

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 6 – The King Who Knew Not Joseph through Moses Questioning God’s Plan (Exodus 1-5)

1. How many souls from the loins of Jacob came into Egypt besides Joseph?

- **70 (Exodus 1:5).**

2. What did the new king of Egypt, who knew not Joseph, plan against Israel because they had become more in number and might?

- **First, they sought to afflict them with burdens and that failed to stop them from multiplying (Exodus 1:8-12).**
 - **The king of Egypt did not realize it was God who multiplied the seed if Israel (Genesis 48:3-4).**
- **After the first failure, the made things more difficult on the children of Israel as they made them serve with extreme harshness (Exodus 1:13-14).**
- **Then, the king of Egypt told the Hebrew midwives to kill the males that were born. This failed because the midwives feared God and God then continued to multiply the people (Exodus 1:15-21).**
- **After this failure, Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive (Exodus 1:22).**

3. How did the Levi man and wife save their boy from being killed?

- *“And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children” (Exodus 2:2-6).*

4. Who did Pharaoh’s daughter get to nurse the child?

- **His mother (Exodus 2:8-9).**

5. Why was the child given the name “Moses” by the daughter of Pharaoh?

- **She called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water (Exodus 2:10).**

6. Why did Moses flee from Egypt?

- *“And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared,*

and said, Surely this thing is known. Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well” (Exodus 2:11-15).

7. How did Moses come to have a wife?

- *“Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day? And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock. And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread. And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter” (Exodus 2:16-21).*

8. Did God hear the cries of His children Israel?

- **Yes, (Exodus 2:23-25).**

9. Fill in the blanks: “Now Moses kept the flock of **Jethro** his father in law, the **priest** of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb” (**Exodus 3:1**).

10. Who appeared unto Moses in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush?

- The angel [angel means messenger] of the Lord (**Exodus 3:2-6**; cf. **Acts 7:29-34**).
- We know it was not just an angel, for an angel would not accept the reverence [i.e. the ground being holy, take of thy shoes, etc.] (**Revelation 22:8-9**).
- One reminder which may or may not impact this ambiguous context is that God the Father was not seen by any man (**John 1:18** and **I John 4:12**) and the text may imply Moses looking upon Him (**Exodus 3:3-4**).
- If we want to reason that the context uses the term God (**Exodus 3:5-6**), we must remember that deity is in three forms (**I John 5:7**; cf. **Acts 5:3-4** and **Romans 9:5**).
- Arguments could be made for Jesus (**John 8:58**) and the Holy Spirit too (**II Peter 1:20-21**), but **clarity still is not in this context.**

11. What was the Lord looking to deliver His people from?

- *“And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them” (Exodus 3:7-9).*

12. What was Moses' first response to God sending him to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt and how did God respond to that?

- *“And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt” (Exodus 3:11)?*
- *God’s response: “And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain” (Exodus 3:12).*
- *Consider the contrast of Moses and Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8).*

13. What was Moses’ second concern [excuse may be the better term] and how did God respond to that?

- *“And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them” (Exodus 3:13)?*
- *“And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God. And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty. But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians” (Exodus 3:14-22).*

14. What did Moses pose as his third concern and how did God respond to that?

- *“And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee” (Exodus 4:1).*
- *“And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his*

bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land” (Exodus 4:2-9).

15. What was Moses’ fourth question to God and how did God resolve this one?

- *“And Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue” (Exodus 4:10).*
- *“And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say” (Exodus 4:11-12).*

16. Did Moses ever try to blatantly get out of going to Egypt?

- *Yes. “And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him [whosoever else – NKJV] thou wilt send” (Exodus 4:13). Basically, send whoever you want Lord – implying – not me.*
- *God responded in anger: “And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is there not Aaron thy brother the Levite? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. And thou shalt speak unto him, and put the words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people; and it shall come to pass, that he shall be to thee a mouth, and thou shalt be to him as God. And thou shalt take in thy hand this rod, wherewith thou shalt do the signs” (Exodus 4:14-17).*

17. Who went with Moses from Midian?

- *His wife and his sons (Exodus 4:20).*

18. Did the Lord hide from Moses that Pharaoh’s heart would be hardened?

- *No, (Exodus 4:21).*

19. Why did Zipporah circumcise her and Moses’ son?

- *If the child was not circumcised, either he or Moses was going to die (Exodus 4:24-26). (The context is too obscure to say for sure which was going to die if the circumcision was not completed.)*
- *He had not yet been circumcised, as was commanded of all Israelites (Genesis 17:10-12).*
- *To say more is to speak where God has not spoken.*

20. Who sent Aaron to meet Moses in the wilderness?

- *The Lord (Exodus 4:27).*

21. Did the children of Israel believe what Aaron spoke unto them about Moses delivering them from captivity?

- Yes, (**Exodus 4:29-31**).

22. What was Pharaoh's response to the Lord's request that the children of Israel be allowed to hold a feast unto the Lord in the wilderness?

- *"And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go"* (**Exodus 5:2**).

23. How did Pharaoh punish God's people after Moses and Aaron asked the second time for Israel to go and worship God?

- *"And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves. And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God. Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words. And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw. Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work shall be diminished. So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw. And the taskmasters hastened them, saying, Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw. And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore? Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people. But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the Lord. Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks"* (**Exodus 5:6-18**).

24. Who did the officers of the children of Israel blame for their hardship?

- Moses and Aaron (**Exodus 5:20-21**).

25. Did Moses question God after he saw what was happening at the hand of Pharaoh?

- Yes, (**Exodus 5:22-23**).