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LESSON 2 EXODUS 1:8-22

1. What is the significance of v8? See Gen 47:1-27, 50:1-11.

2. vv 9-10
 - What is the primary observation of the new king of Egypt concerning Israel in v9?

 - What is his great fear in v10 based upon what reasoning?

 - What do vv 9-10 indicate or imply concerning the relationships of the Israelites and Egyptians and the change in relationships? Think about how this is similar or dissimilar to more recent nationalistic thinking (perhaps in general and particularly the US) and be prepared to discuss. (Put this into a modern setting or context.)

3. What were the three strategies that the Egyptian king used against Israel and what was he hoping to accomplish with each, explicitly and/or potential (perhaps some speculation here)?
 - vv11-14

 - vv 15-16

 - vv22. Why this strategy?

4. What were the building projects in v11 and what were the primary building materials used in v14? As an outside research project, how does this fit in with the building of the pyramids or not?

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5. Why did God bless the midwives?
 - To what was this in contrast?

 - How many midwives were there?

 - Approximately how many people did they serve (last lesson)?

 - Did the midwives lie to Pharaoh?

 - Does God condone lying for a good purpose and if so, what is it? What are some New Testament passages that address truth and lying?

6. How does the result in v20 fit in with God's promises to Abraham in Gen 15?

CONCLUSIONS

7. What do we see about the nature of men in this passage?

8. What do we see concerning the sovereignty of God?

9. What do we see concerning what God blesses?