



## Introduction

*Moses' early life.*



## Questions

1. How many events were involved in the sequence resulting in baby Moses being saved?
2. How do we know that Moses, when he grew up, realised he was not an Egyptian?
3. Why was God concerned about the plight of the children of Israel?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 10** A Levite and his wife have a boy and hide him for three months. When they can't hide him any longer, they put him in a papyrus basket on the river, and his sister watches him. He is found by Pharaoh's daughter who adopts him as her son and names him Moses
- **v 11 to 22** When Moses grows up, he defends a fellow Hebrew (Israelite, see information), by killing an Egyptian. He has to flee to Midian (see map) where he helps the daughters of Reuel, a Midianite priest, water their flock. Reuel invites him to stay and gives him Zipporah his daughter to be his wife by whom he has a son Gershom
- **v 23 to 25** Meanwhile the Israelites are still in slavery and they cry to God who is aware of their problems (see theme)

**Timeline** 1500 BC (see below)



## Theme / Information

### The origin of Hebrew

*The word Hebrew comes from a root word meaning to stand on the other side. Some scholars think that the term was applied to Abram because he crossed the River Euphrates to come to the land of Canaan.*

Joshua's review of Israel's history would seem to support this idea as he mentions crossing rivers several times:

*Joshua 24 verses 3, 11 and 15*

Other scholars think the name comes from Eber one of Abraham's ancestors mentioned in Genesis:

*Genesis 10 verses 24 and 25*



## Moses' flight to Midian

Map showing Moses' flight from Egypt to Midian.



## God is aware of our problems

*A selection of verses showing that God is aware of our problems:*

The prophet Hanani tells king Asa that God sees all that happens, so Asa is foolish not to trust him:

*2 Chronicles 16 verse 9*

Job is aware that God sees all that happens:

*Job 34 verse 21*

The psalmist, the writer of the book of Proverbs, and the prophet Jeremiah all tell us that God's eyes are everywhere:

*Psalms 34 verse 15*

*Proverbs 15 verse 3*

*Jeremiah 16 verse 17*

The apostle Peter tells us that God hears our prayers as well as seeing all we do:

*1 Peter 3 verse 12*



## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 5 to 8 (there are 7 events) Q 2: v 11, Q 3: v 24 and 25

## Bible timeline



