

=MAJOR CHARACTERS OF THE BIBLE=

Lesson 3

Moses

SCRIPTURE: Read Exodus 1:7 - 7:3; Hebrews 11:23-28.

- I. PHARAOH TRIED TO KILL MOSES. In Exodus 1:22, we learn that Pharaoh commanded that every son born of the Jews should be cast into the river.
- II. NO DOUBT, GOD REVEALED TO MOSES' PARENTS THE PURPOSE FOR HIS LIFE. In Hebrews 11:23a, notice the words, "a proper child." Perhaps God had told Amram and Jochebed (Moses' parents) that Moses was to be the deliverer of the Israelites.
- III. BECAUSE OF THIS, MOSES' PARENTS WERE NOT AFRAID OF THE KING. See Hebrews 11:23b. They believed God's promises. There is no need for fear when standing on God's promises.
- IV. MOSES WAS PLACED IN THE ARK MADE OF BULRUSHES AND PITCH. Read Exodus 2:1-3. The little ark was placed in the river, and a miracle took place. The daughter of Pharaoh came to bathe in the very place where Moses was! What a miracle! Excavations and discoveries have revealed that Egypt possessed the most elaborate bathhouses of ancient time. Imagine what a bathhouse Pharaoh's daughter must have had! Yet strangely, she had a desire to take a bath in the dirty river. What providence!
- V. THE WEEPING OF THE BABE AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME STIRRED THE COMPASSION IN THE HEART OF PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER. In Exodus 2:5, 6, we see that another miracle took place. Pharaoh hated the Israelites enough to kill their babies, and yet the king's daughter becomes compassionate over one of them. No doubt, God "stuck Moses with a pin" at the proper time to save his life.
- VI. THE SISTER OF MOSES SEES WHAT HAPPENS AND SUGGESTS TO PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER THAT SHE BE ALLOWED TO CALL SOME ISRAELITE TO NURSE THE CHILD. Imagine a slave girl daring to make such a suggestion to a princess!
- VII. MOSES' OWN MOTHER WAS THE NURSE SHE CALLED AND WAS PAID WAGES BY THE PALACE TO CARE FOR HER OWN SON. See Exodus 2:8, 9. This was another miracle!
- VIII. WHEN HE CAME OF AGE, MOSES WAS TAKEN TO PHARAOH'S PALACE WHERE HE LIVED HIS ADOLESCENT YEARS. Notice Exodus 2:10. Pharaoh had no sons, so Moses' adoption by Pharaoh placed him in the direct line to the throne of Egypt, the greatest empire of his day. He was trained for this task until he was forty years of age.
- IX. AT AGE FORTY, MOSES FOUND SOMETHING MORE VALUABLE THAN BEING THE RICHEST AND MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE WORLD. Notice Hebrews 11:24-28.
- X. MOSES WAS USED OF GOD TO DELIVER HIS PEOPLE AND TO TAKE THEM TO THE VERY DOOR OF THE PROMISED LAND. Included in this delivery was:
 1. The Passover. This was the coming of the death angel and the death of the firstborn in every home that didn't have the blood applied!
 2. The closing of the Red Sea and the drowning of Pharaoh's armies. What retribution! Our story starts off with Pharaoh trying to drown Moses and ends with Moses drowning Pharaoh. The only difference was that Pharaoh had no godly mother and no ark of safety.
 3. Manna. God fed Moses and his people with manna sent from Heaven daily, except on the Sabbath. On the day before the Sabbath, God would allow a two-day supply. If a two-day supply was taken on any other day, it would spoil in a day.

4. Other provisions. They had water from the rock, quail falling from Heaven, shoes lasting for forty years, a daily cloud for cooling, a nightly fire for warmth, etc.
5. On the journey, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments and the instructions for the Tabernacle. Moses was allowed to lead the Israelites until he sinned and forfeited the right to enter the Promised Land. God took him on a high mountain and allowed him to look into the Promised Land; then Moses died.

CONCLUSION: Moses was the meekest man in the world, and in many respects, he was the greatest man in the Old Testament.