**THE**

**BOOK OF EXODUS**

*The Second Book of MOSES is called EXODUS, from the Greek word EXODOS, which signifies going out: because it contains the history of the going out of the children of Israel out of Egypt. The Hebrews, form the words with which it begins, call it VEELE SEMOTH: These are the names. It contains transactions for 145 years; that is, from the death of Joseph to the erecting of the tabernacle.*

**CHAPTER** **1**

*The Israelites are multiplied in Egypt. They are oppressed by a new king, who commandeth all their male children to be killed.*

**1** These are the names of the children of Israel, that went into Egypt with Jacob: they went in, every man with his household:

**2** Ruben, Simeon, Levi, Juda,

**3** Issachar, Zabulon, and Benjamin,

**4** Dan, and Nephtali, Gad and Aser.

**5** And all the souls that came out of Jacob’s thigh, were seventy: but Joseph was in Egypt.

**6** After he was dead, and all his brethren, and all that generation,

**7** The children of Israel increased, and sprung up into multitudes, and growing exceedingly strong they filled the land.

**8** In the mean time there arose a new king over Egypt, that knew not Joseph:

**9** And he said to his people: Behold the people of the children of Israel are numerous and stronger than we.

**10** Come, let us wisely oppress them, lest they multiply: and if any war shall rise against us, join with our enemies, and having overcome us, depart out of the land.

**11** Therefore he set over them masters of the works, to afflict them with burdens, and they built for Pharao cities of tabernacles, Phithom, and Ramesses.

**12** But the more they oppressed them, the more they were multiplied, and increased:

**13** And the Egyptians hated the children of Israel, and afflicted them and mocked them:

**14** And they made their life bitter with hard works in clay, and brick, and with all manner of service, wherewith they were overcharged in the works of the earth.

**15** And the king of Egypt spoke to the midwives of the Hebrews: of whom one was called Sephora, the other Phua,

**16** Commanding them: When you shall do the office of midwives to the Hebrew women, and the time of delivery is come: if it be a man child, kill it: if a woman, keep it alive.

**17** But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded, but saved the men children.

**18** And the king called for them and said: What is that you meant to do, that you would save the men children?

**19** They answered: The Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women: for they themselves are skilful in the office of a midwife; and they are delivered before we come to them.

**20** Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied and grew exceedingly strong.

**21** And because the midwives feared God, he built them houses.

**22** Pharao therefore charged all his people, saying: Whatsoever shall be born of the male sex, ye shall cast into the river: whatsoever of the female, ye shall save alive.