

A Mighty Rescue Week One Passage

Exodus 1:8-9, 11-14

⁸Many years later a new king came to power. He did not know what Joseph had done for Egypt, ⁹and he told the Egyptians:

There are too many of those Israelites in our country, and they are becoming more powerful than we are.

¹¹The Egyptians put slave bosses in charge of the people of Israel and tried to wear them down with hard work. Those bosses forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses, where the king could store his supplies. ¹²But even though the Israelites were mistreated, their families grew larger, and they took over more land. Because of this, the Egyptians hated them worse than before ¹³and made them work so hard ¹⁴that their lives were miserable. The Egyptians were cruel to the people of Israel and forced them to make bricks and to mix mortar and to work in the fields.

Exodus 1:21b-22

The Hebrews kept increasing ²²until finally, the king gave a command to everyone in the nation, "As soon as a Hebrew boy is born, throw him into the Nile River! But you can let the girls live."

Exodus 2:5-10

⁵About that time one of the king's daughters came down to take a bath in the river, while her servant women walked along the river bank. She saw the basket in the tall grass and sent one of the young women to pull it out of the water. ⁶When the king's daughter opened the basket, she saw the baby and felt sorry for him because he was crying. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrew babies." ⁷At once the baby's older sister came up and asked, "Do you want me to get a Hebrew woman to take care of the baby for you?"

⁸" Yes," the king's daughter answered.

So the girl brought the baby's mother, ⁹and the king's daughter told her, "Take care of this child, and I will pay you."

The baby's mother carried him home and took care of him. ¹⁰And when he was old enough, she took him to the king's daughter, who adopted him. She named him Moses because she said, " I pulled him out of the water."