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Exodus 1

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Exodus 1.

(A brief overview of the main topics).

Topics.

- Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation in Egypt.
- Israel greatly multiplied in Egypt so that the land was filled with them.
- A new Pharaoh over Egypt arises who did not know Joseph.
- Egypt set taskmasters over Israel to afflict them with heavy burdens.
- The more Israel was oppressed the more they multiplied and spread abroad.
- Egypt ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves.
- The Pharaoh commands all Hebrew midwives to kill all Hebrew sons.
- Pharaoh commands all Hebrew sons that are born to be cast into the Nile River.
- Pharaoh allows all Hebrew daughters that are born to live.

INTRODUCTION: Prior to the Exodus, Joseph was taken into Egypt and because of his integrity and wisdom the Pharaoh of Egypt exalted him to his right-hand side and he became the second highest governing authority over Egypt. Meanwhile Joseph's father Jacob and his brothers were suffering a great famine so they went into Egypt to buy food not knowing that their brother Joseph had been exalted to such a powerful position of authority. The story of Exodus is about God taking Jacob, Joseph's father and Joseph's eleven brothers and their relatives (seventy in all) into Egypt and molding and binding them into a great nation in the land of Egypt (commonly known as the house of bondage) and miraculously delivering them by a mighty hand as one special and unique people to the LORD. Concerning Israel God said:

- Israel was his son who he called out of Egypt and he loved them when they were a child. (Hosea 11:1).
- He gave birth to Israel and carried them from the womb even to their old age. (Isaiah 46:3-4).
- Israel is his allotted heritage (Deut. 32:9) and the apple of his eye (Deut. 32:10).
- Israel is a people holy to him (Deut. 7:6) and his treasured possession. (Deut. 14:2).

The LORD has not spoken this way with any other nation, but God has not only spoken of Israel differently, but always dealt with them differently to any other nation:

- To Israel God gave the Ten Commandments and showed his great power.
- To Israel God declared his word, statutes and his rules.
- To Israel God gave the prophets, the worship and the promises.
- To Israel belonged the covenant, the adoption, the patriarchs and the glory.
- To Israel the oracles of God were entrusted.

- The people of Israel are the offspring of Abraham the father of faith.
- From Israel's race came the Christ the Saviour of the world.

The LORD has not given any other nations such great privileges.

(Exod. 19:5) (Deut. 7:6) (Deut. 14:2) (Deut. 26:18) (Deut. 32:9)
(Isaiah 46:3-4) (Hos. 11:1).

It is true that Israel has been and still is a special nation to God, but since Christ death and resurrection salvation for both Jews and Gentiles is in the Lord Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, Israel remains a clear sign of where we are in prophecy concerning Christ's glorious return. It could be said that they are the thermometer of God's prophecy much like the mercury on a natural thermometer measures the heat of the day and moves up the vertical red line warning us of impending danger when the heat of the sun is reaching temperatures that are dangerous for the good health of the skin. Likewise, Israel can be seen as the mercury of Bible prophecy in the sense that world events that come upon the nation of Israel (especially Jerusalem) are signs that give us some insight as to how close we are to that glorious breathtaking and world changing day when the Lord Jesus Christ returns in glory. But God's focus during our present age for eternal salvation is upon creating a new nation in Christ made up of Jews and Gentiles. This new nation is also called a new creation in Christ, the body of Christ, the Bride of Christ, the church and the Kingdom of God.

In the book of Exodus, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham by multiplying Abraham's descendants into a great nation delivering them from slavery in Egypt to journey to the Promised Land, and then binding them to Himself with a covenant at Mount Sinai. Moses, under the direct command of God and as leader of Israel, received the Ten Commandments from God, along with other laws governing Israel's life and worship. He also led the nation in building the Tabernacle, a place where God's presence can dwell among his people and where they can make sacrifices for sin. Most Jews and Christians recognise Moses as the author, writing sometime after the Exodus from Egypt (about 1445 B.C.). Note: the promise God made to Abraham will be perfectly fulfilled when Christ returns in glory and all those (Jews and Gentiles) who belong to God's Kingdom are gathered to him.

NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

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The names of the eleven sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household (Joseph was already in Egypt).

1. Reuben.
2. Simeon.
3. Levi.
4. Judah.
5. Issachar.
6. Zebulun.
7. Benjamin.
8. Dan.

9. Naphtali.

10. Gad.

11. Asher.

All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons. Joseph, his brothers and all his generation died in Egypt, but the people of Israel were fruitful and greatly multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

THERE AROSE A NEW KING OVER EGYPT

This new King did not know Joseph and feared the people of Israel were too many and too mighty for them. He feared they would multiply and join Egypt's enemies and fight against them and escape from the land of Egypt so he set taskmasters over Israel to afflict them with heavy burdens.

Israel built store cities for Pharaoh in:

- Pithom.
- Raamses.

The more Israel was oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad, but this resulted in the Egyptians being in fear of the people of Israel so the Egyptians ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves.

THE MIDWIVES TO KILL HEBREW SONS

The king of Egypt told the Hebrew midwives (Shiphrah and Puah) if a Hebrew woman has a son, they are to kill it, but they were to let the daughters live. The midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live, to cover themselves from Pharaoh's wrath they told him the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, they give birth before the midwife gets to them. Pharaoh commanded all his people, to cast every son that is born to the Hebrews into the Nile River, but to let every daughter live.

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