

Exposition of Exodus Chapter 2

1. The Family of Moses – Exodus 2:1-2

Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son.

Using a concordance or online study app type in the name of any individuals and discover much about them.

- He is from the Tribe of Levi – can we find his genealogy Genesis?
- Story of Levi and Simeon and Dinah – Exodus 34 rape and justice of brothers
- Father is Amram – Ex. 6:18-20, Num. 3:19, 26:58, 59, 1 Chron. 6:2, 23:13
- Mother is Jochebed – Ex. 6:20, Numbers 26:59 (Levite married Levite)
- Sister is Miriam – Ex. 15:20-21 prophetess, Numbers 12:1-10 leprous
- Brother is Aaron – Exodus 4:14, 6:23-25 took a wife

So, even by his genes Moses is a son of Levi who had a keen sense of justice and fairness.

2. The Birth of Moses – Exodus 2:2-4

When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.

3. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. 4. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

- He was a beautiful baby
- His mother hid him 3 months (at home)
- Then hid him in a papyrus basket
- Waterproofed it with tar and pitch
- Put in among the reeds on the banks of the Nile near Avaris/Goshen (Map)

3. Lost and Found – Ex. 2:5-10

Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. 6. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. 7. Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" 8. "Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got

the baby's mother. 9. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. 10. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

- This place was near the palace where princesses bathed
- The basket had a lid over it (when she opened it)
- Easily recognized as a Hebrew baby. Was it the blankets? Looks?
- He actually cried – God pinched him?
- Miriam was nearby to suggest a nursing mother.
- Moses mother got paid to care for him.
- Pharaoh's daughter – who was she? Hatshepsut
- She named him – "Moses" is an Egyptian name – Snatched from the Nile
- Who was the Pharaoh at the time?
- He became her son!!!
- Grew older – weaned, 2-3 years

4. Moses the Murderer – Ex. 2:11-14

One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. 12. Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13. The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" 14. The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known."

- Moses was grown up. He was 40 years old. Acts 7:20-29
- Educated in Pharaoh's household – learned languages, writing, science, medicine, the stars, distance to the sun, round earth, engineering, horsemanship, work with colors, huge library, learned all the wisdom of the Egyptians.
- He must have known he was a Hebrew, not an Egyptian
- His Levite nature of wanting justice and fairness got the best of him. He must have gotten angry
- This was not an accidental death – "He looked both ways then killed him."
- He hid him in the sand. – Cover up!

- Again he walked among the Hebrew slaves. Was this common? Why was he there?
- The Hebrews were aware of his murder of an Egyptian.
- He realized he was in BIG TROUBLE with Pharaoh.

5. Moses Runs Away – Exodus 2:15-22

15. When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

16. Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. 17. Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock. 18. When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?" 19. They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock." 20. "And where is he?" he asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat." 21. Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. 22. Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become an alien in a foreign land."

- Pharaoh tried to kill Moses. I would love to know more of this side of the story. History shows that Hatshepsut was suddenly taken from the throne and her statues and monuments defaced and/or removed. She disappears from history just as Moses did. One has to wonder are these events related?
- He realized he was in BIG TROUBLE with Pharaoh.
- Midian – where is Midian? (See Map)
- He sat down by a well – How often has this happened in Scripture? It was the central meeting place.
- He's still the "rescuer" of those in trouble. Defender of the weak.
- He still looked like an Egyptian – haircut, clothing, and speech.
- Reuel their father — Related to Abraham Gen. 25:1-2
- Also known as Jethro - Ex. 3:1, 4:18, 18:1-10, Numbers 10:29 Raguel
- was a Priest of Midian – like Melchisedek priest of Salem, man of God
- Reuel – Genesis 36:4-17, was he one of the sons of Esau?
- Wife Zipporah – after the Exodus and visit from her father, did she go back with her father? Did she ever return? Who was the black wife Miriam grumbled about? Was this Zipporah?
- Son Gershom (exiled or alien) – did he have other sons? Exodus 18:3 What else can we learn about these sons? Judges 18:31, 1 Chronicles 23:15-17

6. God Heard, Saw, Remembered, Answered – Exodus 2:23-25

During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. 24. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. 25. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

God is not a God who is far away.

- God heard,
- God remembered
- God looked
- God was concerned
- God answered

According to Exodus 12:40-41 the Israelites spent 430 years in Egypt. 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.