

## Questions / Answers

1. Why did Pharaoh make the Israelites slaves?  
*They were so many. He was afraid they might fight against him*
2. What did Pharaoh order about the Israelites baby boys?  
*They must be thrown into the river*
3. Who saved an Israelite baby from a basket on the river? What did she call the baby?  
*The daughter of Pharaoh. She called him Moses*
4. Why did Moses run away to the land of Midian? What did he do there?  
*Because he had killed an Egyptian. He was a shepherd*
5. How long did Moses live in Egypt? What did he learn as a prince?  
*40 years. He learnt to be a good leader*
6. What did God tell Moses at the burning bush?  
*God's Name is I AM. He is the Eternal God and always with His people. God had chosen Moses to lead the Israelites to the promised land.*
7. What did Pharaoh say/do when Moses asked him to let the people go?  
*He said No. he was angry and made the people work harder*
8. What was the first plague God sent on Egypt? *The River Nile into blood*
9. What were the next 8 plagues that God brought on Egypt?  
*Frogs, lice, flies, cattle disease, boils, hail, locusts, darkness*
10. What did Pharaoh say when each plague came? What did he say when God took the plague away?  
*I will let you go if God takes away the plague. No you cannot go*

## Memory verses

Learn the list of the ten plagues; Exodus 3:4—6; Hebrews 11:24—25

## Discussion

Remember the promises God made to Abraham. How did God keep these promises in the time of Moses? How did God prepare Moses to be a great leader—as a prince and as a shepherd?

## Writing

Imagine you an Egyptian in the time of Moses. Write about the plagues which came on Egypt. Describe how horrible each plague would be.

# CBM Senior Lessons

## Lesson 12 Moses in Egypt



### READING Exodus 1—3

#### LESSON

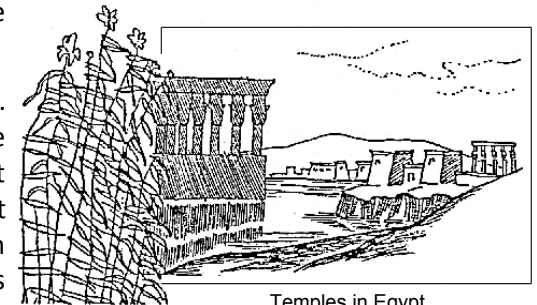
God made great promises to Abraham. He repeated these promises to Isaac and to Jacob. God promised that Abraham's descendants would become a great nation. During the years of famine Jacob and his family went to live in Egypt because Joseph had food for them to eat. The family stayed in Egypt for many years and grew into a great nation, who were called the Israelites. There were 70 people in Jacob's family when he moved to Egypt. Read Exodus 1 verse 7 which tells how they multiplied and grew into a great nation.

God promised the land of Israel (Canaan) to Abraham and his descendants for ever. But now that Abraham's family had grown into a great nation they were living as slaves in the land of Egypt. God always keeps His promises. God was organising events so that the Israelites would travel back to live in the land He had promised them. We will see how God kept this promise.

A new Pharaoh was king in Egypt. This new Pharaoh thought that the growing nation of Israel was a threat to the Egyptians. They might fight against the Egyptians. Pharaoh made the Israelites work for him as slaves. He made them work very

hard making bricks and building his store cities and temples. They were cruelly treated. But God was with His people, the Israelites, and they grew in number. When Pharaoh saw the Israelites multiplying, he ordered that all their baby boys should be thrown into the river.

One Israelite mother did not want her baby to die. She hid him for three months. Then she put him in a basket of rushes, painted with pitch to make it waterproof. She put the basket in the reeds at the edge of the river. The baby's elder sister hid to watch what would happen.



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The daughter of Pharaoh came down to that very place to bathe in the river. She saw the baby and took it. The little sister who was watching was very brave. She suggested that she should find an Israelite woman to feed the baby. When the princess agreed, the girl fetched her mother.

The princess called the baby Moses which means 'taken out of the water'. His mother taught him about God and His promises to the Israelites. Later he grew up in Pharaoh's palace. Moses was a prince in the palace. He had a good education and he learned to be a leader. He lived in the palace until he was 40 years old.

But Moses knew that he was an Israelite, not an Egyptian. One day, when Moses was grown up, he tried to protect an Israelite slave. He killed the Egyptian master. Moses had to run away. He left Egypt and went to live in the land of Midian. There he met the family of a man called Jethro. He stayed with Jethro and his family and helped them look after their sheep. Moses was a shepherd in Midian for 40 years. While Moses was in Midian he learned to be patient, to survive in the desert and to be humble.

Meanwhile, the Israelites in Egypt were in great trouble. Pharaoh treated his slaves very badly. Their hardships grew worse. They cried to God for help. God listened to His people, the Israelites. God was preparing Moses to be a leader to take His people out of Egypt and back to the land of Israel, which God had promised them.

In the land of Midian Moses was out with the sheep one day when he saw a strange sight. A bush seemed to be on fire, yet it was not burnt up. When Moses went closer he heard a voice telling him that God was speaking to him - the God of his fathers - the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God told Moses His special Name - YAHWEH which means I AM. This Name showed that God is the Eternal God. He is from everlasting to everlasting. God is always with His people.



God told Moses that He had chosen him to lead the Israelites back to the land He had promised them. God told Moses to go to Pharaoh and ask him to let the Israelites go. God told Moses that He would bring plagues upon Egypt to make Pharaoh let the Israelites go.

Moses went back to Egypt. Aaron, Moses' brother, went to help him. Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and asked him to let the Israelites go out of Egypt, but Pharaoh refused to let them go. He said that Moses was making trouble and that the Israelite slaves were not working hard enough. Pharaoh was angry. He made the Israelites work even harder. The Israelites cried to God for help.

Pharaoh had sent Moses away and the Israelites complained to Moses because their work was harder. Moses prayed to God for help. God told him to go to Pharaoh again. Moses told Pharaoh that unless he let the Israelites go God would turn the water of the River Nile into blood. But Pharaoh would not listen. So Moses stretched his rod over the river - and the water turned into blood. This was the first of ten plagues which God sent on Egypt.

God sent Moses to Pharaoh again. Moses told Pharaoh that if he would not let the Israelites go there would be a plague of frogs all over the land of Egypt. Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go. Soon the land was covered in frogs. Frogs were in houses and beds, in cooking pots and under everyone's feet. Pharaoh sent for Moses and promised to let the Israelites go if God would take away the frogs. But as soon as God took away the frogs Pharaoh changed his mind and would not let them go.

After each of the first nine plagues, Pharaoh said that the Israelites could go if God removed the plague. But when God took away the plague, Pharaoh changed his mind and would not let them go. Below is a list of all the plagues that God sent on Egypt.

The Egyptians worshipped many gods. God was showing Pharaoh and the Israelites that He was far more powerful than any of the Egyptian gods. The Egyptians worshipped the River Nile, but God turned it into blood. They worshipped the sun, but God made it dark all over Egypt for 3 days.

The land of Egypt was ruined. The flocks and herds died. All the crops were destroyed by locusts and hail. God was showing His power to Pharaoh, but Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the Israelites go.

In the next lesson we will learn about the last plague. This was so terrible that Pharaoh did let the Israelites go.

#### ***The ten plagues:***

- 1. River turned to blood*
- 2. The land swarmed with frogs*
- 3. The land was covered with lice*
- 4. Swarms of flies*
- 5. Disease killed flocks and herds*
- 6. Boils came on men and animals*
- 7. Hailstorms ruined the crops*
- 8. A great plague of locusts*
- 9. Thick darkness covered the land*
- 10. All the firstborn sons died*