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# Lesson 1

Jeremiah 10:23

*Lord, I know that a person doesn't control their own life. They don't direct their own steps.*

## The Israelites Become Slaves in Egypt

### Exodus 1:1–22

<sup>1</sup>Here are the names of Israel's children who went to Egypt with Jacob. Each one went with his family.

<sup>2</sup>Jacob's sons were

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,

<sup>3</sup>Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin,

<sup>4</sup>Dan, Naphtali,

Gad and Asher.

<sup>5</sup>The total number of Jacob's children and grandchildren was 70. Joseph was already in Egypt.

<sup>6</sup>Joseph and all his brothers died. So did all their children. <sup>7</sup>The people of Israel had many children. The number of them greatly increased. There were so many of them that they filled the land.

<sup>8</sup>Then a new king came to power in Egypt. Joseph didn't mean anything to him. <sup>9</sup>"Look," he said to his people. "The Israelites are far too many for us. <sup>10</sup>Come. We must deal with them carefully. If we don't, there will be even more of them. Then if war breaks out, they'll join our enemies. They'll fight against us and leave the country."

<sup>11</sup>So the Egyptians put slave drivers over the people of Israel. The slave drivers treated them badly and made them work hard. The Israelites built the cities of Pithom and Rameses so Pharaoh could store things there. <sup>12</sup>But the worse the slave drivers treated the Israelites, the more Israelites there were. So the Egyptians became afraid of them. <sup>13</sup>They made them work hard. They didn't show them any pity. <sup>14</sup>The people suffered because of their hard labor. The slave drivers forced them to work with bricks and mud. And they made them do all kinds of work in the fields. The Egyptians didn't show them any pity at all. They made them work very hard.

<sup>15</sup>There were two Hebrew women named Shiphrah and Puah. They helped other women having babies. The king of Egypt spoke to them. He said, <sup>16</sup>"You are the ones who help the other Hebrew women. Watch them when they get into a sitting position to have their babies. Kill the boys. Let the girls live."

<sup>17</sup>But Shiphrah and Puah had respect for God. They didn't do what the king of Egypt had told them to do. They let the boys live. <sup>18</sup>Then the king of Egypt sent for the women. He asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

<sup>19</sup>The women answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like the women of Egypt. They are strong. They have their babies before we get there."

<sup>20</sup>So God was kind to Shiphrah and Puah. And the number of Israelites became even greater.

<sup>21</sup>Shiphrah and Puah had respect for God. So He gave them families of their own.

<sup>22</sup>Then Pharaoh gave an order to all his people. He said, “You must throw every Hebrew baby boy into the Nile River. But let every Hebrew baby girl live.”

## Questions

- 1 How many Israelites (descendants of Israel) were there in Egypt when these events took place? There were so \_\_\_\_\_ that they \_\_\_\_\_ the land. (Ex. 1:7)
- 2 Did the new king who came to power in Egypt know about Joseph? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 1:8)
- 3 What was this new king afraid of? He was afraid that the Israelites would \_\_\_\_\_ Egypt’s enemies, \_\_\_\_\_ against Egypt, and then leave the country. (Ex. 1:10)
- 4 What did the king and his people, the Egyptians, do to prevent this from happening? They put over the people of Israel \_\_\_\_\_ drivers who treated the Israelites \_\_\_\_\_ and made them work \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 1:11)
- 5 What did Pharaoh use the Israelites for? He used them to build the \_\_\_\_\_ of Pithom and \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 1:11)



“Pharaoh” is a title for the king of Egypt.

- 6 Why did the king want the Israelites to build these two cities? The king wanted to store \_\_\_\_\_ there. (Ex. 1:11)



What a material-minded king!

- 7 What were the Israelites forced to work with? The Israelites were forced to work with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 1:14)
- 8 What else were the Israelites forced to do? They had to do all kinds of work in the \_\_\_\_\_ as well. (Ex. 1:14)
- 9 Did the Egyptian slave drivers show any pity for the Israelites? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 1:13–14)
- 10 What was the job of Shiphrah and Puah, two Hebrew women? Their job was to help other women having \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 1:15)



“Hebrew” is another name for “Israelite.”

