

Life of Joseph

Lessons in Humility, Leadership and Forgiveness

Epilogue

- After Joseph died, along with all of his brothers, the people of Israel grew from 70 to an innumerable population [Ex 1:1-7].
- Time had passed such that a Pharaoh arose in Egypt who did not know Joseph [Ex 1:8].
 - The identity of this Pharaoh is unknown.
 - He either knew nothing about Joseph [Acts 7:18] or thought nothing of his accomplishments.
- This antagonistic Pharaoh instilled a fear of the Hebrews in the Egyptians [Ex 1:9-11].
 - Their sheer numbers intimidated Pharaoh.
 - Forced labor was imposed upon the Israelites.
- The plan to subdue the sons of Israel failed, so they imposed even harder labor on them [Ex 1:12-14].
- When that tactic proved to be only slightly effective, Pharaoh tried to convince the midwives to kill every son born [Ex 1:15-21].
 - The midwives feared God and disobeyed.
 - God took care of these faithful women.
- Pharaoh then enacted a law that all sons were to be cast into the Nile [Ex 1:22].
- Pharaoh's harsh law could not stop the birth of Moses who would one day lead Israel out of captivity [Ex 2:1-9].
- Just as God had used Joseph's trials to put him in a position to preserve the people of Israel, He used Pharaoh's law to put Moses in a position to lead his people out of captivity [Ex 2:10; Acts 7:19-22].