

Exodus 1

- 1) How was the Egyptian Pharaoh of this book different from the one described in the last chapters of Genesis?
- 2) What had happened to Joseph and his brethren prior to the time described in Exodus 1?
- 3) What happened *numerically* with the children of Israel after the deaths of Jacob's sons?
 - a. What concern did this give Pharaoh with regard to any potential enemies of Egypt?
- 4) What things did Pharaoh *do*, or *try to do* to the Jews in an effort to curtail their growth?
- 5) What is a "taskmaster?"
 - a. What does this position imply as to the status of the Hebrews by this time?
 - b. How is this different than during the days of Joseph?
- 6) What did the Egyptians do to make the lives of the Hebrews bitter?
 - a. Was this tactic effective?
- 7) What did the king of Egypt want the Hebrew midwives to do with male babies?
 - a. With what modern practice would this be akin?
 - b. Why didn't the midwives comply?
 - c. What excuse did the midwives give to Pharaoh as to why the order failed?
 - d. Is this an example of situation ethics? Explain:
- 8) What did the Pharaoh then order?