

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS  
EXODUS 1 - THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL INCREASE IN NUMBER,  
EXODUS 2 - BIRTH OF MOSES, EXODUS 3 - GOD CALLS MOSES TO  
DELIVER HIS PEOPLE FROM SLAVERY

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we begin our study of the second book of the Torah called Exodus. Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible all directed to him by God for these are God's words not Moses'. It is important to remember God is working out all the details of this great story.

**Exodus 1**

Say - In chapter 1 the children of Israel increase in number and you will see from the beginning of how God is directing all of the events just as He will do in your lives if you allow Him. You will also see how the bondage or slavery of Israel, the 12 tribes, or the Hebrew Nation is also beginning.

<sup>1</sup>Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob (worshipping God and observing His laws).

<sup>2</sup>Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, <sup>3</sup>Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, <sup>4</sup>Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

<sup>5</sup>And all the souls (Strong's Concordance, "souls" is nephesh meaning person) that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already.

<sup>6</sup>And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. <sup>7</sup>And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

<sup>8</sup>Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph (This was a new dynasty of kings and the "new" means he would be much different than what was before. The Bible tells us "<sup>17</sup>But when the time of the promise drew nigh (near), which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, <sup>18</sup>Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph. <sup>19</sup>The same dealt subtilly (to deal craftily) with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out (exposed) their young children, to the end they might not live" Acts 7:17-19).

<sup>9</sup>And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

<sup>10</sup>Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens (heavy labor jobs). And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses ("Treasure cities" means "store cities" which were in the land of Goshen where the 12 tribes or Hebrew people lived.).

<sup>12</sup>But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew (multiplied increasingly). And they were grieved (filled with alarm) because of the children of Israel (In spite of the bondage of slavery, they still multiplied; nothing can stop God.).

<sup>13</sup>And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour (harshness):

<sup>14</sup>And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar (clay), and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

<sup>15</sup>And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives (A "midwife" helps deliver babies.), of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah:

<sup>16</sup>And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools (two stone troughs); if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live (This was Satanic because the Pharaoh wanted to destroy the male children and prevent any more descendants coming into the world. Later on we will see the Egyptians would pay a great price for doing this to God's people. God was with His people we will see.).

<sup>17</sup>But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive (It was their faith in God which inspired them to risk their lives.).

<sup>18</sup>And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?

<sup>19</sup>And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women (they are strong and healthy); for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty (in spite of the bondages of slavery). <sup>21</sup>And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses (families).

<sup>22</sup>And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born (to the Hebrews) ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive (allow to live).

## Exodus 2

Say - In this chapter we begin to see how God raised up Moses and how He works with him and through him. God through Moses took the Israelites and made a very great nation. Moses' father's name was Amram and his mother's name was Jochebed.

<sup>1</sup>And there went a man of the house (lineage or ancestry) of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

<sup>2</sup>And the woman conceived, and bare a son (Moses was the seventh from Abraham, Abraham was the seventh from Heber, Encoch the seventh from Adam): and when she saw him that he was a goodly child (means beautiful to God, divinely fair), she hid him three months (she "hid" him three months which was by faith the Bible tells us, "<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment" Hebrews 11:23. They had faith God would protect them.).

<sup>3</sup>And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime (mud from the Nile River) and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags (river reeds) by the river's brink (The "ark" was made by divine instructions from God of papyrus which is a very thick strong reed just as Noah was given instructions from God as to how to make his "ark").

<sup>4</sup>And his sister (Moses' sister, Miriam was about 10 or 12 years old.) stood afar off, to wit (to know) what would be done to him (all the steps taken in verses 2-4 were a result of what she had heard from God).

<sup>5</sup>And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the (Nile) river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags (river reeds), she sent her maid to fetch it.

<sup>6</sup>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 (God was in control and had the baby cry and this is the beginning of the defeat of the enemy of Satan and the faithfulness of the Word of God to preserve the child.).

<sup>7</sup>Then said his sister (Moses' sister, Miriam, saw Pharaoh's daughter had found Moses in the "ark".) to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

<sup>8</sup>And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother (which was Jochebed and all directed by God).

<sup>9</sup>And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the women took the child, and nursed it.

