

15 Second Thought



In 15 seconds list the different emotions that parents might feel at the birth of a child.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Your list might include relief, fear, excitement, nervousness, joy, happiness, optimism. There are many emotions leading up to, at and following the birth of a child. As you read through this section from the book of Exodus consider how

Moses' parents must have felt in the time leading up to, at the time of and after the birth of their son Moses.

Before You Read!

Last week we heard God's promise that an offspring of Adam and Eve would come to rescue people from the punishment of sin. The primary focus of the Bible is to tell how that happened. Out of all the people that now occupied the world, God selected Abraham's family to one day produce the promised Savior while living in a land called Canaan. Abraham had a grandson named Jacob who was called Israel. During a famine, Jacob and his family left Canaan to travel to Egypt where Jacob's youngest son Joseph was living as second in charge of Egypt.

Read

Read Exodus 1:1-2:10 . Read yourself or with your family. Looking for a Bible? We have some available at church, or use a Bible app like the YouVersion Bible app, or go online to www.biblegateway.com.



Review What You Read

1. How many Israelites were there when Israel/Jacob arrived in Egypt? (verse 5)
2. During the next 400 years that's Israel's family lived in Egypt, what happened to it? (verse 7)
3. Why was the King of Egypt concerned about the growing number of Israelites living in Egypt? (verse 10)
4. What was the first plan to reduce the number of Israelites? (verse 11)

5. What secondary way did the king hope to reduce the number of Israelites? (verse 16)

6. Why did the Israelite midwives disobey the king's command? (verse 17)

7. Agree or disagree? It was alright for the midwives to lie in order to protect their lives.

8. What did the king finally implement as a way to potentially eliminate the Israelites?

9. In what different ways did Moses' parents attempt to save their son's life?

10. How did the Lord use the Nile River to save Moses instead of kill him?

His Word in Your Life

The Lord used the 400 years that Israel stayed in Egypt for a good purpose, although it may not have always felt good to Israel. Use the following promises made to Abraham 400 years earlier to help describe some of the blessings that came to Israel during their time in Egypt.

Genesis 12:2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you."

Genesis 12:7 "To your offspring I will give this land."

How might the previous thoughts apply to what you're going through in life?

Moses' mother must have appreciated every day with her son when she first had to hide him, never knowing if today might be his last, and then knowing that eventually Moses would go to live in Pharaoh's palace. How do you think that affected their parenting? What might we learn from it?

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