

# EXODUS – LESSON ONE

## I. THE TRIALS OF ISRAEL AND THE EARLY LIFE OF MOSES (Chapters 1-2)

- A. The Israelite people multiply greatly (1:1-7)
  - 1. Genealogy of small number starting in Egypt
  - 2. Fruitfulness of the people revealed.
- B. The Israelites are made to serve with rigor under a new Egyptian Ruler (1:8-22).
  - 1. Israel experiences hard service - Egypt's way of keeping people in check (1:8-14)
  - 2. Orders from King to mid-wives to kill Israel's males when they are born (1:15-22)
- C. Moses' birth and protection (2:1-10)
  - 1. Moses born into the tribe of Levi.
  - 2. At three month's old, he is hid in ark of bulrushes.
  - 3. Moses is found by one of Pharaoh's daughters.
  - 4. Moses is nursed by own mother – intriguing plot of Moses' sister.
  - 5. Moses grows and is presented to Pharaoh's daughter.
- D. Moses has compassion for his people, Israel (2:11-15).
  - 1. Moses kills Egyptian who is smiting an Israelite.
  - 2. Moses flees to Midian.
- E. Moses meets and helps seven daughters of the priest of Midian (2:16-22)
  - 1. Moses married Zipporah – one of the daughters.
  - 2. Moses and Zipporah's first son born: Gershom
- F. God hears Israel's cry of bondage (2:23-25).

### QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is the purpose for the genealogy in chapter 1?
- 2. What part of God's promise to Abraham is being fulfilled in Exodus 1?
- 3. What is said about the new ruler who arose over Egypt?
- 4. How difficult did the new ruler make life for the Israelites?  
What was his reasoning for this action?
- 5. What two cities did Pharaoh build for Pharaoh?

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6. Were the Israelites only forced to hard service in making brick? Explain.
7. What did two midwives do when receiving instruction from Egypt's Ruler ?
8. How did God remember the Midwives?
9. Moses was born into what tribe?  
What is significant about this tribe?
- 10, How was Moses hid?
11. Is God's providence working in the life of baby Moses? Explain your answer.
12. What does the word "Moses" mean?
13. Approximately how many years transpire between 2:10 and 2:11.
14. What do we know took place in this time period?
15. What did Moses do to protect his own people?
16. Why did Moses flee to Midian?
17. Locate Midian.
18. What event caused Moses to come in contact with the priest of Midian?
19. What is the name of Moses' wife, and first child?
20. What does 2:23-25 teach us about being PATIENT in our tribulations?