

A Man from the House of Levi

Exodus 2:1-10

Who is this man from the “house” or family of Levi, Levi being one of the sons of Jacob (Israel)? Well, it’s Moses, not Moses’ father (Amram). Even though the first sentence of this chapter is referring to Amram, we are now introduced to the man whom God will use to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Only, he is not yet a grown-up man. He is a baby, and his preservation in the face of a murderous decree by the king of Egypt is nothing short of amazing, truly an example of God’s sovereign control.

I. Moses' Goodly Heritage Psalm 16:6

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

- A. This heritage of commitment to the Lord runs from Seth and Noah to Abraham.
- B. These “fathers” were men of faith, without which it is impossible to please God.
- C. Each generation called upon their offspring to trust in the promises of God.
- D. Blessed is the man or woman who values such a heritage or who joins that heritage.

II. Moses' Nursing Mother (Jochebed) 1 Thessalonians 2:7

But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.

- A. It is apparent that Jochebed tenderly cared for her youngest child Moses.
- B. She sensed that he was “no ordinary child.” (Acts 7:20)
- C. She planned and executed a way for him to survive and actually went on to nurse him.
- D. Along with her husband she demonstrates faith in the face of danger. (Heb. 11:23)

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

III. His Protective Sister (Miriam) Genesis 4:9, Proverbs 17:17

*Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” And he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?”
A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.*

- A. Miriam was obedient, bold and clever in the hour Moses was discovered in the river.
- B. Miriam would remain with and advise Moses now and later in his life.
- C. Miriam, like her parents, saw her actions as covenant responsibilities.
- D. In Christ we have new brothers and sisters, parents and family, that we are responsible for.

IV. His Adoptive Mother Ruth 3:1

Then Naomi...said to [Ruth], “My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?

- A. God elevated Joseph in Egypt, and He exalted Moses to be the Son of Pharaoh's daughter.
- B. Moses excelled in all the learning of Egypt. (Acts 7:22)
Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds.
- C. Moses decided he loved the people of God more than his foster mother. (Mt. 10:37)
He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me
- D. Sometimes God uses a kind unbeliever to accomplish His purposes.

V. His True Identity

Hebrews 11:24-26

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

- A. Having an Israelite mother and an Egyptian foster mother, Moses needed an identity.
- B. Earlier, **Joseph** became Zaphnath-paaneah and mostly lived as an Egyptian.
- C. **Moses**, so named by the Princess, had no other name, but came to identify with Israel.
- D. Whatever our earthly name, God gives us a new name when we believe in Jesus.

VI. His Interesting Association with the Nile River

Psalm 46:4

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, The holy dwelling places of the Most High.

- A. The Nile dominates Egypt and dominated Moses for 40+ years.
- B. He was placed in it (ark), drawn from it, utilized it, brought curses on it and left it behind.
- C. He came to see that God ruled the Nile and has made a better river: mercy & blessing.
The land of Egypt will become a desolation and waste. Then they will know that I am the Lord.
Because you [Pharaoh] said, 'The Nile is mine, and I have made it...' (Ezekiel 29:9)
- D. Nothing in nature or in the cosmos is greater than God, and all must yield to Him.