

It's All Moses

Exodus Chapter 2

Exd 2:1 **1) Preservation of Moses** vs 1-10

And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took [to wife] a daughter of Levi.

Exd 2:2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he [was a] goodly [child], she hid him three months.

- *Hebrews 11:23-26* "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw [he was] a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward."
- *Acts 7:17-22* "But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph. The same dealt subtly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live. In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months: And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds."
- *It is interesting, that when all the nation has been ordered by the supreme power to watch for you and destroy you, it may seem that there is no escape. No Options. But that is not true. With God He is the great spoiler of the plans of the wicked.*
- *Genesis 6:20* tell us Moses' parents Name. Amram and Jochebed

Exd 2:3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid [it] in the flags by the river's brink. .

- *Have you ever had to let go of something and trust God with that which you let go?*
- *Jochebed right here lets go.*

Exd 2:4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

- *This is Moses' sister Miriam (she is approx 11-12 years old)*
- *Some people say that Miriam is an attendant to Pharaoh's daughter.*

Exd 2:5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash [herself] at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

Exd 2:6 And when she had opened [it], she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This [is one] of the Hebrews' children.

- *This is the miracle. She had compassion on the child. Was it important that the child was crying?*
- *Hebrew tradition teaches that an angel pinched the child just before she opened the ark.*
- *Again, we see God accomplishing that which could not have happened except by God's hand.*
- *Some say the safest place to hide something is in plain sight.*

Exd 2:7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

Exd 2:8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

Exd 2:9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give [thee] thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

- *Joseph tells of a tradition that Pharaoh's daughter tried to have the Egyptian handmaiden and midwives nurse the child but God didn't allow the child to nurse from them. Thus Miriam approaches with the resolution that id favorable to Pharaoh's daughter.*
- *Jochebed nursed Moses for 3 years. Poured all she could into him God, Abraham, Issac, Jacob, The Covenant, The Promised Land, Hoped Redemption*

Exd 2:10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

- *Up to this time we do not know the child's name. Pharaoh's Daughter names the child Moses, because he was drawn out of the water. Moses = drawn*

Exd 2:11 **2) All Moses** vs 11-15

And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

- *We see Moses is different. He does not act like other Egyptians. The verse says "he went out unto his brethren". Moses knew from a young child whose he was. And who his people were.*
- *Prov 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*
- *Again we see Moses had a choice. Who did he identify with?
The splendor of Egypt or the suffering of Israel.*
- *Hebrews 11:25 "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt:"*
- *Notice how the scripture teaches that sin is pleasurable. And Moses had all the treasures of Egypt as a choice against obeying God and identifying with the people of God.*
- *How about you? The choice is before you. Are you making the proper choices? No matter how tempting?*

- *Moses grown - 40 yrs old Acts 7:23 Moses noticed a taskmaster beating a Hebrew.*

Exd 2:12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that [there was] no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

- *Moses secretly murders the Egyptian. And buries him.*
- *He looked this way and that way and sinned. He never looked up.*
- *How many times do we think no one sees when we sin?*
- *1 Cor 4:5 "...the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts:"*

Exd 2:13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

Exd 2:14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

- *Moses is trying to be the deliverer, protector, the peace between the brethren.*
- *In the mind of man & Moses he was the perfect guy to deliver Israel.*
- *Why Not? Surly he was preserved for this task. Surly he is privileged in his position for this task. Surly he was educated and prepared for the task.*
- *Evaluate God's method. Take all this preparation, training, authority and bury it in the wilderness. Come back as a loathed shepherd with a stick and tell Pharaoh to let all the people leave. That's nuts.*
- *Two very important lessons here:*
 - *When the world says you are ready it doesn't necessarily mean you are ready.*
 - *There is no sin that is unnoticed*
- *The Hebrews did not receive this deliverer. He may have had more worldly preparations, but he didn't yet have what only God could give him.*
- *He was about to go to grad school (The Wilderness)*
 - *Moses went to the wilderness (40 yrs)*
 - *Children of Israel went to the wilderness (40 yrs)*
 - *David went to the wilderness (20 yrs)*
 - *John the Baptist went to the wilderness*
 - *Jesus went to the wilderness*

- Paul went to the wilderness (Arabia)
- John went to the wilderness (Patmos)
- You and I will go to the wilderness.
- God does things a different way.
 - Both Moses and Jesus were:
 - Favored by God from birth
 - Miraculously preserved in childhood
 - Mighty in words and deed
 - Left Glory to become Deliverer
 - Offered deliverance to Israel
 - Rejected with spite
 - Rejected in their right to be ruler and a judge over Israel

Exd 2:15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

- Midian means "strife" Saudia Arabia (Moses = Prince to a shepherd) (Jesus = God to man)
- Midian was a son of Abrahams through Keturah Genesis 25:1-2
- Finds himself at a well Life has left him Thirsting; He is at the right place ...a well.
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Exd 2:16 **3) Content to Dwell** vs 16-22

Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew [water], and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

Exd 2:17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

Exd 2:18 And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How [is it that] ye are come so soon to day?

- Reuel = Friend of God; Priest of Midian; Worships the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob; Also called Jethro; Or is Jethro's father; and is also called Hobab in Numbers 10:29 (there are different views as to who is who) Reuel Father of Jethro? Hobab brother of Jethro?
- Is introduced to Moses and remembers that many a marriage has begun at a well
 - Abraham's servant with Rebecca for Isaac
 - Jacob with Rachel
 - Reuel sends all 7 daughters to the well.

Exd 2:19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew [water] enough for us, and watered the flock.

Exd 2:20 And he said unto his daughters, And where [is] he? why [is] it [that] ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.

Exd 2:21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.

- Moses The Prince of Egypt was content to dwell as:
 - a fugitive
 - a stranger in a strange land
 - a shepherd what is the difference between contentment and settling?
 - a desert dweller
- Phil 4:11 "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, [therewith] to be content."
- 1 Tim 6:6+8 "Godliness with contentment is great gain" "If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content."
- Hebrews 13:5 "[Let your] conversation [be] without covetousness; [and be] content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Exd 2:22 And she bare [him] a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

- *Moses has a son Gershom = a foreigner or stranger*

Exd 2:23 **4) In the Meantime** vs 23-25 Process of Time = 40 Years (Acts 7:29-30)

And it came to pass in **process of time**, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

Exd 2:24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

- *This remembering is not associated with forgetting but is an acknowledgement of the Great God has an awareness of the children of Israel.*

Exd 2:25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto [them].

- *When the Childred cried out to God, then...*
- *God Heard*
- *God Remembered*
- *God Looked*
- *God had Respect = "yada" to know*
- *God knew the children of Israel. Each one of them. All 2-3 million each.*

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