

Chapter 1

Moses had 39 years to write this although the book covers 82 years: chapters 1-4 covers Moses' first 40 years and then it takes approximately 1 year to get out of Exodus while Exodus 12 through Exodus 40 takes about 1 year (can be seen by seeing the month/day counts).

We are going to find that we have a promising God who will keep His promises in delivering Israel because of His covenant with Abraham just as God has promised to save some because of His promises to Christ.

1:1-7

Now these are the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob: Genesis 46:27 gives an extended version of the following genealogy.

7 But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; This would have meant a great deal to Moses who also wrote Genesis 28:3, Genesis 35:11, and Genesis 48:4 for Jacob, Judah, and Joseph who were all dead, but God doesn't lie. Just as sure as God promised bondage, He also promised deliverance. God, because of His promises, was more concerned about their bondage than they were. **and the land was filled with them.**

1:8-14

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. How didn't he know Joseph? The *Hyksos*, Asiatic kingdom was ruling when **Joseph** was 2nd in command, and the natives took back over and **did not know Joseph.** **9 And he said to his people,** Maybe a public political speech? In any case, this is a xenophobic response from the native Egyptians who have already been turned out once by foreigners and are not about to let it happen again.

10 come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land." This is an idea also seen in Genesis 2:6 which speaks of a mist coming out of the ground.

11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. These are probably border outposts on the Nile delta—watching for possible enemies on the eastern border.

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor. 1. We need to redefine those who are stagnant to our societal progression: we call them "foreigners" instead of citizens. 2. We need to re-order them: take them from being shepherds and make them masons. 3. We need to reduce them: kill them in a "partial birth abortion" sort of way. Today, it might be called "sterilization," too.

1:15-18

15 These two are mentioned on purpose. They are significant in Hebrew History (much like the mentioning of Simon of Cyrene's sons in the Gospel of Mark only; or the two mentioned for fussing in Philippians 4:3). The Messiah comes to us because of the work of these two women in

Egypt. If they don't stand, mankind is doomed. This sort of partial-birth abortion...people of God stood.

Incidentally, America is under God's judgment. What diseases have had their cure-finders; what economic saviors; what revivalists who would've stayed God's chastening hand...but they were killed in the wombs of their mothers.

17 But the midwives feared God, If God is Sovereign, then He deserves the Highest loyalty. This account resembles Esther's resolve in Esther 4, and the Hebrew children's resolve in Daniel 3.

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And the midwives represented by the two in verse 15.

1:20-21

Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, God cannot reshape something He said. He is involved here because God has a promise He has made to Abraham in Genesis 15 on His mind regarding inheritance and bondage. We are nearing the end of 400 years here. It won't be long now. It's been 320 or so years (given that Moses brought them out at 80 years old), and we are looking for God's answer. God promised this captivity, and it makes one remember that one must be daily in the Scriptures. **and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. 21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.** Apparently, infertile women were made to be **midwives**. Now He opens their wombs because of their allegiance to God. This rings well with Matthew 6:19-20. He is not interested in folks not getting reward. He wants us to have great blessing.

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So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, The Nile River—their god of life—is to supposedly drown the future fighting force of the Israelites, and in great irony the Egyptian fighting force dies in Red Sea (Exodus 14, a la Psalm 3).