

## EXODUS 2:1-10 THE DELIVERER IS BORN

Usually pastors like to do messages pertaining to the appropriate holiday or special day they are preaching. Sometimes I like to do that also, but as we are expository in our method, I don't like to get away from the texts we are in at the time. Sometimes the timing works out just perfect as it did for Resurrection Day.

The timing couldn't be more perfect on this day we celebrate as Mother's day, as we enter into chapter two of Exodus. This wasn't by some grand design of my own, however. I would like to take credit for it, but I really can't. This is just the way it has worked out as we started the book of Exodus last week.

Now, here we are in chapter two. This section not only deals with the mother of Moses, but also his other mother, the princess. What better way to talk about mothers when we happen to be right at the text that deals with the mothers of one of the greatest men of the history of mankind ?

God, in His grand design does nothing by accident. We introduced this book as God bringing His plan perfectly together in His providence and miraculous dealings with the nation of Israel. Every detail of His workings puts His magnificent glory on display. The slavery that the Israelites were in, gave God the opportunity to bring glory to His name, as He delivered the nation out of bondage.

This week we will take a look at the one who God chose to be the the human deliverer of Israel. He was born an Israelite and was

taught the truths about the God of the Jews as his Jewish mother nursed him his early years. He had a foundation laid before he was given up to the princess who raised him up the rest of the way. God certainly had His hand in this all the time, as this was worked out providentially. What a grand story this is, as we witness the making of one of the greatest leaders of all time.

Let's open up our Bibles to Exodus, chapter two, and get more familiar with this story of Moses as a baby and his parents.

## 1.THE BIRTH OF MOSES

VV 1-4

### A.How He Was Hidden

VV 1-2

Levite Parents Amram and Jochabed were Moses' parents, 6:20 and Heb 11:23 commends the faith of both of them for trusting in God. It certainly took faith for them to have normal marital relations during that dangerous time when Jewish babies were being killed. Many parents probably quit having babies, knowing that their baby would probably be killed. Moses was a man of faith because God had given him parents who had great faith. God uses human persons in His work to bring the world into conformity with His plan He has had since before the beginning of time. Here, He starts with a couple, a man and a woman, just as he did with Adam and Eve, or Abraham and Sarah. We notice in this verse that both parents were Levites. That was the priestly tribe. That is not accident because Moses would be

known as a priest for the nation. He was to do the mediatorial work as he revealed God to the people personally and bore the people before God. He was certainly a type of Christ.

Beautiful Child This doesn't mean just a physical beauty, although most mothers think their babies are beautiful when sometimes they might appear almost ugly. A special destiny is what it probably means Acts 7:20 God had a special plan for him. His beauty was way down deep in his soul. He certainly was a key part of God's plan, and Jochabed, his mother recognized this.

There are other special ones mentioned in the Bible where the circumstances seemed impossible. Isaac

Samson(Judges 13:24-25) Samuel(1 Sam 2:18)

John the Baptist Timothy(2 Tim 3:15)

Three Months To keep the baby alive, the parents would have to risk everything. If they would not have hidden him, he would have been found out and been fed to the crocodiles. How would you have done during this time trying to hide a baby for 3 months in a tiny little hut? Some babies don't sleep too well at night. They knew too well they couldn't keep him a secret for any longer. What a terrible conclusion that the parents realized.

## B.How He Was Exposed

VV 3-4

Desperate Measures— Moses' mother planned out just what to do with the baby.

Ark This word is found one other place in the Bible. Gen 6:14

The connection between these two events is obvious. Both Noah and Moses were selected to go through a watery fate. Both were carried to

safety when destruction came to others. This also carries us forward to the crossing of the Red Sea.of all the Israelites.

She mixed a tar-like substance from the banks of the Nile and covered the sides of a little wicker basket, making it watertight. Then she set that basket among the reeds in the water.

Reeds by the Nile These reeds grew thick and tall. The basket was not going to float away from there. She didn't simply set the baby afloat on the Nile.She positioned that basket exactly the way she wanted it, where it wouldn't move. She had a plan and left the rest to a sovereign God.

This wise mother knew the habits of Pharaoh's daughter. She knew that In a certain time and a certain place, the princess came to the river to bathe. She knew if the baby was placed near a certain spot that the princess Would hear the baby cry.

