



Introduction

Continuing from Exodus 4 we see the development of the infant nation of Israel. We left them in slavery in Egypt.



Questions

1. What do Moses and Aaron tell Pharaoh that God wants?
2. What does Pharaoh command in response to Moses and Aaron's request?
3. What does Moses say to the LORD following Pharaoh's new command?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** The request of Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh, to let the Israelites go and worship God, is refused by him
- **v 4 to 19** Pharaoh then makes them collect their own straw, but demands the same rate of brick production
- **v 20 and 21** The Israelite officers blame Moses and Aaron for making the situation worse
- **v 22 and 23** Moses asks God why talking to Pharaoh has only brought trouble on the people (see theme)

Timeline 1500 BC (see below)



Theme

We sometimes don't understand God's ways

A selection of verses showing God sometimes solves problems in different ways from how we would like.

When the Israelites are in slavery, the situation becomes worse when Moses, at God's instruction, speaks to the king of Egypt:

Exodus 5 verses 22 and 23

After the Israelites have escaped from Egypt, Moses has problems understanding what God is doing:

Exodus 17 verses 3 and 4

The prophet Jeremiah has similar difficulties:

Jeremiah 20 verses 7 and 8

The letter to the Hebrews tells us that problems are for our good even if we don't understand:

Hebrews 12 verses 5 to 7

The apostle James encourages us to endure trials that are for our long-term good:

James 1 verse 12



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1, Q 2: v 6 to 8, Q 3: v 22 and 23

Bible timeline

