

EXODUS 1; February 20; A New King in Egypt

ANALYSIS:

1. Note the description in verse 7 of the number of the children of Israel some 300 years after Joseph. _____
2. What was “new” in the Egyptian government that caused great problems to the children of Israel? _____
3. By what means did Pharaoh make life hard for the children of Israel?

4. What order did Pharaoh give to the Hebrew midwives?

5. What did God do for the midwives? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Pharaoh (their civil authority leader) commanded the Hebrew midwives to commit infanticide; they were to kill all the boy babies, and save alive the girls. The midwives did not obey Pharaoh. Therefore God dealt well with them and established their houses, i.e., families. They did right to save lives. Rahab likewise did right to save the lives of the spies (Josh 2:3-6), and she and her family were saved when Jericho was destroyed (Josh 6:22-25). Rahab's name appears in the ancestors of Jesus our Lord (Matt 1:5).

“We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29), when following man's command would cause us to break God's command, “Thou shalt not kill” (Ex 20:13).

HELP:

1. Fruitful, increased abundantly, multiplied, waxed exceeding mighty, land was filled with them (v 7).
2. A new king which knew not Joseph (cared not for all the good Joseph had done for Egypt) (v 8).
3. Taskmasters to afflict them, making them build cities, serve with rigour and hard bondage (vs 11-14).
4. Kill the Hebrew boy babies, save alive the girls (v 16).
5. God dealt well with the midwives, he made them houses (vs 20-21).