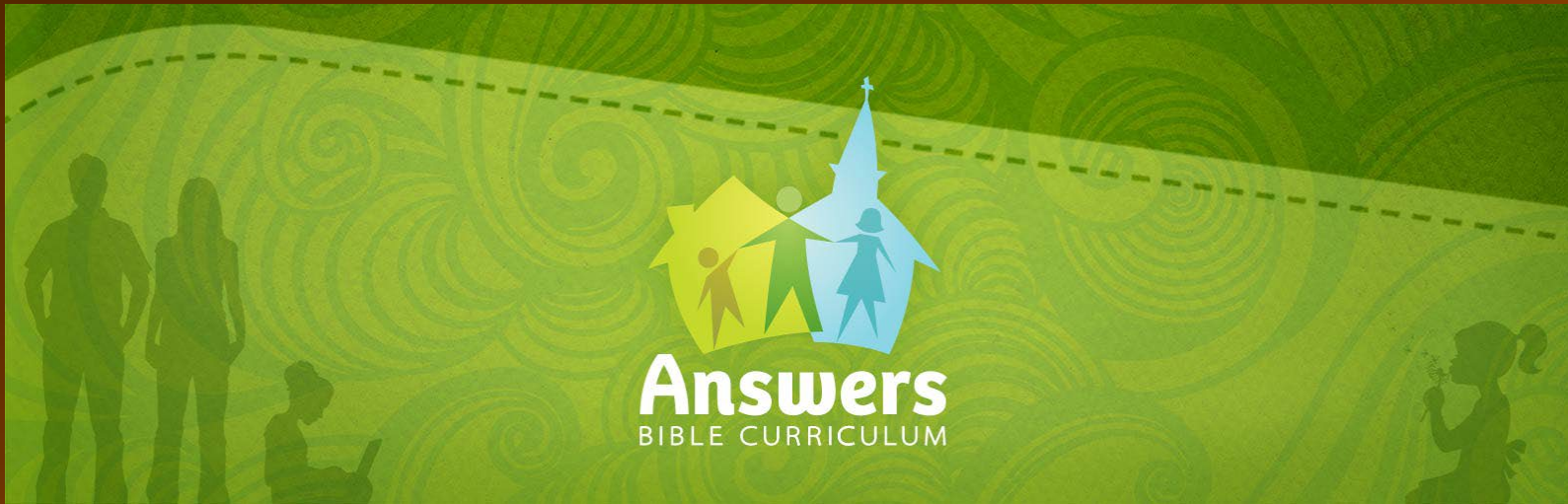


Moses: Minister of the Covenant

Lesson 1: God Protects Moses



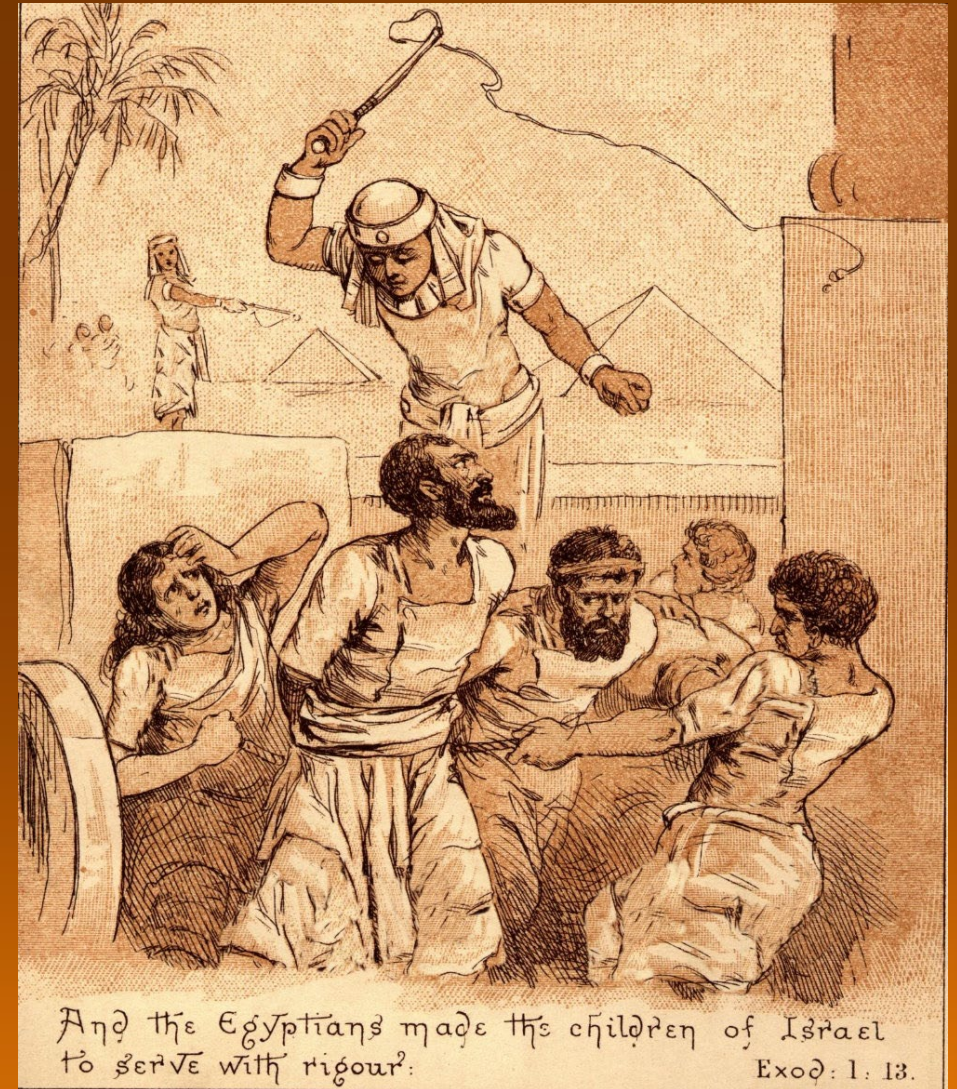
Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (ESV)

The Timing of Israel's Enslavement (Gen 15:13, Exo 12:40–41)

- Answers in Genesis (Ussher):
 - 430 years begins at Abram's call, 400 years begins at Isaac's weaning
 - Isaac born 1896 BC
 - Joseph dies 1635 BC
 - Exodus 1491 BC
- John MacArthur (Study Bible):
 - 430 years begins at Jacob's arrival in Egypt
 - Isaac born 2065 BC
 - Jacob arrives in Egypt 1875 BC
 - Joseph dies 1804 BC
 - Exodus 1445 BC

Exodus 1:1–14

- Israel is really growing!
- Changes with new pharaoh
- Egypt fears Israel
- Solution? Slavery
- Result: more multiplication, but bitter lives
- Where is God?



Exodus 1:15–22, Observation

- Solution 2: male infanticide via midwives at birth
- Shiphrah and Puah
- Disobedience out of fear of God
- Excuse: Hebrew women too quick!
- God blesses the midwives, Israel continues to multiply
- Solution 3: kill Hebrew boys on sight



Exodus 1:15–22, Interpretation

- Why does Pharaoh want to kill just the Hebrew boys?
- Why are there only two midwives?
- Do the midwives lie to Pharaoh? If so, is their lie justified?
 - Withholding part of the truth from someone is not necessarily sinful
