

- I) V23-29 INTRO: By faith Moses when he became of age refused to be called the son
WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT MOSES
- II) Moses was Israel's greatest prophet
- III) When God revealed Himself to Israel, He would use various ways to do so
He used dreams, visions, angels, events, symbols, signs, wonders and miracles
- IV) God used various means of revelation, but He especially did so through prophets
Nu 12:6 (God) said, "Listen to my words: **When a prophet** of the LORD is among you, I reveal Myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams.
- V) It was the prophets who ultimately were moved by God to write the Bible
2 Pe 1:20-21 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
Moses was used by God to write the **first five books**
- VI) The prophets were incredible witnesses of God, but Moses was the greatest
First: When God spoke to Moses, it was more intimate and personal
GOD MADE IT CLEAR: MOSES WAS GREAT
- VII) Moses had a sister Miriam and a brother named Aaron
On one occasion they had spoken against Moses
They were upset over his marriage to a foreign wife, and caused strife
BOTH MIRIAM AND AARON WERE REGARDED
- VIII) Ex 15:20 reveals that Miriam was **a prophetess**
Ex 4:15-17 reveals that Aaron was Moses' **spokesperson**, and
Ex 29:9 reveals that he was the first **High Priest** of Israel
- IX) This placed them in leadership as well as high esteem in the nation
- X) Their rebellion against Moses and his authority provoked the Lord to anger
Nu 12:6-8 (God) said, "Listen to My words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal Myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of My servant Moses; he is faithful in all My house. With him **I speak face to face**, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against **My servant** Moses?"
NOTICE

- I) The others receive **visions**, or **dreams** but I am different with Moses
I reveal My will to him plainly, and communicate intimately with Him

SECOND

- II) Not only was Moses Israel's greatest **prophet**, he was also Israel's **Lawgiver**
It was **Moses** who went to Mt Sinai to receive the Law of God (Ex 24; Ac 7:38)
Jn 1:17 The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

THIRD

- III) He was also Israel's **greatest writer**, giving us the first five books of the Bible

FOURTH: He was Israel's **greatest type** of Messiah

Dt 18:15 The LORD your God will raise up for you **a prophet** like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. (quoted in Ac 3:21-23)

Jn 1:19-21 This was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Christ". They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not". "Are you **the Prophet**?" He answered, "No".

FIFTH: He was Israel's greatest example of godliness

Nu 12:3 Moses was **a very humble man**, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.

- IV) **SIXTH:** In the OT, he was Israel's greatest deliverer

Exodus gives us the details concerning how Israel's deliverance took place

- V) To this day, to the people of Israel, there is no one who matches Moses

Dt 34:10-12 Since then, **no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses**, whom the LORD knew **face to face**, who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt --to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For **no one** has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

- VI) The writer of Hebrews Intends to show us that **his entire life** was bathed in faith

V23-29 Contain **5 sections** emphasizing his faith, each section beginning **By Faith**

FIRST

- VII) V23 **By faith** Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents

V23 Opens up with the faith of his parents

DEVELOP: EX 1

- VIII) Joseph and his family had moved to Egypt remaining for 400 years (Gen 15:13)

Ex 1:8-14 During those centuries, they had grown in number and power

- I) Over the centuries, a new dynasty arose
Ex 1:8 A new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt.
- II) The new Pharaoh feared the Jews as they had grown numerous in Egypt
He believed they might side with enemies if war broke out, and leave (V10)
- III) V11-14 Because of this he ordered them into forced labor, building Royal cities
V12 Yet the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread
- IV) This caused the Egyptians to treat them even more harshly
They made their lives bitter, working them in construction and field labor
- V) V15-16 Pharaoh ordered the Hebrew midwives to kill every male child
V17 The midwives feared the God of Abraham, and would not follow his orders
CH 2
- VI) Ch 2:1-10 A Jewish couple named Amram and Jochebed were raising a family
They had three children: Aaron, Miriam, and a beautiful son named Moses
- VII) V2 Tells us that Jochebed hid Moses for three months
The writer of Hebrews gives us two reasons why his parents hid him
Heb 11:23 By faith Moses when he was born, was hidden three months by his
parents because they saw he was **a beautiful child**; and they were **not afraid** of the king's
command
- VIII) **First**: He was a beautiful child: Of higher quality; Valuable, better, ethical, excellent
Ac 7:20 At this time Moses was born, and was **well pleasing to God**
- IX) **Second**: They weren't afraid of Pharaoh because they exercised faith in God
They trusted in God seeking Him to protect them
Ps 12:5 Because the poor are being oppressed, because the needy are sighing, I
will now arise," says the LORD, "I will establish in safety those who yearn for it."
- X) V3 When Moses was three months old, Jochebed could no longer hide him
She got a basket, waterproofed it, and placed him in the Nile as Miriam watched
V5 Pharaoh's daughter found him while bathing
- XI) V6 She knew he was a Hebrew child but felt sorry for him and decided to take him

