

The Exodus Series – A Savior is Born

Exodus 2:23b ...Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

How did Israel come into slavery in Egypt?

- **Verse 9:** The new king (Pharaoh) of Egypt saw them as a threat.

Four increasingly radical measures the King of Egypt took to eliminate this threat:

1. The Egyptians enslaved them (**verses 10 - 11**)
2. They intensified the slavery and bondage (**verses 13 - 14**)
3. The midwives are ordered to kill the infant Hebrew males at birth (**verses 15 - 16**)
4. The entire nation is ordered to kill infant male Israelites (**verse 22**)

Why were the children of Israel in Egypt to begin with? Why didn't God just give to Abraham the land immediately?

Two reasons:

- He wanted to prepare His people for the land.
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#1 Preparing Israel:

- First, without Egypt, everyone would have died in the great famine.
 - This kept them all alive.
 - Most notably, Judah (Christ-line)
- Secondly, Egypt served as a “national incubator.”
 - They came in as a family of 70 people.
 - They walked out as a nation – perhaps two million strong.

#2 Preparing Canaan:

Genesis 15:13 - 16

13 Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.

14 But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

15 As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

16 And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

- In accordance with God’s justice, He would not just eradicate a whole people and displace them from their land immediately.
 - Instead, God would give them the opportunity of more than 400 years to repent.

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The Lineage of the Exodus Savior

- The third son of Jacob (Israel) was Levi.
 - Levi had three sons: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari
 - Kohath had four sons: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel
 - Amram married Jochebed and they had three children:
 - Miriam, Aaron, and Moses

Why did Jochebed hide her son?

Acts 7:20 At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house

Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Called Out of Egypt

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

Matthew 2:14 - 15

14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt

15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Moses is Raised in Pharaoh's House

Acts 7:21b – 22

21b ...Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son.

22 And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds.

What was Moses' Motive to Kill the Egyptian?

Acts 7:23 - 25

23 "When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel.

24 And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian.

25 He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand.

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Why did Moses Flee?

Acts 7:26 – 29

26 And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?'

27 But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?'

28 Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?'

29 At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.

Hebrews 11:24 – 27

24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, **25** choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

27 By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

What about Pharaoh's fourth policy to eliminate all the Hebrew sons?

Exodus 12:37 And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children.

God heard, God remembered, God saw, and God knew.