

Exodus 2 – Discussion and Application

1. God has a plan -

The sovereign Lord is Lord of all, every detail, trial, trouble, tough road, disease, hindrance, mountain, valley, river or blocking sea is part of his weaving a masterpiece of his redemptive plan. See God's sovereign plan from the beginning of time in putting all things in place where they need to be.

- Pharaoh's daughter finding the baby – could have missed it
- She didn't kill the baby – she could have
- She paid Jochebed to nurse him – she didn't have to
- Meeting Jethro and Zipporah – God provided comfort for him

Jeremiah 29:11 – *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Romans 8:28 – *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Psalms 37:23 – *The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delights in his way.*

2. God has a man -

God always looks for a man, not on the outward appearance but he looks on the heart. Moses had great potential but God had to soften and break his pride that the excellency of the power would not be the man, but of God. The wilderness is where God can talk to Moses' heart. God trained Moses in Pharaoh's household for 40 years to learn all the science of Egypt, but put him in the wilderness for 40 years to understand his own heart and hear from God.

"Not by might nor by power but by my spirit says the Lord." - Zech. 4:6

"We have this treasure in vessels of clay, that the excellency of the power might be of God and not of us." - 2 Corinthians 4:7

3. God is not in a hurry -

It takes time to make a diamond. It can't be hurried. It takes time, pressure, intense heat, and patience. The ark took 100 years to build.

"One day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." - 2 Peter 3:8

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward [a]us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." - 2 Peter 3:9

According to Exodus 12:40-41 the Israelites spent 430 years in Egypt. That is a long time. One must ask the question why? Why did God leave them there so long? They weren't being punished!

The secret is in God's love for sinners, even Egyptians. He sent Joseph to save them and to tell them of a coming Redeemer. He kept his people there to be lights in the darkness and to draw them to the True God, who redeems his people through the blood of the Lamb.

“You meant it for evil against me, but God meant it for good to save many alive.” – Genesis 50:20

“A great mixed multitude of Egyptians came out with the Israelites.” – Exodus 12:38

Study: Genesis 15:18; Isaiah 19:19–25; Zechariah 14:18, 19

Did you know Egypt is mentioned 659 times in the Bible and God is not through with Egypt? He has a very specific plan to bring them to repentance and faith in Christ in the last days -- and I believe that in part it will be because of what they find in archeological digs. God loves Egypt just as he loves Israel and has plans to bless her.

“In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord at its border. And it will be for a sign and for a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; ...and He will send them a Savior and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them. Then the Lord will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the Lord in that day, and will make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to the Lord and perform it.... In that day...the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed is Egypt My people...and Israel My inheritance” (; Genesis 15:18; Isaiah 19:19–25, Zechariah 14:18, 19).

4. God puts people in your path -

“Two are better than one... Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

“Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Moses needed a father-in-law who was a priest of the Most High God to teach him the things of God. He needed a wife to meet his physical and emotional needs. He needed his brother Aaron to help him speak. Still later he needed the 70 elders to help him lead and to carry the burden together.