Part #1 CRUEL OPPRESSION AND THE BIRTH OF MOSES

Scripture Song: Behold, bless the LORD – Psalm 134

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are beginning a new series of studies on the Book of Exodus: Stories of Deliverance. Today's topic: OPPRESSION AND THE BIRTH OF MOSES.

1) The children of Israel in Egypt

a. Why did Jacob and his extended family migrate from their homeland of Canaan to Egypt?
b. Why did Joseph ask the Pharaoh for his family to settle in the land of Goshen? Genesis 47:1-4, 46:34
c. How did the LORD bless the children of Israel in the land of Goshen? Exodus 1:7
d. What event triggered a drastic change for the children of Israel? Exodus 1:8-14
e. What are your thoughts about the behavior of the Hebrew midwives when they were commanded to kill all male babies born to the Hebrew women? Exodus 1:15-21
f. We are told in the Scriptures to honor those in authority over us (Titus 3:1, 1 Peter 2:13-14). Is it ever appropriate to disobey the laws of the land where we live? (Acts 5:29)
g. What other examples of civil disobedience can we find in the Scriptures? (Daniel, his three friends, etc.)

2) The birth of the second son of Jochebed and Amram

a. What command of Pharoah preceded the birth of Jochebed and Amram's second son? Exodus 1:22
b. How did Jochebed comply with Pharoah's command and at the same time preserve the life of her newborn son? Exodus 2:1-3
c. How did Jochebed's daughter Miriam assist in the deliverance of her baby brother? Exodus 2:4-9
d. What name was given to this baby boy by Pharoah's daughter? Exodus 2:10

3) Life in Pharoah's household

a. What revelation was given to the deacon Stephen about the early life of Moses? Acts 7:20-22
b. Why did Moses, when he became an adult, refuse to be called the son of Pharoah's daughter? Hebrews 11:24
c. How did Moses attempt to show his solidarity with his oppressed people? Exodus 2:11-12, Acts 7:23-24
d. Was the murder of the Egyptian part of God's plan for Moses? (Acts 7:25, Romans 12:21, etc.)
e. What was the result of this act of violence? Exodus 2:13-15
f. What lessons can we learn from this story?

4) Shelter in the land of Midian

a. How did the LORD provide for Moses as a refugee in the land of Midian? Exodus 2:16-20
b. What additional blessings did Moses receive? Exodus 2:21-22, 18:4
c. What lessons can we learn from the experience of Moses in the land of Midian?