



Introduction

The book of Exodus continues the story of the infant nation of Israel from where the book of Genesis ends.

The increasing numbers of Israelites cause problems.



Questions

1. What did the new king of Egypt fear from the children of Israel?
2. What excuse did the midwives make for the survival of the Hebrews' baby boys?
3. To whom did Pharaoh shift the responsibility of killing the baby boys?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 7** All of Joseph's contemporaries die and Jacob's family dramatically increases in numbers
- **v 8 to 14** A new king becomes concerned about the numbers of Israelites. He makes them slaves and they build the cities of Pithom and Rameses (see map)
- **v 15 to 22** The Hebrew midwives ignore Pharaoh's order (see theme) to kill all baby boys. As a result God blesses the midwives by giving them families. Pharaoh then orders all his people to throw the Hebrew baby boys into the river

Timeline 1500 BC (see map)



Theme / Information

Making a stand

A selection of verses showing that sometimes it is necessary to make a stand where God's principles are threatened.

The midwives in Egypt made a stand against the king of Egypt who told them to kill the baby boys:

Exodus 1 verse 17

Daniel's three friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship the image that king Nebuchadnezzar had set up despite severe consequences:

Daniel 3 verses 16 to 18

Peter and John made a stand against the Jewish authorities who told them to stop preaching:

Acts 4 verses 18 to 20

The apostle Paul tells the Romans to resist being conformed to this world:

Romans 12 verse 2

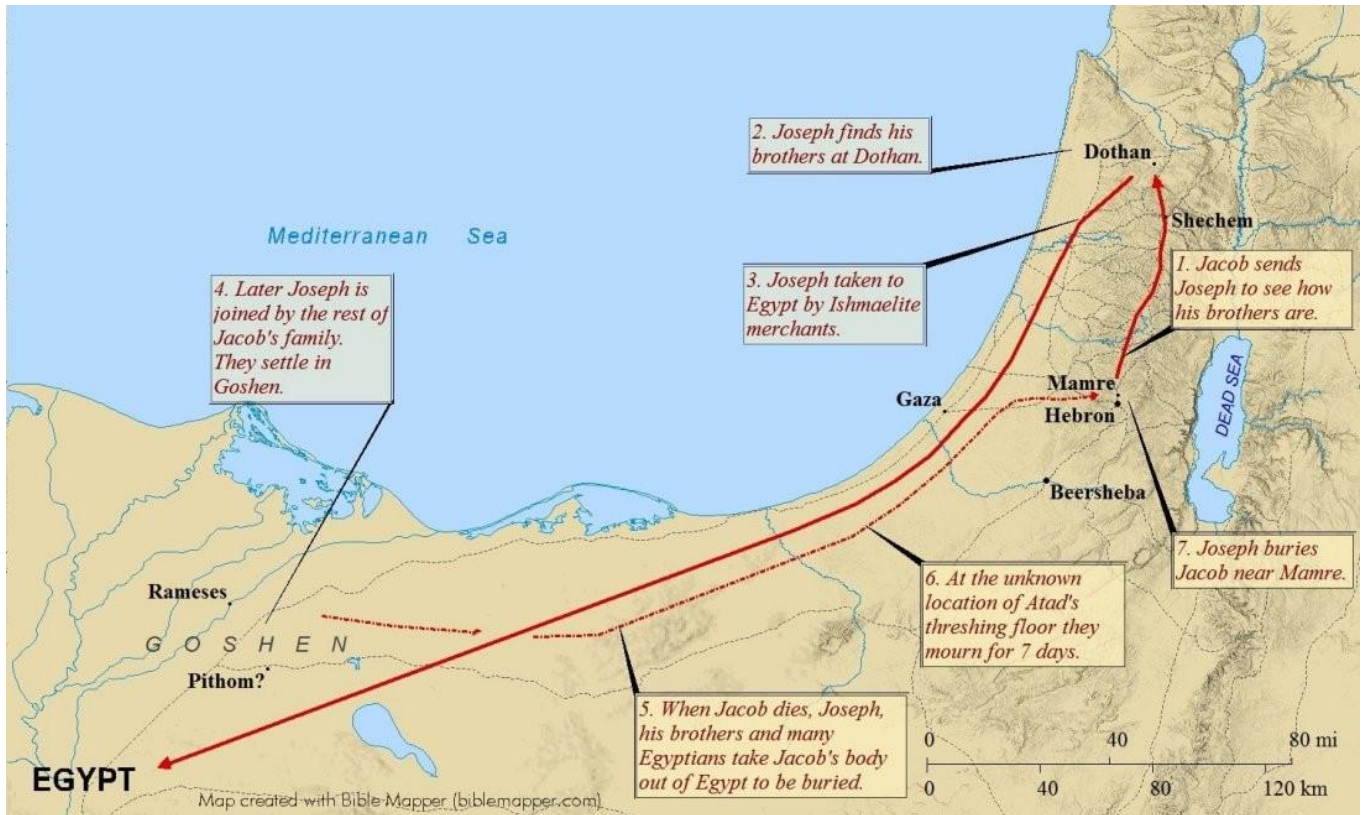
The apostle James echoes the same sentiment:

James 1 verse 27, 4 verse 4



Joseph's travels

Map of Joseph's travels showing where his family settled (point 4) and the cities of Pithom and Rameses



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 10, Q 2: v 19, Q 3: v 22



Bible timeline

