

2.07 MOSES IS BORN

EXODUS 2

After the seven good years in Egypt, when there was plenty of food, came the seven difficult years when there was no food. Joseph had planned well, but the people's money was running out. The people came to Joseph and said, "We need food, but we have no money to buy it with." Joseph told them they could buy food by giving him their animals. That's what they did.

Another year went by. The people came to Joseph and said, "We need food, but now we have nothing to buy it with. You can buy us and our land. We will be your servants." As a result, Joseph bought the land and the people. He showed them how to plant seeds and harvest the crops. They would get to keep some for themselves for food. The rest would go to Pharaoh.

Joseph's family had moved from the land of Canaan to be with Joseph and to be taken care of. They lived in the land of Goshen now. They lived there through this time of famine. Their families grew bigger. As a result, there were lots of Jacob's family in the land. They were called Hebrews.

Many years went by. A cruel and wicked king had become Pharaoh of Egypt. He did not remember Joseph or his family. This new king did not like the Hebrew people. He was afraid there would be more and more Hebrew children born. He was afraid the Hebrews would become more powerful than the Egyptians.

Pharaoh had a plan to kill all of the baby boys who were born to the Hebrew women. He told the women to throw their baby boys into the river when they were born. There were a lot of mothers who were very sad because of this. One mother decided to secretly keep her baby boy. She made a basket and put him in it. She placed it in the bushes in the water. The basket began to float down the river.

At that time, Pharaoh's daughter, was coming down to the river with her servants. She saw the baby floating on the water and became very excited. She got the basket out of the water and saw the Hebrew baby inside. She wanted to keep him! Now there was a sister who had followed her baby brother as he floated down the river. She came quickly to Pharaoh's daughter and said, "Do you need a nurse for the baby?" Pharaoh's daughter said, "Yes! Go get a Hebrew woman to nurse this baby. I will pay her." Immediately, the girl ran to get her own mother! Her mother could be the nurse to her own son!

Therefore, this little Hebrew baby became the child of Pharaoh's daughter. She named him Moses, which means "pulled-out", because she had pulled him out of the water. He would grow up to lead the Hebrew people back to the land of Canaan.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) Joseph had planned well for the seven years of famine. The people came to him to buy the food that had been stored. As the years went by, the people ran out of money to buy food. They told Joseph they would buy food with their animals.
- 2) As more time went by, the people needed money again. This time, Joseph bought the people and their land. They would now be slaves of Pharaoh.
- 3) Joseph and his family were called Hebrews. Joseph had brought his people to Egypt to be taken care of. There were a lot of people in his family. As years went by, there were a lot more Hebrew people born.
- 4) A new and wicked Pharaoh became the ruler of Egypt. He was afraid the Hebrew people would grow to be more powerful than the Egyptian people. He tried to have all of the Hebrew baby boys killed.
- 5) One baby was saved. His mother put him in a basket and let it float down the river.
- 6) Pharaoh's daughter found the baby and kept him. She named him Moses.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) When people ran out of money, what did they offer first with which to buy food?
- 2) When the people ran out of money and animals, what did they offer in order to buy food?
- 3) What were Joseph's people called?
- 4) What was Pharaoh afraid of?
- 5) What did he try to do?
- 6) What did Pharaoh's daughter find in the water?
- 7) What did Pharaoh's daughter name the baby?

ANSWERS:

- 1) The people bought food by giving Joseph their animals.
- 2) The people told Joseph he could have their land and take them as slaves in order to buy food.
- 3) Joseph's people were called Hebrews.
- 4) Pharaoh was afraid the Hebrew people would become more powerful than the Egyptians.
- 5) Pharaoh tried to kill all the baby boys.
- 6) Pharaoh's daughter found a Hebrew baby in the water.
- 7) She named the baby, Moses.