SHEMOT { שְׁמוֹת } (Names)
Exodus 1:1-6:1, Isaiah 27:6 – 28:13, 29:22-23; Jeremiah 1;1-2:3,
1 Corinthians 14:18-25
Shemot begins the formation of the people of Israel, their enslavement in Egypt and their deliverance from bondage with the first Passover in Ex 12.
A small clan of a mere seventy souls increased exponentially in a population explosion that caused the new King of Egypt, who "knew Joseph not", to become apprehensive. In reaction to his groundless fears, the new Pharaoh resorted to persecution, enslavement, oppression, and forced labor; however the more they were afflicted, the more they multiplied.
We may notice that the children of Israel came to Egypt (Mitzrayim) as a temporary measure, to avoid the famine in the land of Canaan, but their settling permanently in the land of exile eventually led to their enslavement.
The king of Egypt had given a command in violation of YHWH's higher commandment – 'Thou shalt not kill'. The Hebrew midwives disobeyed the Pharaoh's command because their fear of YHWH was stronger than their fear of man, and they were rewarded.
When they cried out to YHWH, He heard the cries of His people, through Moses.
After forty years in the wilderness simply tending sheep, Moses heard the call of YHWH from the midst of a burning bush, and YHWH instructed Moses to go back to Egypt in order to deliver the Israelites from their cruel bondage.
YHWH identified HIS NAME WHICH HE SAID IS FOREVER
In the same way, we belong to the Almighty ELOHIM, who once again confirms to them that 'He knows their pain' and will deliver them from the oppression of the Egyptians.
YHWH knows our pain and has sent Yeshua as a Deliverer to set the captives free.
May we discover an even deeper inner healing and greater freedom through this study and application of YHWH's Torah, YESHUA THE LIVING TORAH, THE LIVING WORD!