

**CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**BIBLE STUDY ASSIGNMENT – WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023**  
**EXODUS CHAPTERS 1 AND 2**  
**“MOTHERS OF THE LIBERATION”**

On **May 3, 2023**, we begin on our series on great mothers in the Bible with a look at some **Mothers of the Liberation**.

1. What does the name Exodus mean and what is the major theme of the book?

**ANSWER: The title Exodus means “exit” or “departure” or in our community it means “WE OUT!” The major theme of Exodus is liberation. Exodus covers God’s plans for liberation from: human enslavement, idolatry, and false worship.**

2. Who was the “new king” in Exodus 1:8 and what system did he introduce that made the lives of the Israelites so harsh?

**ANSWER: In Exodus 1:8 it refers to “a new king” and it’s important to note it does not say new pharaoh, which suggest the new king was not Egyptian. It is widely believed by many Bible scholars that the new king was a Hyksos. The Hyksos were foreign invaders who drove the Egyptians south and could not read Egyptian hieroglyphic writings. They too were Semites and did not know about all the good Joseph had done for the Egyptians and the Jews. This is another important lesson on why we must know and teach our history! And it is why many right-wing politicians and school board members are trying to erase Black history. When you know my story, it is harder to claim I am less than you or that you are greater than me!**

3. What was the evil order given by Pharaoh to the midwives of Israel and what were the names of the two midwives?

**ANSWER: In Exodus 1:15, the new king who became Pharaoh, ordered the midwives Shiprah and Puah to kill all Hebrew baby boys at birth but let the girls live!**

4. How did the midwives respond to the order of the king of Egypt?

**ANSWER: In Exodus 1:17-18 Shiprah and Puah refused to obey the evil king’s orders and allowed the boys to live, too!**

5. How did the actions of the midwives make them **“mothers of the liberation”** and how did God bless them for their courageous faithfulness?

**ANSWER: Exodus 1:20-21 says because the midwives feared (obeyed) God and refused to kill the baby boys, they became “mothers of the liberation because many boys were able to live, including Moses and his brother Aaron, whom God used to lead the liberation of His people from the brutal bondage and murder of slavery!**

6. What did the mother of Moses do to help carry out God's plan to send a liberator to lead the enslaved Hebrews to freedom?

**ANSWER: In Exodus Chapter 2:1-3, Moses mother saved his life by hiding him from Pharaoh's killers until he was too big to hide and then she put him in a mama made boat of reeds and waterproofed by tar and put Moses in the little boat on the riverbanks among the reeds to blend in and not be easily seen. Moses' mother saved his life so he could be used by God to liberate his people!**

7. What was Moses' mother name and which Israelite tribe was she from?

**ANSWER: Exodus 6:20 confirms that Moses' mother's name was Jochebed, and his father's name was Amram (who married his aunt Jochebed!) which means that Moses mother and father were Levites from the tribe of Levi, who was Jacob's third son, and Moses did not come from the oldest son of Levi but from Kohath who was Levi's second son. It is important to note that Moses became the leader of the liberation not by birthright or natural ability but rather God's mysterious ways of choosing leaders!**

8. How did Moses' mother show that she was the *mother of the liberation* when Moses became too big to hide as a Jewish baby?

**ANSWER: Exodus 2:1-10, Jochebed gave up her son Moses, not once but twice! In Exodus 2:2-3 she gave Moses up at 3 months old and in 2:10 she gave him up again! This is such a powerful example of a mother's love! Her giving up her precious son gained her people their liberation through God's hands upon Moses!**

9. Who named Moses and was his name Jewish?

**ANSWER: Exodus 2:10 tells us that Pharaoh's daughter gave Moses his name his name was not Hebrew but Egyptian or more precisely African!**

10. What did God do to have Moses nursed by his own mother?

**ANSWER: Exodus 2:5-9 tells us that God had Moses' big sister Miriam watch over him and had her to convince the princess of Egypt to allow Moses' mother Jochebed to nurse her own son after saving him from being killed by princess' father! LOOK AT GOD! Won't He do it!!**

#### **Bonus Question**

11. Where in **Chapter 2** do we see evidence that Moses was an African?

**ANSWER: Exodus 2:10 tells us that the name Moses was Egyptian which means African. Also Exodus 2:19 Moses was described by one of Reuel's daughters as an Egyptian, which meant Moses looked like an Egyptian which means African!**