

Early Life of Moses

Exodus 1:1 - 2:10

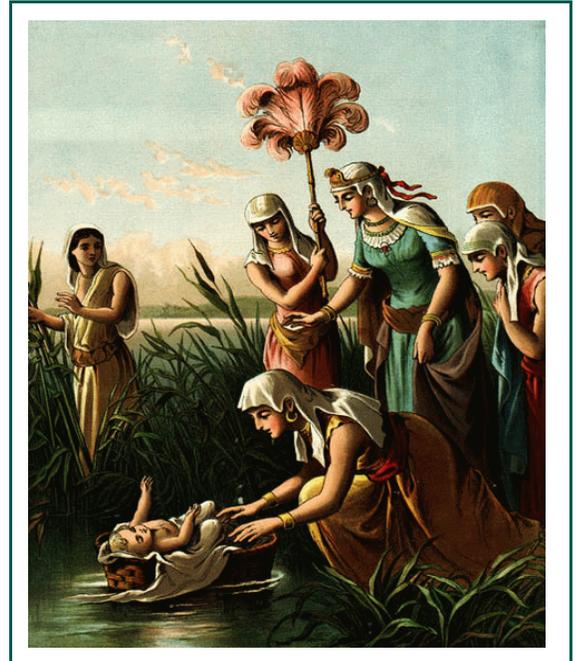
Why is this baby in the water?

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."

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

What the Story Tells Us - Answer these questions about the story. Discuss the answers together.

1. Pharaoh was hoping that the Israelites would become weaker and die if he worked them harder? Why did this *not* happen?
2. Why do you think the Egyptians hated the Israelites so strongly?
3. Were the midwives sinning when they disobeyed the command of the Pharaoh that ruled over them? Support your answer with a bible passage.
4. If bad things happen to a nation, does that mean that God is angry at them? Explain your answer by examples in the story.

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

What God's Word Tells Us - Look at the passages on page 3 and tell who these apply to in the **STORY**, and how they apply to **YOU**. The first one has been done for you.

Passage	Applies to in the STORY	Applies to YOU
<i>Romans 8:31b - If God is for us, who can be against us?</i>	God's people had God on their side protecting them against the Egyptians.	God is protecting us from our enemies.
<i>Exodus 20:13 - You shall not murder.</i>		
<i>Acts 5:29b - We ought to obey God rather than men.</i>		

<i>Psalms 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.</i>		
<i>1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.</i>		

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 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.