

Out of Bondage onto Promise

Exodus 2:1-25

- It's interesting how the Book of Genesis the book of beginnings began on a high note with creation and **Gen 1:31** says "**Everything God created was good**", but the last verse of Genesis ends on a low and tragic note, as the book that began with creation ends with a coffin. Exodus on the other hand is going to begin with oppression and hardship but end in freedom and fellowship, as God's glory places a cloud over the Tabernacle by day and a pillar of fire by night, by which it told the children of Israel when to move and when to be still and wait.

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- **V1-4** were told later in the chapter that the man's name is "**Amram**" and the wife is "**Jochebed**" and they were of the tribe of Levi which would become Israel's priestly tribe. Moses opens his eyes to an unfriendly world, as he was born into a powerful nation (Egypt) but was of a foreign oppressed race during a time when all babies such as himself were under a royal death sentence, nevertheless Moses had something special in his favor, he was a child of believing parents. Regardless of your station in life if you are brought up in the Lord you are truly blessed.
- An interesting pattern exists throughout scripture which is when God wants to do something remarkable it often will start with a baby. In the NT as many were spiritually asleep a baby came forth named "Jesus". To most this was seen as so insignificant of an event that mankind didn't even make room for Him to come into the world comfortably so He had to be born in a stable, and yet God would use Him to change the world forever. Moses also is seen as insignificant so much so he was supposed to be thrown away and discarded, but his mother sees it differently.
- **3** things I want you to notice about her > **1st she's a woman of vision**- she saw his potential, parents I pray that you see your children as God sees them, **2nd She's a woman of the word**- she builds him a little raft, where do you think she got that idea from? Who else was saved from a cruel fate by a watery float (Noah). This is why we must study the Word, sometimes you may read or hear something and not think twice about it believing that doesn't pertain to your situation, but the one day while your right in the middle of affliction God brings it back to you.
- But if there is no studying then there is nothing to bring back is there? **3rd She is a woman of faith**- she put him in the same river where other babies were dying in **Gen 1:22**, where Pharaoh told the midwives to toss the babies into the river and drown them, also its where crocodiles and other dangerous creatures swam, so logically one would think little Moses didn't stand a chance and would end up as some creatures snack right! Wrong!
- Notice his sister went and observed to see what would happen, if Jochebed thought he'd be eaten there would be no hope that something good would come out of this, but she's taught her kids to expect God to work for their good, so Miriam his sister is standing afar watching to see what God is going to do with her little brother > **Heb 11:23**- they did this by faith, parents **isolating** children won't save them, but **insulated** them with God's Word will. You put them out there without God's Word and His protection they're in trouble, but with God's Word their safe.

- **V5-6** God's perfect timing, just as Pharaoh's daughter is going to the river here comes Moses cruise lines floating down the river and when she sees it she sends her maid to get it and right when she opens it Moses cries and she has compassion on him. The Lord uses a baby tears to control the heart of a powerful princess, I like how we don't read that he made a sound until she opened the Ark, The Lord protected him and kept him silent as to not draw any attention for the crocs, creatures, or anyone who didn't have a heart for Hebrew babies, until he meets her.
- **V7-9** this is just as remarkable to me, as just as Pharaoh's daughter is claiming Moses as her own here comes his sister suggesting to her that she knows a good wetnurse who can nurse him for you. **Ex 7:7** tells us that Aaron is three years older than Moses so Miriam is probably just a few years older than him which would make her around **7 or 8**, what wisdom for a child that young. Folks we have to stop making excuses for these kids, they are smart in the things they want to be in and clueless in the things they need to be smart in, we need to set the bar higher.
- Her quick thinking allowed Moses to literally still be raised in the things of God, as she gets her mother to nurse him and tell him all about the Lord and His promises just as she did with his siblings. Also notice that being in God's will pays off, not only spiritually but also financially, for not only does Jochebed have joy in nursing her son but she also gets paid for doing it.
- **V10 "Moses"** in the Egyptian language means "**son or born**", in the Hebrew it means "**to draw out**" years later Moses will truly understand that like his name God uses him as His child or son, to draw out His people from a sure death and bring them where they have life and a future. **V11-14** this is a prime example of trying to do what God called you to do your way, and it ends up disastrous, as the very people he is trying to help turn on him and causes him to flee from his calling. The enemy wants us to fail so miserably when we first try to serve the Lord that the bad experience is so devastating that we won't want to get involved with God's work ever again.
- **Acts 7:23** says this happened when Moses was forty years old, and according to the Jewish historian Josephus by this time Moses had become an accomplished military man who had won Pharaoh many battles and since Pharaoh didn't have any sons Moses was being groomed to be the next Pharaoh of Egypt, all the while he's aware of his true origins because of his mother. When he sees his countrymen suffering he doesn't hide behind his title and privilege he gets involved just in the wrong way. **Heb 11:24-26** tell us what Moses had in mind when he did this.
- Although Moses had been educated in the ways of Egypt, royalty and privilege, he still had a heart to serve God and help His people, the problem is Moses like so many tried to do it in his own strength an he fails mightily and it causes him to run as fast as he can and hide out. Moses had the burden, the calling, saw the need, but it was not God's time for him to act, so when he should have been looking up, he looks left, and then right, looking for man instead of God.
- **V15-21** Pharaoh hears of it and threatens to kill Moses, now because he's been rejected by his people Israel and now being hunted by the Egyptians he does the practical thing and runs as far as he can to a place called Midian. There he sees some ladies in need of help comes to their rescue and he finds another family and it seems for now he is contented.

- **V22-25** spiritual maturity takes time, developing a heavenly perspective takes time, the Apostle Paul is a great example of this, as **Gal 1:18** says he spent three years in the desert being instructed by Jesus, then after that he is sent to Tarshish and wont be heard from for another fourteen years, this is what it took for him to transform from Saul to the Apostle Paul.
- It's going to take Moses another forty years before he is ready to return to Egypt but not to do his will his way but to do God's will for God's glory and in God's way. In the meantime God is preparing the people to not reject Moses like they did earlier, but to accept him, and notice the tool He uses to get their hearts in the proper position, it's through suffering. Its only after we've grown sick and tired of being sick and tired that were then ready to surrender to the Lord.