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Moses (the servant of the Lord in writing for him as well as in acting for him – with the pen of God, as well as the rod of God) The beginning of the former book, shows us how God formed the world for himself; the beginning of this second book shows us how He formed Israel for himself, and both to show forth his praise – Isaiah 43; Matthew Henry.

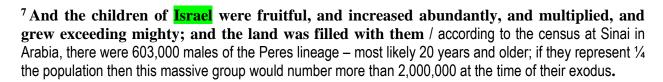
We have here, God's kindness to Israel, in multiplying them exceedingly; the Egyptian's wickedness to them oppressing and enslaving them; included is a discussion about the actual timeline of Israel in Egypt which was not 400 years of slavery. Check out the research in this video: How Long Were The Israelites in Egypt?

1 Now these are the names of the children of Israel, who came

into Egypt; every man and his household

came with Jacob.

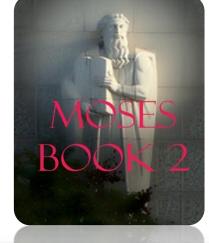
⁶ And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.



⁸ Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph / most likely he was a ruler originally from upper Egypt.

Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than us:

¹⁰ Come, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, in the event of war, they also join with our enemies, and fight against us,





² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

³ Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

⁴Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

⁵ And all the souls that came from the loins of Jacob were seventy-five souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already.

⁹ And he said to his people,

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and so they depart from the land / well, apparently the Egyptian leader from the upper Nile, didn't know much of the history of lower Egypt and the Nile delta. Remember: this famous exodus led by Moses was by land; but the Greek historian Diodorus Siculus, at the time of Christ... tells us of an earlier exodus of those nobles in lower Egypt of the Zarah lineage, who already left by sea, when Dardanus founded Troy, Athens and other city states all the way to regions of the Iberian Peninsula – modern Spain.

The Oppression of Israel,

- 11 So they set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.
- ¹² But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew.

And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

- ¹³ And the Egyptians made the children of **Israel** to serve with rigor:
- ¹⁴ and they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar and in brick, and in all kinds of labor in the field: all their labor, wherein they made them serve, was with rigor.
- ¹⁵ And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of which one was named Shiphrah, and the other named Puah:
- ¹⁶ and he said, When you are a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then you will kill him: but if it be a daughter, she will live.
- ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved alive the male children.
- ¹⁸ And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, Why have you done this thing, and have saved the male children?
- 19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous, and deliver before the midwives come to them.
- ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.
- 21 And it happened, because the midwives feared God, that He made households for them.
- ²² And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born you will cast into the river, and every daughter you will save alive.

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