

LESSON 1-- Part A Exodus Chapter 1 **Part B** Exodus Chapter 2

PART A: EXODUS 1:1-22

A1. a) From your general knowledge, how did the children of Israel get into Egypt?

b) What political change in Egypt caused a great change in the lives of the Israelites? Cite verse.

c) Why did Pharaoh enslave the Israelites? And what did they do for him? Cite verses.

d) List words and phrases that describe what slavery was like for the children of Israel.

A2. Verse 1:12 says that the more Pharaoh afflicted them, “the more they multiplied and grew”. How could that be? How can hardship be good for a person?

A3. Imagine what was going through the minds of Puah and Shiprah as they were responding to Pharaoh’s demand to come see him. What do you think they might have thought and felt?

A4. What phrase shows their motivation for saving them?

A5. These verses teach what it means to “fear God” in a scriptural sense? Write what you learned from them. (Choose at least two, more if you have time.)

Deut. 10:12 _____

Psalms 33:18-19 _____

D&C 3:7 _____

1 Samuel 15: 24 _____

Psalm 34:7,9,11 _____

Genesis 15:1 _____

Proverbs 1:7 _____

A6. How are those who fear God, in the good sense, different from those who do not fear God?

A7. a. Name some of the authorities that we obey in our society out of *any* kind of fear?

b. Is there some “fear of the Lord” in your own obedience to God’s commandments? Explain how that works in your experience.

A8. What were:

a) the short term results of Puah and Shiprah’s choice to disobey Pharaoh?

b) the long term effects of their choice? (Note: in verse 21, see the footnote in the LDS scriptures to explain this wording.) What is the significance of this blessing?

A9. a) Read 1 Samuel 2:30. What phrase in this scripture was true of the Hebrew midwives?

b) What are some ways we honor God today?

c) What are some ways that God honors His servants?

A10. PERSONAL: Have you ever had a life experience that forced a choice for you between fearing what man could do to you, and fearing God? What did you learn?

PART B: EXODUS 2: 1-10 ; Acts 7:20-22; Hebrews 11:23

B1. Read both references in footnote Exodus 2:1a. What were Moses' parents' and siblings' names?

B2. Describe how Moses was saved from Pharaoh's first attempt to kill him?

B3. a) Note the reference to Moses' parents in Hebrews 11:23. From this scripture and others in the reading assignment, what are some of his mother's qualities?

b) His sister's?

B4. The first 10 verses of chapter 2 tell the amazing story of Moses' early life. How do you think living in Pharaoh's court helped prepare Moses for his mission in life?

B5. PERSONAL: What experience in your younger life prepared you to serve God now?

EXODUS 2:11-25, Read also: Acts 7:22-30, Hebrews 11:23-27

B6. Answer these questions from Acts 7:22-29.

a. How old was Moses when he slew the Egyptian and left Pharaoh's court?

b. What evidence do you find in this scripture that Moses wanted to deliver his Israelite kinsmen from slavery even while living a royal life? Cite verse.

c. What feelings in Moses could have caused such an act? Do you think this was premeditated murder?

d. How old was Moses when God called him to return to Egypt? Cite verse.

B7. CHALLENGE QUESTION: Read Genesis 15:13-14, the prophecy God made to Abraham approximately 400 years before Moses was born. What can you conclude from this about how God works in human history?

B8. What do you learn about Moses from Exodus 2:17?

B9. What was Moses' wife's name? What does his son's name tell us about Moses' feelings?

Read NUMBERS 12:3

B10. a) Was Moses humble when he was a prince in Egypt, do you think? Explain.

b) How do you think tending his father-in-law's sheep for 40 years changed Moses from the man he was when a prince in Egypt?

c) Can "failure" in worldly things, prepare us for success in spiritual things?

B11. PERSONAL: God says, "My ways are not your ways." (Isaiah 55:8) Was there a time in your life that seemed to you to be a difficult period of no progress or failure, but in which you now can see the hand of the Lord at work for your sake?

B12. According to D&C 84:6, what did Reuel, or Jethro, give to Moses?

B13.

a) What have you learned from Exodus chapter 1 that has been particularly meaningful to you?

b) From Exodus chapter 2?