- I) V7 Miriam suggested she bring him to a Hebrew woman, to nurse the baby
V9 She brought him to his mother: Jochebed nursed him, and got paid for it!
- II) V10 Painfully: When he grew beyond nursing age, she gave him to Pharaoh's daughter, who named him Moses, saying "I drew him out of the water"
He would have been between two and three years of age
- III) Before being given to Pharaoh's daughter Moses was taught faith in God
He would have been taught the basics of the Jewish faith, from birth
He would have been made aware that he was Jewish
- IV) This made him prepared for when he was called to be Israel's deliverer
Heb 11:24-26 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter **choosing** rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy **the passing (temporary) pleasures of sin**, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; **for he looked to the reward**
- V) While in Pharaoh's household, Moses was trained up in the wisdom of Egypt
Ac 7:22-23 Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful **in speech** and **action**. When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites.
- VI) Moses received **all the training** a King would receive yet remained faithful to God
He was trained in geography, geometry, astronomy, natural history hieroglyphics and martial arts
SECOND: HE ACTED ON HIS CALL
- VII) Heb 11:24 **By faith** Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.
- VIII) Ex 2:11-15 At this time Moses began to act on what he knew was his call
He was visiting the children of Israel, and looking at their burdens
- IX) He became enraged at the injustice of their lives, and dealt with it in the flesh
Ac 7:25 Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.

- I) It was at the age of 40 that he committed himself fully to the Jewish people
He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh: This is why he was among the Jews
The result of this was his exile from Egypt
RETURN TO HEB 11:23-29
- II) The rest of his life is incredible reading: the question at this point is simple
Why was he willing to do this? Why did he choose to suffer with the Jews
- III) V25 **First**: He knew that sin only gives temporary pleasure
Earth's pains are temporary: God's rewards are eternal
Ac 20:23-24 The Holy Ghost witnesses in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.
- IV) V26 He looked for **an eternal reward**, one that was beyond earthly possessions
He stood to be incredibly wealthy and powerful yet saw beyond the momentary
- V) Mt 6:19-21 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- VI) Dt 34:7 tells us that he died at the age of 120
He could have ruled Egypt for a number of years, and then simply die
He wanted something permanent: an eternal reward
THIRD: BY FAITH HE BECAME FULLY COMMITTED
- VII) V27 By faith **he forsook Egypt** not fearing the wrath of the king
He forsook Egypt on two occasions
After killing the taskmaster, and when he delivered Israel
- VIII) He **forsook** (renounced, turned his back) **on everything**, to follow God
This is the requirement for all who follow the Lord
Lu 9:23 Jesus said to all of them, If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross **daily** and follow Me
Lu 9:62 No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God

- I) V27 How did he do this? He endured as seeing Him **who is invisible**
He knew his means of support was **an invisible power**
Ps 91:14 Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
- FOURTH: HE KEPT THE PASSOVER**
- II) V28 **By faith** he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood
When God delivered Israel, he brought a series of 10 plagues against Egypt
These plagues were actually God judging the false gods worshiped in Egypt
- III) Remember: The Egyptians were **idolaters**
They worshiped creation and rejected God
Ro 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator who is forever praised.
- IV) Egypt had kept the Jews in bondage, but God determined to set them free
In doing so, He judged the false gods of Egypt
- V) This is what is referred to as Passover
Ex 12:12 I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and **against all the gods of Egypt** I will execute judgment: I am the Lord
- VI) Blood: All water: River, pools, ponds, even in vessels (Hapi the Nile goddess)
Nile: Life giving Nile god represented fertility and nourishment
Frogs: Heqt: Frog headed goddess of fertility and rebirth
Lice (Stinging blood sucking gnats): Geb, god of the dust
Flies: May have been Kheper, the scarab deity representing continual existence
Pestilence on flocks: Bull-headed god Apis and Hathor a cowlike mother goddess
Boils on man and beast (Thoth, god of healing)
This afflicted the priesthood--priests could not sacrifice unclean animals
Hail: Isis, the sky goddess is judged
Locusts: Seth, Insect god that was supposed to protect the crops
Darkness for 3 days: Against the sun god, Ra, chief god of Egypt, the source of life
Death of firstborn: Pharaoh was descended from Ra, but his children were not safe
- VII) To survive, blood was applied to the doorposts and the lintel, covering the family

- I) The sprinkling was a symbolic act of faith, trusting for the Lord to deliver them
It symbolizes His sacrifice by which He conquered death for all who trust Him
To enter into the Kingdom, we must accept God's way of salvation
FIFTH: THEY CROSSED THE RED SEA
- II) V29 **By faith** they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land
As Israel escaped, Pharaoh's armies were not far behind
- III) The crossing of the Red Sea represented many things
It was a symbol of Israel being delivered from bondage
It symbolized a picture of purification, separating them from their past
It revealed faith, and obedience
It became a picture of passing from death to life
It pictured the entrance into a deeper spiritual life
It revealed God's divine intervention and presence **with His followers**
- IV) It also represented Israel's relationship to Moses, as their leader/deliverer
1 Co 10:1-2 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters,
that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.
They were all **baptized into Moses** in the cloud and in the sea.
- V) THE STUDY BIBLE: The crossing of the Red Sea prefigures Christian baptism,
which signifies identification with Christ. The concept of baptism as a form of **initiation**
or **passage** is consistent with Jewish purification rituals and the New Testament
understanding of baptism as a symbol of spiritual cleansing and commitment.
- VI) We will close by reading Ex 14
Faith takes God at His word and gives provision for victory in Him