Lesson 36
The Children of Israel Goes Into Slavery
(The Beginning of Israel’s 400 Years of Captivity)

Genesis 50: 24-26; Exodus 1st Chapter; Genesis 41: 25-27; Psalm 105: 17-25; Genesis 45: 4-8; Genesis 10: 6; Genesis 11: 10-26; Acts 7: 2-19; Genesis 15: 13-14, 16.

After Joseph had died in Egypt, so did all of his brothers. The seeds of Joseph and his brothers began to grow and grew. There were so many children born of each tribe, the land was filled with the seeds of the sons of Israel. (Recite- They were the children of Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin). (Recite- They are called the Twelve Tribes of the Children of Israel). The Children of Israel were growing into a nation.

A new Pharaoh now rules who did not know of Joseph. This king did not know how God, saved all of Egypt through Joseph from the seven year famine. Neither did this king know about Joseph teaching Egypt’s senator’s how to be wise. This new king told his people that there were more of the children of Israel than Egyptians. (Recite- The Children of Israel comes from Noah’s son Shem); (Recite- The Egyptians, from Noah’s son Ham). (Recite- They look similar in color but are two different nations of people). (Recite- The word similar means to look the same, but are not)! (Recite- The Pharaoh did not want the children of Israel to join together with Egypt’s enemies). (Recite- Instead of putting the children of Israel out of Egypt, they put them into slavery). (Recite- A slave is someone who becomes the property of someone else that owns them and are forced to work without being paid). Just as God had shown Abraham in a dream, his seed, the children of Israel, were now in slavery! (Recite- The Egyptians forced the Children of Israel to work as slaves). (Recite- They had the Children of Israel build treasure cities for the Pharaoh). The name of one of the treasure cities is called (Recite- Pithom). The name of the other treasure city was called (Recite- Raamses). (Recite- Taskmasters were put over the children of Israel). (Recite- A taskmaster is a person who gives work to people). The taskmasters (Recite-afflicted the slaves with very hard work)! (Recite- To afflict means to cause to suffer). The more the Egyptians afflicted the Children of Israel, more babies were born unto them. Having many babies is how Israel will become a nation! (Recite- A nation is a lot of people that keep the same laws, customs and have the same beliefs). (Recite- A nation also has the same beginnings). They will raise their children teaching them of God and keeping the laws and covenants which began with Abraham, then to Isaac, next to Jacob (Israel), and lastly, to the Children of Israel. The Egyptians troubled, persecuted, grieved, distressed and hurt the children of Israel. (Recite- They were oppressed and were full of sorrows). One day, the king spoke to the Hebrew-Israelite midwives. (Recite- Shiphrah was the name of one of the midwives). (Recite- Puah was the name of the other). Now, (Recite- a midwife is someone who helps and care for women that are having babies). (Recite- The Pharaoh told them to kill all the male (boy) Hebrew-Israelites babies that are born). (Recite- The Pharaoh also told them not to kill the female (girl) Hebrew-Israelite babies that were born). Because the midwives, (Recite- Shiphrah and Puah feared God, they did not do what the Pharaoh had commanded them). God blessed the midwives with homes because they did not kill the male babies. The Children of Israel grew even more! (Recite- The Pharaoh then told all the Egyptian people to cast all the male (boy) babies that were born into the river). (Recite- To cast means to throw something). He also told all the Egyptians not to kill the female (girl) babies, but let them live.

So, (Recite- for the next 400 years, the Children of Israel will live as slaves to the Egyptians enduring many hardships just as God had showed Abraham in a dream). God also promised Abraham in his dream that he will free the children of Israel and will judge (punish) that nation that put Israel in slavery at the end of the 400 years.

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Lesson Review Questions

1. After Joseph and his brothers had died, what did their children do?
   (A) There was less of them (B) Had many babies (C) They left Egypt

2. A new king arose that did not know whom?
   (A) Joseph (B) Jacob (C) Joseph’s brothers

3. What did this new king over Egypt do to the Children of Israel?
   (A) Let them leave Egypt (B) Let them rule Egypt (C) Put the children of Israel into slavery

4. Which of the sons of Noah did the Egyptians come from?
   (A) Shem (B) Ham (C) Japheth

5. Who did the children of Israel build treasure cities for?
   (A) For Joseph (B) For Noah (C) For the Pharaoh

6. Once in slavery, who did the Pharaoh put over the Children of Israel?
   (A) Taskmasters (B) Teachers (C) Farmers

7. What did the taskmasters do to the children of Israel?
   (A) Did nothing to them (B) Afflicted them with work (C) Helped them

8. The more the Egyptians afflicted the Children of Israel, they had more... what?
   (A) They had more babies (B) They grew more cattle (C) They made more money

9. What did the king tell the midwives to do to all the male (boy) children that were born?
   (A) Let the male babies live (B) Send the male babies away (C) To kill all the male babies

10. What did the king tell the midwives to do to all the female (girl) children that were born?
    (A) To kill all the female babies (B) Let the female babies live (C) Send the female babies away

11. Who did the midwives fear more than the king of Egypt?
    (A) God (B) the Pharaoh (C) The taskmasters

12. What did the Pharaoh tell his people, the Egyptians to do if they saw a male Hebrew-Israelite child born?
    (A) To care for them (B) To cast the Hebrew-Israelite babies into the river (C) To send them away
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Bonus Questions

**Bonus Question 1.** What were the names of the two Hebrew-Israelite midwives? **Answer:** Shiphrah and Puah.

**Bonus Question 2.** What is a midwife? **Answer:** Someone who cares for and helps women that are having babies.

**Bonus Question 3.** What does the word, ‘afflict’ mean? **Answer:** To cause to suffer.

**Bonus Question 4.** What does the word, ‘cast’ mean? **Answer:** To throw something.

**Bonus Question 5.** Who first had a dream that the Children of Israel will go into slavery? **Answer:** Abraham.

**Bonus Question 6.** How long will the Children of Israel be in slavery? **Answer:** 400 Years.

**Bonus Question 7.** Because the midwives feared God more than the Pharaoh, what did God bless the midwives with? **Answer:** Homes.

**Bonus Question 8.** Why did the new Pharaoh of Egypt put the Children of Israel into slavery? **Answer:** So that the Children of Israel would not join with Egypt’s enemies.

**Bonus Question 9.** At the end of the 400 years, what will God do to that nation that will put the Children of Israel into slavery? **Answer:** God will punish that nation.
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Abraham's Dream

Abraham's seed goes into slavery

Seed as the stars in the heaven

Abraham's seed freed from Egyptian slavery