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

**V.45** So all the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households, from twenty years old and upward, whoever *was able to go* out to war in Israel,  
<sup>46</sup> even all the numbered **men** were 603,550.

<sup>47</sup> The Levites, however, were **not** numbered among them by their fathers' tribe.

\*If that number represents 1/5 of population the number would be over 3 million people

\*That would be one wife to each husband & 3 children – probably **more** wives & **more** children

V.8 (NP)

V.8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

1. “a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph”
  - a. Joseph is forgotten – all men are forgotten sooner or later
  - b. One of the great lessons of history is – history is always forgotten
    - i. What is needed in Washington is not more lawyers but more historians!
    - ii. When the Word of God isn’t renewed w/ each generation it is forgotten
    - iii. It was during the dark ages that the Church persecuted the Jews – Why? Because they didn’t know the Word of God!
    - iv. The pharaoh of Joseph’s day was a Hyksos king
    - v. The Hyksos had conquered the Egyptians
  - c. The Hyksos were of Semitic origin (called shepherd kings) & more closely related to Joseph than to the Egyptians
    - i. The Egyptians had finally run them out of power & began to rule themselves again
    - ii. The last thing the Egyptians wanted was someone to remind them of the time they were under a foreign control
    - iii. Any & all records, statues, monuments to Joseph were destroyed b/c he was the prime minister of Egypt & wasn’t an Egyptian
  - d. The Pharaoh of Joseph’s era appears to have become a believer  
**Genesis 41:55** So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried out to Pharaoh for bread; and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, you shall do."

V.8 x Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

V.9 He said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we.

V.10 "Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land."

1. “the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we”
  - a. What was the crime that turned Egypt against the Jews?
    - i. They existed!
    - ii. Anti-Semitism has been going on since Abraham became a nation
    - iii. Just reading about the persecution of the Jews in the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> centuries is unbelievable
    - iv. (NP)

- v. Theodor Herzl a Jewish, Hungarian reporter watched a Jewish man being roughed up in Europe by European men & at the same time covered a trial for a Jewish man accused by the French of being a traitor – There was no evidence but that didn't matter & he was found guilty
  1. Herzl realized that the Jews could never assimilate into any other culture & be accepted
  2. Herzl knew that unless the Jew had their own land they would never be safe
  3. Although he died in 1904, decades before the formation of the State of Israel, the state owes its existence in large part to Herzl's ideas.
- vi. Why are they persecuted so? – is it a conspiracy? Yes! it is a Satanic conspiracy
- vii. Satan tried to destroy the line thru which the Savior would come
- viii. Satan striking back at that line after the Savior was born
- ix. And God has allowed their persecution because they rejected Christ!

**Matthew 27:22**<sup>(at crucifixion)</sup> Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let Him be crucified!"

<sup>23</sup> And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup> And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see *to that* yourselves."

<sup>25</sup> And all the people answered and said, " **His blood be on us and on our children!**"

- b. The blood of Christ has been on their children ever since!
- c. It is a dreadful thing to push back against God!
- d. The population of the Jews worldwide – 16 million
  - i. The population of California or Florida or Texas, individually, is greater in population than all Jews in the world
  - ii. Yet look at the notorious attitude the world has concerning the Jew
  - iii. There are only about 6 million plus Jews in Israel
- e. In Europe the Jews are hated –
  - i. A man dressed as an orthodox Jew & walked the streets of France & videoed the people's response - spit upon, called names, generally harassed wherever he went

- f. Today companies are boycotting Israel
- g. Churches boycott Israel – preach replacement theology
- h. When Hitler began the final solution (the extermination of the Jewish race) Germany was 70% protestant 30% catholic
- i. In other words the people who carried out Hitler’s final solution were mostly Protestants
- j. The people of Germany knew what was going on & they did nothing about it & even cooperated w/ the process
- k. The persecution looked like this:
  - i. The Jews were disliked & disrespected
  - ii. They were not allowed to be in military
  - iii. Were pushed out of all civil servant jobs
  - iv. They were no longer allowed to work at professional jobs:  
**teachers, doctors, pharmacist**, etc.
  - v. They had to register all their wealth
  - vi. Then they couldn’t own any wealth
  - vii. Then they couldn’t be free to live anywhere they chose
  - viii. Rounded up & put into camps
  - ix. Rounded up & put into gas furnaces

V.10 x "Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land."

