



DAY 1 - GOD OF WONDERS: A DELIVERER IS BORN

Lesson Transcript



It may not have looked like a promising future after Joseph was rejected by his own brothers and sold into slavery, but God had a plan that included mercy and a mighty deliverance. He raised Joseph out of slavery and into a powerful position over all of Egypt, and revealed to him things that no one else knew. When famine came, Joseph was prepared, and many lives were saved, including the brothers who had once despised him. With open arms, Joseph received his father Jacob, his brothers, and all their families. They lived happily together in Egypt, enjoying the blessings of God's great deliverance.



But time passed, and a new Pharaoh rose to power who did not know Joseph or remember how God had delivered them from famine and certain death. Instead, he felt threatened by the people of Israel, who were now growing in numbers and strength. Out of fear and evil in his heart, this new king forced the people of Israel into slavery and did everything he could to stop them from becoming a mighty people.



Yet another Pharaoh attempted to destroy the people of Israel by demanding that every son born to the Hebrews be killed. “Throw them into the Nile River!” he commanded. He would rather murder them than watch them continue to live in the goodness and blessings of God. Little did this king know that he sought to destroy a nation of people God had promised would be great. God was preparing His people for one of the greatest deliverance stories of all time.



During the time of Pharaoh's evil order, a Hebrew woman gave birth to a baby boy; she named him Moses. Being born at this time, it may not have looked like a promising beginning for Moses, but once again, God had a plan that included mercy and a mighty deliverance. Seeing that he was no ordinary child, and his life was already marked with God's favor and mercy, Moses' mother hid him from Pharaoh's men as long as she could. When she could no longer keep him hidden, she devised a hopeful plan.



She built a strong basket and coated it with tar and pitch so that it would float like a tiny little boat. She then placed baby Moses inside, took him down to the Nile River, and hid him in the tall grass along the water's edge. As she watched him drift down the river toward an unknown future, tears filled her eyes. She was sad to let him go, but her hope was in God.



Moses' sister, Miriam, ran along the river bank, watching the basket as it swiftly drifted downstream. She anxiously looked ahead, hoping for a miracle to save her little brother's life. The basket soon broke away from the bulrushes and plants, and came into view of an Egyptian princess and her maidens who were bathing in the river.



When the Princess noticed the curious basket floating in the water, she sent one of her maidens to fetch it. What a surprise to see such a beautiful child looking up at her! His cries melted her heart. Immediately she recognized it was a Hebrew baby boy. "I will raise him as my own," she said as she held onto the child protectively. So Moses began a life of privilege and pleasure among the royals in Egypt, but one day he would give it all up to gain a treasure that only God could give.