

The Chiastic Structure of Shemot 1:22 – 2:9

- A) Exodus 1:22—Pharaoh commanded all his people saying “*throw all of the male babies into the river.*”
- B) Exodus 2:2b—Moses’ mother *saw him, that he was good* and hid him 3 months
- C) Exodus 2:3a—She was *no longer able to hide him* and took for him a *reed basket*
- D) Exodus 2:3b—She placed Moses among the reeds *at the bank of the river*
- E) Exodus 2:4—*His sister stationed herself at a distance to know what would be done with him*
- D’) Exodus 2:5a—Pharaoh’s daughter went down to bathe *by the river*
- C’) Exodus 2:5b—She saw the basket *among the reeds...she opened it*
- B’) Exodus 2:6—The maidservant opened the basket and *saw Moses, took pity on him*
- A’) Exodus 2:7-9—Pharaoh’s daughter *drew Moses from the water* so that he could live