

“The Early Life of Moses”

Ex. 1-2:10

Open: Background Ex. 1

- God’s people, under God’s leading, moved to Egypt during the days of Joseph. **Gen. 46:1-3**
 - **Historical fact NOT Bible Truth:** *After the death of Joseph, Egypt was invaded by the Hyksos and the new leadership wiped out all history of the previous generations and overtime the new leadership forgot the valuable influence of Joseph. This explains why the Bible tells us there was a fear of insurrection. **Ex. 1:7-10***
- The children of Israel grew to such great numbers that the Egyptians felt threatened and made the Israelites their slaves; but despite the sever persecution, God’s people continued to multiply. **Ex. 1:11-14**
- Because of the continued growth of God’s people, the King of Egypt commanded that the male children be killed upon birth by being thrown into the Nile River. **Ex. 1:15-22**
 - God used two appointed Egyptian midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, to spare many Hebrew boys. **Ex. 1:15-21**

Tran: Story Ex. 2:1-10

- A baby boy is born to a lady named Jochebed, and her husband Amram. **Ex. 2:1**
- Jochebed saw that her son was a goodly (healthy) child and chose to not obey the king; but rather hid her son for three months. **Ex. 2:2**
 - Our obligation for obedience to government is not to supersede our obligation for obedience to God. **Acts 5:29** “Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.”
- It soon became apparent to Jochebed and Amram that their baby boy could no longer be safely hidden. So Jochebed made an ark out of bulrushes (*weeds*), made the tiny boat waterproof with some slime and pitch, and then placed the boat in the Nile River. **Ex. 2:3**
- Jochebed’s daughter, Miriam, did not let the boat get out of her sight. **Ex. 2:4**
- Pharaoh’s daughter decided to take a bath, and while doing so she saw the tiny boat hidden in the bulrushes and asked it to be brought to her. **Ex. 2:5**
- When Pharaoh’s daughter opened the ark and saw a Hebrew boy crying, she had compassion. **Ex. 2:6**
- Miriam took advantage of the situation and asked Pharaoh’s daughter if she would like a nurse brought in to take care of the boy child. **Ex. 2:7**
- Miriam was given permission and she goes straight home to get her mother Jochebed. **Ex. 2:8**
- Jochebed was then told by Pharaoh’s daughter she would be paid to rear her own son. **Ex. 2:9**
- The boy’s name was Moses, he would be reared by his mother in the palace of Pharaoh. **Ex. 2:10**

➤ **Lead the next generation by example to live by faith.**

- **Heb. 11:3** “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”
- **Heb. 11:6** “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

- I. Jochebed and Amram did not give in to the cultural tradition of placing obedience to government before faith in God. They chose to trust God.
- We are not to allow culture to dictate how we are to rear our children. We are to rear our children according to Bible principles. **Prov. 22:6** *“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”*
- II. Jochebed and Amram did not wait until they understood before obeying, they obeyed one step at a time believing God would meet their needs each step of the way.
- It is vital we both live by and teach the next generation to trust that God can, and will, fulfil His will in our lives when we chose to obey Him instead of following carnal logic. **Heb. 11:1** *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*
- III. Jochebed and Amram learned that God is able to provide protection and provision from unexpected places because they chose to trust God.
- We need to demonstrate and teach to the next generation that you are safer in a dangerous situation in the will of God than you are in a safe situation outside the will of God.
- IV. Jochebed and Amram were able to be blessed by God because they did not resort to human reasoning, they did all they could and trusted by faith that God would take care of the rest.
- It is important that we understand God can only bless us as much as we obey the word of God. We need to teach the next generation that the decisions I make today will effect the rest of history. **Gen. 22:18** *“And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”*
- V. Jochebed found out that only once they gave up what they thought they wanted, then was God able to give to them what they truly needed. Mt. 16:24-27 *“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. [25] For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. [26] For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? [27] For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”*
- Moses was able to be reared by his mother in the palace. He was able to be taught about the One and only true God while also being able to learn the ways of the Egyptians so he could later be used by God to deliver the Israelites from bondage.

Heb. 11:6

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1. What did the King of Egypt choose to do to the Israelites because of their great number? **Enslave them**
2. What did the King of Egypt command to be done to all the male children? **Thrown into the Nile River**
3. What was the name of the two Egyptian midwives that God used to help spare many lives? **Shiphrah / Puah**
4. What was the name of Moses’ parents? **Jochebed / Amram**
5. How did Moses’ mother choose to hide him? **Placing him in the Nile River in a basket she made.**
6. What was the name of Moses’ sister? **Miriam**
7. It is important that we learn to live by **???????** and not to live by following human reasoning. **Faith**