 - God's own character is the standard of what is right
- The point of this section is not about lying, so what is the point?

Exodus 2:1–10, Observations

- Two parents from Levi choose not to destroy their beautiful baby boy
- Moses is put in a small ark by the banks of the Nile
- Pharaoh's daughter notices Moses, has compassion on him
- Moses' mother is hired as nurse
- Moses is named



Exodus 2:1-10, Interpretation

- Why does Moses' mother decide to put Moses in the ark on the river?
- Why does Pharaoh's daughter decide to take Moses as her own son?

Exodus 2:11–15, Observation

- Moses grows up
- Moses visits the Hebrews, sees one being beaten
- “Brethren”
- Kills the Egyptian, hides the body
- Moses is rejected trying to bring peace to quarreling Hebrews
- Moses realizes the deed is known
- Pharaoh tries to kill Moses, Moses successfully flees to Midian



Exodus 2:11–15, Interpretation

- Why does Moses kill the Egyptian?
- Why was this moment fundamentally significant in Moses' life?
- What themes do you notice appear in each of these passages?
- Yahweh is King, not Pharaoh, and not the gods of Egypt
- How do you respond to King Yahweh?

Application

- If you're suffering, wait on God
- If you're pressured by man to sin, obey God instead
- If you're opposing God, repent now