

Timeline of Truth – Moses Confronts Pharaoh (Exodus 5:1-23)

<p>¹ Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: `Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness."</p>	<p>1. Moses' Visits Pharaoh for the <u>First Time</u></p>
<p>² And Pharaoh said, "Who <i>is</i> the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go."</p>	<p>2. Pharaoh Says: <u>Who Is the LORD?</u></p>
<p>³ So they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days' journey into the desert and sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."</p>	<p>3. Moses Says "<u>Please</u>" for a <u>3-Day Journey</u></p>
<p>⁴ Then the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people from their work? Get <i>back</i> to your labor." ⁵ And Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land <i>are</i> many now, and you make them rest from their labor!"</p>	<p>4. Pharaoh Says: You Make <u>Workers Rest!</u></p>
<p>⁶ So the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their officers, saying, ⁷ "You shall no longer give the people straw to make brick as before. Let them go and gather straw for themselves. ⁸ "And you shall lay on them the quota of bricks which they made before. You shall not reduce it. For they are idle; therefore they cry out, saying, `Let us go <i>and</i> sacrifice to our God.' ⁹ "Let more work be laid on the men, that they may labor in it, and let them not regard false words."</p>	<p>5. Pharaoh Says: No <u>Straw!</u> More <u>Work!</u></p>
<p>¹⁰ And the taskmasters of the people and their officers went out and spoke to the people, saying, "Thus says Pharaoh: `I will not give you straw. ¹¹ `Go, get yourselves straw where you can find it; yet none of your work will be reduced."</p>	<p>6. Taskmasters Apply Pharaoh's <u>Fix</u></p>
<p>¹² So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.</p>	<p>7. The People <u>Scatter</u> to Find <u>Stubble</u></p>
<p>¹³ And the taskmasters forced <i>them</i> to hurry, saying, "Fulfill your work, <i>your</i> daily quota, as when there was straw."</p>	<p>8. Taskmasters Enforce the <u>Daily Quota</u></p>
<p>¹⁴ Also the officers of the children of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten <i>and</i> were asked, "Why have you not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and today, as before?"</p>	<p>9. Leaders of Israel Are <u>Beaten</u></p>
<p>¹⁵ Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, "Why are you dealing thus with your servants? ¹⁶ "There is no straw given to your servants, and they say to us, `Make brick!' And indeed your servants <i>are</i> beaten, but the fault <i>is</i> in your <i>own</i> people."</p>	<p>10. Leaders of Israel <u>Cry Out</u> to Pharaoh</p>
<p>¹⁷ But he said, "You <i>are</i> idle! Idle! Therefore you say, `Let us go <i>and</i> sacrifice to the LORD.' ¹⁸ "Therefore go now <i>and</i> work; for no straw shall be given you, yet you shall deliver the quota of bricks."</p>	<p>11. Pharaoh Gives His <u>Reason</u></p>
<p>¹⁹ And the officers of the children of Israel saw <i>that</i> they <i>were</i> in trouble after it was said, "You shall not reduce <i>any</i> bricks from your daily quota."</p>	<p>12. Leaders of Israel See <u>Trouble Coming</u></p>
<p>²⁰ Then, as they came out from Pharaoh, they met Moses and Aaron who stood there to meet them. ²¹ And they said to them, "Let the LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us abhorrent in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."</p>	<p>13. Leaders of Israel <u>Complain</u> to <u>Moses</u></p>
<p>²² So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why <i>is</i> it You have sent me? ²³ "For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people; neither have You delivered Your people at all."</p>	<p>14. Moses <u>Complains</u> to <u>God</u></p>