

2.08 THE GREAT DELIVERANCE I

EXODUS 1:6-12; 2

This story is of those days when many of God's people were living as slaves to a foreign king. The king appointed masters over them who made them work as laborers building palaces and cities. They made them work every day and night. In spite of all this, God's people continued to grow in number. Seeing this, the king became worried and gave a command in the country that all the sons born to laborers must be killed.

During this time there was a woman who gave birth to a son. For three months she hid him. But, when she could no longer hide him, she thought of a way to save the child. She told her daughter, the older sister of the baby, to bring some reeds that grew by the river. She made the reeds into a basket and covered the inside of it with a layer of tar to keep the inside dry. Then she laid the child in the basket and put it in the water at the riverbank. She told her daughter to keep an eye on it.

When the king's daughter came to the big river to bathe, her gaze fell upon the basket. She told her servants to bring the basket to her. As soon as she looked inside the basket, she saw a beautiful baby boy. When she saw the child, she knew that he belonged to one of the laborers, but she had compassion on him and decided to raise him as her own son. She called the child "Moses," which means drawn from the water.

Then the child's sister came before the princess and asked her if she should bring a nanny to take care of the child and nurse it. The nanny that she called was none other than the child's own mother.

Moses grew up in the palace of the king. One day, when he saw how badly the king's soldiers treated his people, he became very sad. He thought he could save his people by his own strength, but he failed. One day, he tried to save one of his people from being beaten by one of the soldiers and he accidentally killed the soldier. Afraid of being punished by the king, he ran away to the desert.

For forty years, Moses was living in the desert taking care of farm animals. For that many years, God's people cried out to God to save them from their suffering. They called on the name of God to come and rescue them. God heard them and made a plan for their rescue.

Psalm 34:17 "The Lord hears His people when they call to Him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles."

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) Long ago, many of God's people were living as slaves to a king. The king made them work extra hard. The people continued to have children and their families multiplied. The king was worried about this, so he ordered all baby boys born to these people to be killed.
- 2) There was a woman who gave birth to a son. She hid him from the king. She made a basket and put her baby in it and put it in the water.
- 3) The king's daughter came to the water and saw the basket. She saw the baby! She decided to keep this baby for herself. She named him "Moses".
- 4) Moses grew up in the king's palace. One day, he saw the king's people treating his people badly. He tried to help, but he accidentally killed one of the soldiers. He became afraid. He ran away into the desert.
- 5) Moses lived in the desert for forty years. He took care of farm animals. The people he left began to call on God to help them get away from the king and go to a different land. God heard their prayers and made a plan to rescue them.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What did the king do when he was afraid the slaves' families were getting too big?
- 2) What did one woman do to save her baby?
- 3) What did the king's daughter do when she found the baby?
- 4) What did the king's daughter name the baby?
- 5) Why did Moses run away to the desert?
- 6) Did God hear the prayers of the people?

ANSWERS:

- 1) The king decided to kill the baby boys belonging to the slaves.
- 2) One woman made a basket and put her baby in it and floated it down the river.
- 3) The king's daughter kept the baby as her own.
- 4) The baby was named Moses.
- 5) Moses accidentally killed a soldier who was mistreating one of the slaves.
- 6) God heard the peoples' prayers. He made a plan to rescue them.