

THE MOTHER OF MOSES

The Parents of Moses are not mentioned by name until Levite genealogy in Ex.6:16-27. "Amram married his father's sister **Jochebed** (Lord is her glory), and she bore him Aaron and Moses, and the length of Amram's life was 137 years." (Ex.6:20; Num.26:59)

We do not have her age but it is possible that they both were part of the Exodus generation. Moses was 80 at time of exodus (Ex.7:6-7).

Aaron was 3 years old when Moses was born (Ex.7:7). Israelites had been in bondage to slavery of Egypt for 360 years at the time of the birth of Moses. "But God spoke to this effect, that his descendants would be aliens in a foreign land, and that they would be enslaved and mistreated for four hundred years." (Acts 7:6, 23)

This lesson will study the emotional roller-coaster of a mother's heart; and how important faith in God and His word is to stabilizing it during difficult times.

The heart of Moses mother, Jochebed (The Lord is her glory): decree, decision, destiny, and deliver.

- 1. As the time approach to give birth to Moses, a decree went out from Pharaoh to the midwives – "If it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." (Ex.1:15-16).**

This must have been the worst of thing to hear at the time of giving birth to a boy. She might have battled a fearful mother's heart unless she understood there is no bad news to spiritually mature believer's only good news (Rom.8:28).

(Rom.5:1-5)The **Lord is my glory** in troubling times as well as joyful times. "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and **we exult in hope of the glory of God**. And not only this, **but we also exult in our tribulations**, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, **because the love of God** has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

(Ex.1:16) "But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live."

(Ex.1:20) "So God was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied, and became very mighty."

Pharaoh sent out a **second decree** – "Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive." (Ex.1:22).

- 2. After Jochebed gave birth to Moses, she hid him three months and then made a decision to build a water-proof basket and hide him among the reed by the bank of the Nile and get his older daughter, Miriam, to keep an eye on him (Ex.2:2-4; Heb.11:23).**

Now we see a faithful mother's heart at work in making good decisions (Rom.12:2; Eph.6:6). During bathing, Pharaoh's daughter found Moses and immediately had compassion on baby Moses, "This is one of the Hebrews children." (Ex.2:5-6)

(John 16:33) “These things I have spoken to you, so that **in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but **take courage; I have overcome the world.**”**

(Ex.1:7) “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?’”

(Ex.1:9-10) “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. The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. And she named him Moses, and said, ‘Because I drew him out of the water.’”

3. This godly mother knew in her heart that Moses was son of destiny.

In one verse, the toddler has become a grown man who discovered his Jewish heritage and the plight of his people.

A mother’s heart could be troubled to hear that her son is wanted for killing an Egyptian and fled a fugitive. His absence must have been a challenging time over the next 40 years in this mother’s life (1 Thess.5:15; 1 Cor.10:13).

(Phil.4:6-7) “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

(Ps.46:1-2) “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the sea.”

How could she have known that she was 40 years away from freedom of slavery at the birth of her son?
(Gen.15:13) Abrahamic Covenant

4. After 40 years of exile, Moses returned to deliver his people from Egyptian bondage.

If you can imagine a thankful mother’s heart, then you can imagine how she will feel to hear her son’s song sung in heaven (Rev.15; Ex.15)?

You can see a godly mother’s influence upon her children and especially her daughter. Miriam put music and performance to the song of Moses (**Ex.15:1-21**).

(Ex.15:21) “Miriam answered them, ‘Sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted; the horse and his rider He has hurled into the sea.’”

(Ex.15:11) “Who is like You among the gods, O Lord? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?”