1. “Come, let us deal wisely with them”
  - a. Egypt represents the world & the world always & only uses human wisdom
  - b. Human wisdom always leads to failure

**1 Corinthians 1:19** For it is written, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE."

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

**1 Corinthians 3:19** For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "He is THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS";

<sup>20</sup> and again, "THE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE USELESS."

V.11 So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses.

1. “to afflict them with hard labor”
  - a. Their rough treatment was the hand of God working on them

- b. God was going to build a nation out of a family

**Genesis 15:13** And *God* said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.

<sup>14</sup> "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve; and afterward they will come out with many possessions."

V.12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel.

1. "the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied"
  - a. God was making a nation out of a family & He is using adversity to make them into what He wants them to be

V.13 The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously;

V.14 and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them.

1. "they made their lives bitter with hard labor"
  - a. God is stirring up their comfort zone to get them ready to leave Egypt
    - i. (1) To wean the people's hearts from Egypt.
    - ii. (2) To make them willing to leave it.
    - iii. (3) To make the thought of Canaan sweet to them.
    - iv. (4) To break up trust in self and man.
    - v. (5) To lead them to cry mightily to God.

V.15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah<sup>(beautiful)</sup> and the other was named Puah<sup>(blossom/splendor)</sup>;

1. "the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives"
  - a. These would have been officials in Egyptian government overseeing all the midwives – not sure if Jews or Egyptians

V.16 and he said, "When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

1. "then you shall put him to death"
  - a. Partial birth abortion!

V.17 (NP)

V.17 *But the midwives feared God*, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live.

1. "But the midwives feared God"

a. If they were Egyptian...

i. This is a good commentary to the affect that Israelites had on these women

b. There are times when civil law says something is alright or OK – when God says it **isn't** alright –

i. There are times when we are to defy the law of the land – not often but at times

ii. The Supreme Court, which declared the Civil Rights Act of 1875 unconstitutional in 1883. The court also said Congress lacked the constitutional authority under the 14th Amendment to grant equal protections under the law to blacks, stating that only states and local governments could do that.

iii. Today the grant no rights or protection to unborn children

iv. That doesn't mean it is OK in God's eyes

**Proverbs 14:12** There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

c. These midwives **feared** God – & are immortalized (names written for eternity)

d. Abortionist **don't fear** God!!! – nothing eternal for them but punishment

V.18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and let the boys live?"

V.19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife can get to them."

V.20 So God was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied, and became very mighty.

V.21 Because the midwives feared God, He established households for them.

V.22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive."

1. "Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile"

a. This life is a life of adversity

b. God uses adversity to make us stronger

**1 Peter 4:12 (NP)**

**1 Peter 4:12** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;  
<sup>13</sup> but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.

**1 Peter 5:8** Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

<sup>9</sup> But resist him, firm in *your* faith, **knowing** that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

<sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.

**Ex.2:1** Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi.

V.2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months.

V.3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile.

V.4 His sister stood at a distance to find out what would happen to him.

V.5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her.

V.6 When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

V.7 Then his 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?"

V.8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go ahead." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

V.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.

1. "I will give you your wages"

a. Moses mother was paid to raise her own child

b. The Pharaoh who wanted all male, Jewish children killed – paid out of his own treasury to raise the deliverer of the Jews from Egypt

**Hebrews 11:23** **By faith** Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and **they were not afraid** of the king's edict. (God is in control – never fear for children)