<sup>10</sup>And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son (became as her son). And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

<sup>11</sup>And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown (had learned the wisdom of Egypt and was "mighty in word and deed" Acts 7:22), that he went out unto his brethren (Moses never lost track of who he was for his mother had raised him to fear God and Moses wanted to see the condition of his people.), and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew one of his brethren (cruel treatment for no reason, the Bible tells us, "<sup>23</sup>And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel" <sup>24</sup>And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian" Acts 7:23-24.).

<sup>12</sup>And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man (to help), he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

<sup>13</sup>And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove (were striving) together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

<sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters (who were shepherdesses): and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

<sup>17</sup>And the shepherds came and drove them away (probably the only well): but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock (Moses protected them from the rude shepherds.).

<sup>18</sup>And when they came to Reuel their father ("Reuel" means shepherd of God and was a true worshipper of God; real name was Jethro, Exodus 3:1), he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day?

<sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>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 (this was a common custom).

<sup>21</sup>And Moses was content (well pleased) to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter (Zipporah means "little bird".).

<sup>22</sup>And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom (means a "stranger here"): for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

<sup>23</sup>And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry (for help) came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

<sup>24</sup>And God heard their groaning (heaviness of affliction), and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob (remember the "covenant" was an everlasting covenant and this was the time to fulfill it.).

<sup>25</sup>And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them (God is saying they were punished enough.).

### **Exodus 3**

Say - Moses was 40 years in the wilderness and this was part of God's plan for Moses for it familiarized him with the area of which we will learn he led the 12 tribes of Israel for 40 years.

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro (his real name) his father in law, the priest of Midian (a descendant of Abraham through Keturah): and he led the flock to the backside of the desert (where it was very fertile, first mention of the Desert of Sinai is in connection with feeding a flock), and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb (Mt. Horeb is where God commissioned Moses to deliver the Israelites from Pharaoh, Exodus 3:1. Mt. Horeb is where Moses brought water out of the rock, Exodus 17:6. Mt. Horeb is where the Israelites took their ornaments off in repentance to God; the ornaments were charms they wore as pagans and had carried them from Egypt, Exodus 33:5-6. Mt. Horeb was close to Mt. Sinai.).

<sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush ("angel of the LORD is Jesus Christ, a messenger of God): and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed (same lesson of the "furnace" in Genesis 15:17).

<sup>3</sup>And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

<sup>4</sup>And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I (Jesus Christ is the only Elohem which deals with man).

<sup>5</sup>And he said, Draw not nigh hither (do not come any closer): put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground (What made it holy? It was because God was there.).

<sup>6</sup>Moreover he said, I am the God (Deity) of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob (Jesus Christ). And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God (Realize this is the real Divine being, can't look on the face of God or will die - Moses was not afraid in a general sense).

<sup>7</sup>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;

<sup>8</sup>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 (Realize Jesus Christ came down from heaven and literally walked on the earth in Egypt.).

<sup>9</sup>Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel (Jacob) is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

<sup>10</sup>Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt (Jesus Christ would be with Moses).

<sup>11</sup>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 (Moses is saying "I am just a shepherd".)?

<sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children (sons) of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God (Deity) of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

<sup>14</sup>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 (Jesus will manifest Himself as He likes.).

<sup>15</sup>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 (Jesus Christ is the Savior, Redeemer, Deliverer, Strengthened, Comforter FOREVER and as we have learned He is Israel's God today as then for He changes not, "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" Malachi 3:6. You will experience Me throughout your life as you need Me and we need God constantly.).

<sup>16</sup>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:

<sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>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 (God did not have Moses tell Pharaoh that they were going to Canaan.).

<sup>19</sup>And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

<sup>20</sup>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 (The true God would show all the Egyptians animal gods were false gods.).

<sup>21</sup>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.

<sup>22</sup>But every woman shall borrow (ask) 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.

Say - Many people want to limit God by a name or a picture but He is much, much more; He is the Lord of Hosts or the sun moon and stars, The Rock, The Healer, your Light in a spiritually dark world and a Cloud cover we will see. God would manifest Himself to them as needed. There would be deliverance and healing for His people. They would also learn the pagans took every aspect of the True God and made a god - that is what idolatry is all about; it is a cover-up of the True God. On the other hand the Egyptian gods were limited for they had a rain god, fertility god, frog god and cow and bull god and many other animal gods which were not gods at all.

