

# Early Life of Moses

Exodus 1:1 - 2:10

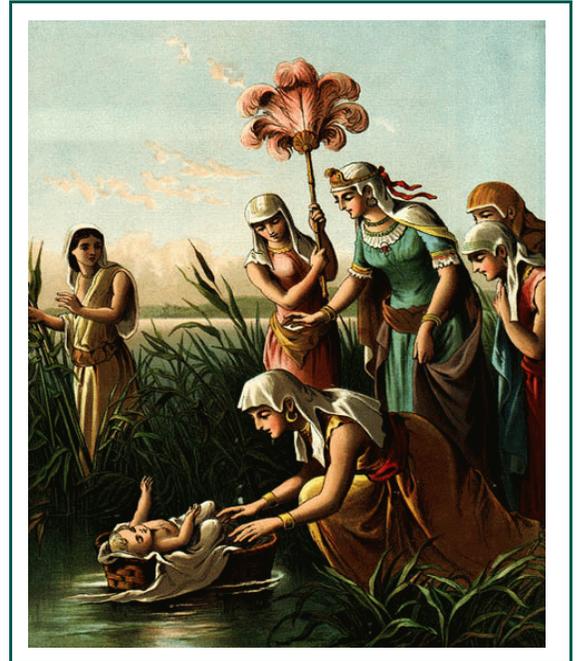
Why is this baby in the water?

Who are the ladies around the baby?

What important part would this baby later have in helping God's people?

## Prayer

Lord, open Thou my heart to hear  
And through Thy Word to me draw near;  
Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain,  
Let me Thy child and heir remain. Amen.



## The Story - Exodus 1:1 - 2:10

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.

{8} Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. {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."

{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. {13}



So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. {14} And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage; in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.

{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.

{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."

{2:1} 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 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 had 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 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."



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**Outer Aim - God's people suffered under Pharaoh and the cruel taskmasters of Egypt.**

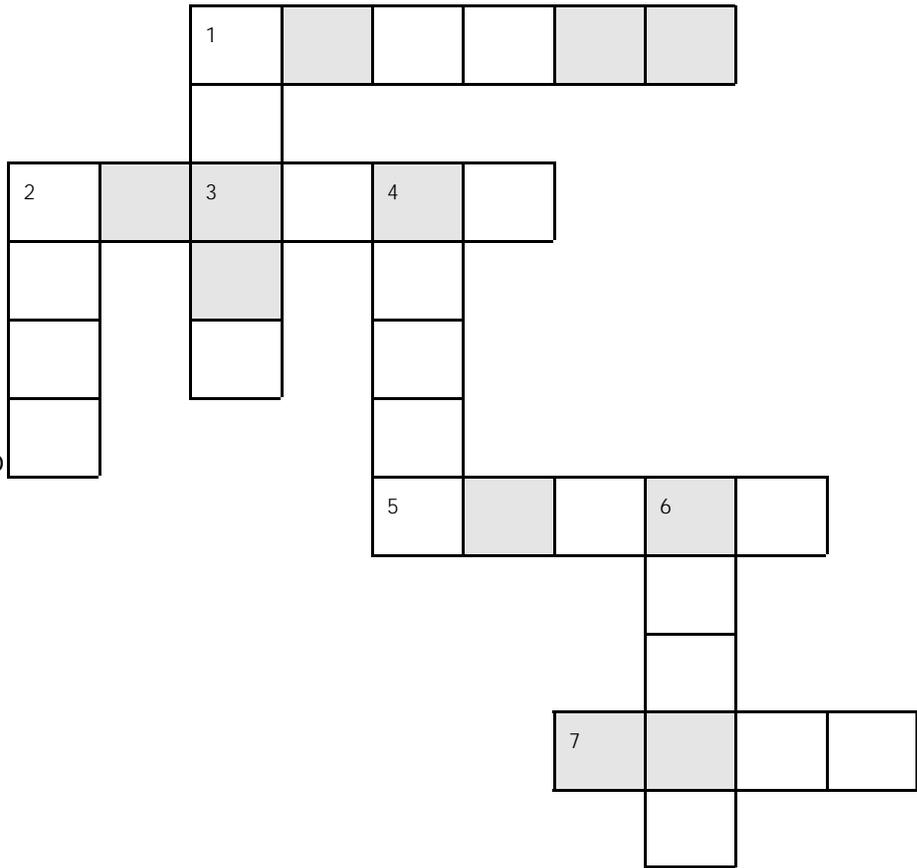
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**What the Story Tells Us** - Fill in the Crossword Puzzle below with words from the WORD BOX. Then unscramble the letters in the dark boxes to complete the phrase under the puzzle. (Four letters have been done for you.)

EGYPT	MOSES	HEBREW	MIRIAM	BASKET
NILE	BOYS	SAVIOR	TRUST	

Across:

- \_\_\_\_\_ kept watch over Moses while he was in the reeds.
- Moses' mother made a \_\_\_\_\_ with reeds and tar to keep Moses safe.
- We can \_\_\_\_\_ that the Lord will take care of us.
- The Egyptians were instructed to throw the baby boys into the \_\_\_\_\_ River.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ midwives refused to obey the Pharaoh.



Down:

- \_\_\_\_\_ became the son of the Pharaoh's daughter.
- Pharaoh commanded that all of the Hebrew baby \_\_\_\_\_ be killed.
- The Israelites lived in the country of \_\_\_\_\_.
- God used the time Moses spent with his mother so that he could learn about his \_\_\_\_\_.

W \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_

H \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_

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**Inner Aim** God strengthens His people to do His will and wait with confidence and faith for their deliverance.

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## What God's Word Tells Us - Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Moses' mother place him in a basket in the Nile River?
2. Moses' mother was breaking an Egyptian law. Was Moses' mother right in doing this?
3. Was why it so important that Moses not die?

Discuss these sinful types of murder. Then look up Matthew 5:44 and fill in the blanks of how God wants us to treat others.

Suicide - ending one's own life

Abortion - murder of an unborn baby

Mercy Death - ending the life of a person who is terminally ill - also called "Euthanasia"

Lynching - ending a person's life by taking the law into one's own hands

Assassination - violent murder of a prominent person or a government official for political reasons

Homicide - another word for murder "-cide" at the end of a word means "kill"

(Patricide - killing of one's father, Genocide - killing of a particular racial group, Fratricide - killing of one's brother, etc.)

Matthew 5:44 "But I say to you, \_\_\_\_\_ your enemies,  
\_\_\_\_\_ those who curse you, \_\_\_\_\_ to those  
who hate you, and \_\_\_\_\_ for those who spitefully use you and  
persecute you.

## Passages

Romans 8:31b If God is for us, who can be against us?

Acts 5:29b We ought to obey God rather than men.

Psalms 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him,  
and He shall bring it to pass.

## Hymn - TLH 528 v. 1, 3

If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;  
For when I pray, before me my foes, confounded, fly.  
If Christ, my Head and Master, befriend me from above,  
What foe or what disaster can drive me from His love?

I build on this foundation, that Jesus and His blood  
Alone are my salvation, the true, eternal good.  
Without Him all that pleases is valueless on earth;  
The gifts I owe to Jesus alone my love are worth.

## Prayer

Lord God, You always hear the cry of Your people and come to deliver them. We praise You for coming to us by sending us a Child, Your Son, Christ Jesus. By Him You have delivered us from the bondage of sin, death, hell and the power of the devil. We thank You for this undeserved mercy. And we pray that You will fill us with Your Spirit that we do not judge people by the color of their skin or their nationality. Help us rather to share Your love with all people, and so may we live a life of thankfulness by our words and actions. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.