Sister watches Miriam was Moses' older sister and she played out the part perfectly. She seized the moment and offers as a matter of fact, that it could be a good thing if the child was nursed, at least for awhile, by a Hebrew woman, one she just happened to know. She knew what to say And how to act if this came together. She sat there and waited to see what would happen.

## 2.THE PRESERVATION OF MOSES VV 5-10

### A.Moses Was Saved 5-6

Princess and maids Sure enough, she came to the spot at the river. It was a secluded spot and then there was the ark. She had one of her attendants bring the ark to her.

Compassion of Pharaoh's Daughter How could she resist this beautiful baby? She chose life over death. Jochabed must have known how the princess might

have responded. God often raises up friends for His people even among their enemies. Pharaoh cruelly seeks Israel's destruction, but his own daughter has compassion for a Hebrew child, and she preserves the deliverer.

Crying of Moses This was the right time for the baby to cry. 1 Cor 1:25-29  
God can use the weakest things to defeat the mightiest enemies. A baby's tears were God's first weapons in His war against Egypt.

#### B. Moses Well Provided For With Good Nurse 7-9

Sister Miriam 15:20 She made a very helpful suggestion to the princess. She never mentioned the one who could nurse was the actual mother. No way! "Oh goodness, look at that. Perhaps I could find someone to help out. I just happen to know a Hebrew woman who could nurse."

Jochabed, the natural nurse and mother. The princess was quite willing to spare the little boy's life. The mother is the best possible nurse. How good this worked out. She not only got the child back and protection by Pharaoh's daughter but she got paid to raise him. That is no coincidence. Prov 16:7  
When your ways please the Lord, He takes care of the enemies. Jochabed had faith and she used wisdom. Trust in God and keep your powder dry. Jochabed put her plan into God's hands and just trusted Him. The father Participated in this decision to hide Moses and he was willing to trust God and risk his own life. But Jochabed played the major role in saving and nurturing the child. Nobody can take the place of the mother of a young child. Nobody.

We don't know exactly how long she got to keep him, but it was probably up to the age of four or even longer. The child grew. This would be longer than the age of weaning. That is why it would be 3-4 years old. This would have allowed him to get rooted in the Hebrew faith and learn of God, Abraham,

Isaac, and Jacob. Jochabed had him during the preschool years. You know she took advantage of those special years as she developed his life. Mothers should never turn their children over to someone else to raise. Mothers are the very best ones to raise their children. Those preschool years are so crucial for a child's development.

### C.A Strange New Home

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From Mom to the Princess     The boy suddenly had a new home. What a change of scene. He went from the security of his own family to a family of strangers. He went from a slave quarters to a palace. This was like going to a different planet.

It is not mentioned here, but I am sure there were some dark lonely nights for the parents and Moses. They were split from each other, but God has His plan. Jochabed, as the mother had to suffer bitterly as she let her boy go into an unknown world. Imagine the scene as Moses became the son of another woman of different values. She was of an idolatrous country.

Education     Acts 7:22     training for leadership     Moses became a student in a whole new school of learning, designed to prepare him for the throne. The daughter of Pharaoh would like to have made him Pharaoh.

### 3.MOSES NAMED

V 10

Egyptian word that means "son" or "born", to give birth to. The Egyptian term sounds like a Hebrew word

She may very well have said "I give birth to him out of the water."

Hebrew word that means "to draw out"

She "drew out her son" and named him Moses. He got a new place to live and a new mom and a new name. Years later he would be reminded of the God who rescued him and did great things for Him in Egypt. Moses would rescue his people

because he trusted the Lord. He would draw them out of the Red Sea.

God's hand on your life is always there. That long hard climb is what God has planned for you. You are not an accident. God is not finished with you yet. He is using you for His glory.

**GOD'S PROVIDENCE:** The one whom the princess renamed nurtured, raised, and educated in the Egyptian way, became the very instrument that God used in judging in the very court where he was raised.

This was not a series of accidents, but designed by God.

God could have chosen another way to deliver His people, yet He chose to work through a non-Israelite, an enemy. This was not a random act of God but a purposeful one.

To defeat the enemy at his own game is what God does. The Savior of Israel could grow up safely and be securely free from the Pharaoh's wrath. Christ worked salvation for His people not despite His death but precisely in His death. It's because He died and rose again that those who believe in Him are also raised to new life.

Our co-workers, neighbors, and relatives are people who are created in God's Image and whose lives are in God's hands. They may be His instruments for purposes we don't understand. Do not be surprised that the Lord uses some of these people to change you.