#### MEMORY VERSE

<sup>7</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children (sons) of Israel (Jacob) is come unto me: ... <sup>10</sup>Come now therefore (Moses), and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

EXODUS 3:7-10

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS AND YOUTH

## MOSES AND THE HEBREW NATION

THE HEBREW NATION HAD GROWN TO TWO MILLION STRONG;  
IN EGYPT THEY LIVED; TO GOD THEY BELONGED.  
EGYPT HAD A KING, PHARAOH WAS HIS NAME, WITH SO MANY  
HEBREWS, PHARAOH'S PLANS WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE.

THE PHARAOH WORRIED HE WOULD LOSE CONTROL; FOR THE  
HEBREWS HAD GROWN TO TWO MILLION MORE!  
FROM DAYLIGHT UNTIL DARK, HE MADE THEM SLAVES; IN BONDAGE  
THEY WORKED AND ANY RESISTANCE BROUGHT PHARAOH'S  
GREAT RAGE!

HE MADE THEIR LIVES BITTER BUT NO SLAVE COULD BE WEAK OR A  
QUITTER;  
WITH BRICKS AND STONE, DAY AFTER DAY, NO MATTER HOW LONG,  
THE SLAVES SERVED HIM WITH RIGOR.

THEN ONE DAY THE PHARAOH SAID TO THE MIDWIFES, "WHEN THE  
HEBREW WOMEN HAVE A BABY BOY, "HE MUST DIE."  
BUT THE HEBREWS DISOBEYED AND LET THE BABIES LIVE; IT IS BY  
THE GOD OF HEAVEN WE WILL BE LED.

THEY HID THE BOYS HERE AND HID THE BOYS THERE; THEY HID THE  
BABY BOYS EVERYWHERE;  
ONE DAY, A BEAUTIFUL BABY, NAMED MOSES, WAS BORN; HIS  
SISTER, MIRIAM, WAS WORRIED, PERPLEXED AND FORLORN.

SOON THE HEBREW MOTHER MADE A BASKET ARK OF REEDS, JUST  
PITCH AND SLIME WAS ALL SHE WOULD NEED;  
FINALLY WATERTIGHT AND SEALED, TO GOD SHE DID KNEEL, PLEASE  
PROTECT MY BABY BOY; YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL.



ON THE MIGHTY NILE RIVER, AMONG THE TALL, TALL REEDS, THE  
BABY IN A BASKET WAS SET ALFOAT;  
SOON DOWN TO THE RIVER PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER CAME TO BATHE  
AND TO SOAK.

HER DUTIFUL MAIDENS, WALKING BEHIND PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER,  
ALONG THE RIVER'S SIDE;  
SOON SPIED THE REED BASKET AND OPENED IT UP AS THE TINY  
BABY CRIED! EX. 2:5-6

THE PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER HUGGED AND HELD THE BABY NEAR;  
SISTER MIRIAM ASKED, "SHALL I GET HIS MOTHER HERE"?  
MOSES' MOTHER CAME QUICKLY; THEIR REUNITING WAS SO DEAR;  
IT WAS PLAIN TO SEE GOD'S HAND HAD ALWAYS BEEN NEAR.

MOSES GREW UP IN PHARAOH'S COURT AND BECAME "MIGHTY IN  
WORD AND DEED" AND MENTALLY STRONG;  
THERE HIS MOTHER TAUGHT HIM THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT  
AND WRONG.

SOON FLEEING EGYPT, A GOOD SHEPHERD HE BECAME, BUT ONE DAY  
TENDING HIS FLOCKS, DOWN DEEP IN HIS HEART,  
HE LONGED FOR HIS FAMILY, STILL SLAVES TO PHARAOH, AND GOD  
SAID, FOR THE HEBREW NATION, BACK TO EGYPT HE MUST  
DEPART!

GOD SAID, "I HAVE HEARD THEIR CRY... (MOSES) BRING FORTH MY  
PEOPLE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPT."

EXODUS 3:7-10

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*AND WHEN SHE (MOSES' MOTHER) COULD NO LONGER  
HIDE HIM (MOSES), 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 (REEDS) BY THE RIVER'S BANK.*

*EXODUS 2:3*