- 11 What did Pharaoh tell these two women? Pharaoh told them to \_\_\_\_\_ the other Hebrew women. When the other Hebrew women got into a \_\_\_\_\_ position to \_\_\_\_\_ their babies, these two women were to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 1:16)
- 12 Did the king ask Shiphrah and Puah to kill the girls too? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 1:16)
- 13 Did Shiphrah and Puah do what Pharaoh told them to do? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 1:17)
- 14 How did Shiphrah and Puah answer Pharaoh when he questioned them as to why they hadn't been doing what he had told them to do? Shiphrah and Puah told the king that Hebrew women were not \_\_\_\_\_ Egyptian women. Hebrew women were \_\_\_\_\_ and had their babies \_\_\_\_\_. Shiphrah and Puah could get there. (Ex. 1:19)
- 15 Was God pleased with Shiphrah and Puah for staying loyal to Him and disobeying the king's evil order? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. God was \_\_\_\_\_ to Shiphrah and Puah and gave them \_\_\_\_\_ of their own. (Ex. 1:20–21)

Acts 5:29b

*"We must obey God instead of people!"*

- 16 Did the Israelite population continue to grow? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. The number of Israelites became even \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 1:20)
- 17 What did Pharaoh do next? Pharaoh gave an \_\_\_\_\_ to all his people to \_\_\_\_\_ every Hebrew baby \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_ River. (Ex. 1:22)



This Pharaoh was extremely evil and under the control of Satan!

## Moses Is Born

### Exodus 2:1–10

<sup>1</sup>A man and a woman from the tribe of Levi got married. <sup>2</sup>She became pregnant and had a son by her husband. She saw that her baby was a fine child. And she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>After that, she couldn't hide him any longer. So she got a basket made out of the stems of tall grass. She coated the basket with tar. She placed the child in the basket. Then she put it in the tall grass that grew along the bank of the Nile River. <sup>4</sup>The child's sister wasn't very far away. She wanted to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup>Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile River to take a bath. Her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket in the tall grass. So she sent her female slave to get it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, Pharaoh's daughter saw the baby. He was crying. She felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

<sup>7</sup>Then his sister spoke to Pharaoh's daughter. She asked, "Do you want me to go and get one of the Hebrew women? She could breast-feed the baby for you."

<sup>8</sup>"Yes. Go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and feed him for me. I'll pay you." So the woman took the baby and fed him. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter. And he became her son. She named him Moses. She said, "I pulled him out of the water."

## Questions

- 18 What did a married woman from the tribe of Levi do with her son so that he wouldn't be killed by the Egyptians? She \_\_\_\_\_ her son for \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Ex. 2:1-2)
- 19 What did she do with her son when she couldn't hide him any longer? She got a \_\_\_\_\_ made out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of tall \_\_\_\_\_, coated it with \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ her son in it. (Ex. 2:3)



- 20 Where did the mother put the basket after she placed her son in it? She put the basket in the \_\_\_\_\_ grass that grew along the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ River. (Ex. 2:3)
- 21 Where was the baby boy's sister? Why? The boy's sister \_\_\_\_\_ very far away, because she wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ what would happen to her baby brother. (Ex. 2:4)
- 22 Who saw the basket in the tall grass by the river? Pharaoh's \_\_\_\_\_, who had gone down to the river to take a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ the basket. (Ex. 2:5)
- 23 What did Pharaoh's daughter do when she saw the basket? She sent her female \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the basket for her. (Ex. 2:5)

- 24 What happened when Pharaoh's daughter opened the basket? She saw the baby \_\_\_\_\_ and felt \_\_\_\_\_ for him. (Ex. 2:6)
- 25 Did she know that the boy was one of the Hebrew babies? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 2:6)



Pharaoh's daughter certainly wasn't like her evil father.

- 26 Who spoke up when Pharaoh's daughter showed compassion for the baby boy? The boy's \_\_\_\_\_ spoke up and asked Pharaoh's daughter if she wanted her to \_\_\_\_\_ and get one of the \_\_\_\_\_ women to \_\_\_\_\_ the baby for Pharaoh's daughter. (Ex. 2:7)
- 27 Did Pharaoh's daughter agree? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 2:8)
- 28 What woman did the boy's sister get to breast-feed the baby? She got the baby's \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex. 2:8)
- 29 What did Pharaoh's daughter offer the baby's mother in exchange for the mother taking the baby and feeding it? Pharaoh's daughter offered the baby's mother \_\_\_\_\_ to take the baby and \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Ex. 2:9)
- 30 When did Pharaoh's daughter make the boy her own? When the child grew \_\_\_\_\_, his mother took him back to Pharaoh's daughter. Then Pharaoh's daughter made him her own son. (Ex. 2:10)
- 31 What did Pharaoh's daughter name the boy? Why? She named him \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning "to pull out"), because she pulled him out of the water. (Ex. 2:10)



How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?

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