

## Moses The Deliverer Part 2

### Exodus 2:5-15

Exodus 2:5-15 (NKJV) 5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. 6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. 9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water." 11 Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?" 14 Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!" 15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

Moses is one of the most significant persons in the Old Testament. He wrote the first five books of the Bible and was God's first real prophet and spokes person. He delivered the children of Israel from Egypt and gave them the law of God, often referred to as the law of Moses.

He receives instruction for the future worship in the tabernacle along with its offerings and priesthood. He leads the children of Israel in the battles that conquered the land on the East side of the Jordan.

"The life of Moses presents a series of striking antitheses. He was the child of a slave, and the son of a king. He was born in a hut, and lived in a palace. He inherited poverty, and enjoyed unlimited wealth. He was the leader of armies, and the keeper of flocks. He was the mightiest of warriors, and the meekest of men. He was educated in the court, and dwelt in the desert. He had the wisdom of Egypt, and the faith of a child. He was fitted for the city, and wandered in the wilderness. He was tempted with the pleasures of sin, and endured the hardships of virtue. He was backward in speech, and talked with God. He had the rod of a shepherd, and the power of the Infinite. He was a fugitive from Pharaoh, and an ambassador from Heaven. He was the giver of the Law, and the forerunner of Grace. He died alone on mount Moab, and appeared with Christ in Judea. No man assisted at his funeral, yet God buried him. The fire has gone out of mount Sinai, but the lightning is still in his Law. His lips are silent, but his voice yet speaks" (Dr. I. M. Haldeman).

## Some similarities of Moses and Jesus

Like Moses, Jesus was born to be a Savior and was rescued from an evil ruler at birth (Matt 2:16).

Like Moses, Jesus was in danger from the time of His birth.

Like Moses, He sojourned in Egypt: “Out of Egypt I called my Son” (Matt 2:15).

Like Moses, “silent years” occurred before His public ministry.

Like Moses, Jesus was rejected by his people.

Like Moses, Jesus was a shepherd.

Like Moses, Jesus worked many miracles.

Like Moses, Jesus held all the offices of Prophet, Priest and King.

Deuteronomy 18:18 (NKJV) 18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

Psalms 99:6 (NKJV) 6 Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And Samuel was among those who called upon His name; They called upon the LORD, and He answered them.

Deuteronomy 33:4-5 (NKJV) 4 Moses commanded a law for us, A heritage of the congregation of Jacob. 5 And He was King in Jeshurun, When the leaders of the people were gathered, All the tribes of Israel together.

Like Moses, Jesus sent out the 12.

Like Moses, Jesus sent out the 70. Numbers 11:24 (NKJV) 24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle.

Like Moses and the Israelites who wandered for 40 years in the wilderness, Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness (Matt 4:1-11).

Jesus went to a high mountain and gave “the law,” His sermon (Matt 5-7), much like Moses did on Sinai.

### I. God’s Providence in delivering the deliverer.

#### A. A devilish ruler and his princess.

1. Remember from chapter one that the Pharaoh king of Egypt was doing all that he could to keep the children of Israel in Egypt as slaves.
2. He had tried to work with the midwives but that had failed.
3. Now the command was that all male babies were to be thrown into the

river.

4. No doubt this was a terrible time for the children of Israel.
5. Their lives have been made hard by the continuous labor that they were to do.
6. Now it seems that it could not get worse.
7. But two parents of the tribe of Levi have enough faith to defy the king's command and to save their child.
8. They have put him in an ark of reeds and left him to the hand of God.

B. And God shows up.

1. The babe is safe until the right time.
2. The princess notices this oddity and sends her servant after it.
3. The baby weeps on call.
4. The princess has maternal instincts for the baby and decides to save it against her own father's command.
5. The baby's sister asks if she would like a Hebrew slave to nurse the child.
6. The baby is given to his own mother to raise, all expenses paid by the king who wanted him dead.

II. Training of the deliverer.

- A. Acts 7:22 (NKJV) 22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.
- B. How would this deliverer know how to lead a group of 2.5 million up out of Egypt and through the wilderness?
- C. How would that leader know how to prepare the men for battle?
- D. Well not only did the king save the life of Moses but he gave him the best education that the world could offer.

III. The humbling of the deliverer.

- A. We know that Moses was aware of his heritage all of his life.
  1. Hebrews 11:24-26 (NKJV) 24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.
- B. One day he sees a Hebrew being whipped to death and rescues the man by killing

his oppressor.

1. It could have been an impulsive move, surely not planned or else he would not have to had bury the body in a hurry.
2. The next day he sees two Hebrews exchanging blows and tries to reconcile the two.
3. The one in the wrong and no doubt having the upper hand tells Moses to mind his own business and then ask if Moses intends to kill him as he had done to the Egyptian before.
4. Moses had forgotten man's basic problem, that is that he is a sinner and needs a savior.
5. Like many today Moses had forgotten that although his fellow Hebrews were severely oppressed that they too were capable of oppressing others.
6. Mistreating their fellow man is not a racial, economic or even a social thing. It is a sin thing and regardless of our situation we are capable of it.

C. Moses is forced to flee at forty years old.

1. His life is suddenly changed.
2. No longer a prince he must flee for his life.
3. Once he lived in luxury but now he has nothing.
4. For all practical purposes Moses thinks his life is over.
5. He finds himself in a foreign land sitting by a strange well.
6. The deliverer has failed to deliver anyone and he is about to throw in the towel.

But Moses life is not over. He doesn't know that but God does. He will remain here for forty long years. He will get married and have two children. The former prince of Egypt as settled to care for his father-in-law's sheep.

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Joshua 1:9 (NKJV) 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Jeremiah 1:17-19 (NKJV) 17 "Therefore prepare yourself and arise, And speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, Lest I dismay you before them. 18 For behold, I have made you this day A fortified city and an iron pillar, And bronze walls against the whole land-- Against the kings of Judah, Against its princes, Against its priests, And against the people of the land. 19 They will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you," says the LORD, "to deliver you."