

LIFE OF MOSES
PART 1
ONE BORN IN DUE TIME

I. THE BACKGROUND Exodus 1

A. Joseph goes to Egypt

B. There was a severe famine in the land

C. Joseph brought his family to Egypt

1. Pharaoh was pleased to have them Genesis 50:21
2. They were given a fertile and beautiful land to dwell in Genesis 47

D. The Israelites multiplied Exodus 1:7

1. 70 when they arrived Genesis 46:5
2. Approximately 2 million
3. God had promised them He would bless and multiply them, and He did Genesis 46:2,3
4. This was a great blessing but also a curse

E. God's blessing was for "there"

1. Egypt was a pagan society
2. They would be greatly persecuted there
3. Who took the Israelites there?

F. After hundreds of years, A new king arose over Egypt Exodus 1:8

1. New indicates a different person
2. New indicates different in philosophy, politics, and his ways from his predecessors
3. Acts 1:7 "another king"
4. He did not know Joseph

G. The new king was insecure and threatened by the Israelites

1. Exodus 1:9 He exaggerated the situation

H. The new king's actions Exodus 1:11

1. He appointed task masters over them
2. They afflicted them with hard labor

I. This slavery was inhumane

J. The failure of the new king's plan (2)

1. The more they afflicted them the more they produced children
2. Why was that unusual?
3. Who was behind it? What had God promised

K. The result (12-14)

1. "compelled them to labor rigorously" (13)
2. "they made their lives bitter" (14)

L. Another result of being there

1. Some Israelites maintained a faith and obedience to God
2. Others turned from God to become involved in the idolatry of Egypt
3. Joshua 24:14
4. Ezekiel 20:6-8

II. THE BIRTH OF MOSES Exodus 1

A. The times (12-14)

1. A dark time
2. A dangerous time
3. An ungodly time
4. The times do not determine God or His will

B. The decree from the king (15,16)

1. The midwives work was to assist the Israelite women in giving birth
2. The decree required the midwives to kill any male babies born and let girls live

C. The actions of the midwives (17)

1. "but the midwives feared God"
2. They obviously also feared the king.
3. Proverbs 29:24,25

D. The king called in the midwives (18,19)

1. Why have you done this? Why have you disobeyed me? (18)
2. Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women (19)
3. What do you think of their excuse? Was it of God?
4. What were they expressing about God at that moment?
5. Leviticus 19:11

E. God blessed the midwives (20,21)

1. God established households for them (21)
2. Did God bless their deception or their fear of God?

F. The Pharaoh's decree (22)

1. The Israelites were to drown their male babies in the Nile River
2. It was a command of the Pharaoh, it was the law

G. Moses is born Exodus 2:1-10

1. He was a "beautiful" child (2)
2. His mother hid Moses for three months Hebrews 11:23
3. His parents by faith made a basket and put Moses in the Nile River
4. What was supposed to be Moses' death became what saved him
5. When Pharaoh's daughter saw the basket and the baby, she felt compassion (6)
6. Moses sister offered to get a Hebrew mother to nurse the child (7,8)
7. Moses' mother would nurse him for several years. Why is that important?

III. LESSONS TO TAKE WITH US:

A. When God makes a promise, He fulfills it

1. Numbers 23:19
2. What does that mean for our lives today in the midst of this world?

B. God has a great plan for your life

1. Philippians 1:6
2. That plan includes obeying Him and being used by Him for His purposes
3. Suffering is sometimes a part of that plan

C. God honors those who fear Him

D. God's will is not accomplished by manipulation, compromise, or by our ways.

1. Moses would need to learn that same lesson
2. So did Abraham, David, Peter and so do we

E. God's ways are often simple, but the outcome is often miraculous

F. The times and what we face do not determine what we do and who we are

1. Hebrews 11:23

G. The choices we make today will determine our lives for years to come

1. Here with Moses' parents, the mid wives
2. David and Bathsheba

3. Abraham and Hagar

4. Abraham and God's promise of a land

H. You don't need to be afraid of these days

1. 2 Timothy 1:7

2. Psalm 31:14,15