

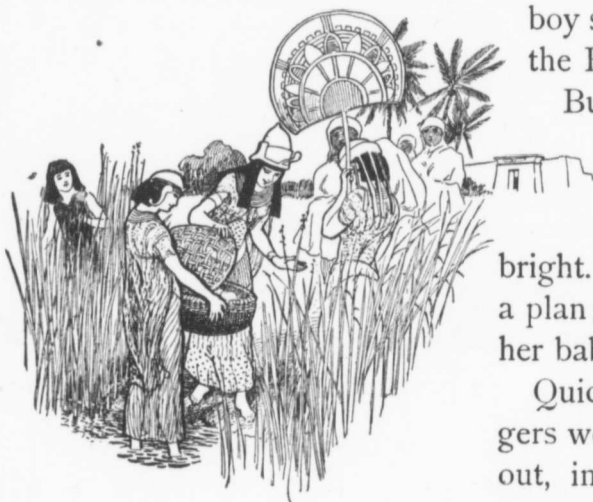
PHARAOH OPPRESSES ISRAEL

Exodus 1:1-14; chapter 2

Mother Jochebed hugged baby Moses close to her heart. He should not be thrown into the river! He should not drown!

Little Moses was a Hebrew baby who lived in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh, the king of the country, hated the Hebrews and wanted to kill them. So he had ordered that every baby

boy should be thrown into the River Nile.



But that day, as Mother Jochebed rocked little Moses, her eyes suddenly grew bright. She had thought of a plan; if she could help it, her baby should not drown.

Quickly her nimble fingers went to work. In and out, in and out she wove some wide rushes until she

had made a strong basket. Gently she laid Moses in it. Then "Come," she called to Miriam, Moses' older sister. And together they carried the basket down to the river bank and laid it among the tall rushes close to the water's edge. Mother Jochebed had to go away, but Miriam stayed, hiding among the rushes to watch.

Now not long after this the king's daughter came down to the river to bathe. "What is that?" she asked as she spied the basket. She told her handmaidens to fetch it. When the basket was opened there lay baby Moses.