

Lesson 2: The Call of Moses

Central Point: Moses was preparation time was not wasted time

According to Stephen's speech recorded in the Acts chapter 7, the life of Moses was divided into three periods of 40 years each: (1) 40 years in Egypt as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, Exodus 2: 1-15; Acts 7: 23; (2) 40 years in Midian, Exodus 2: 15-4: 19; Acts 7: 30; and (3) 40 years from Egypt to the crossing of the Jordan, Exodus 4: 20-Deuteronomy 34; Acts 7: 36.

- Moses was the son of Amram and Jochebed, both of the tribe of Levi
 - o He two older siblings were Aaron and Miriam
- Moses was born around 1525 B.C.; during Pharaoh edict to destroy Hebrew male babies
- **Please Read: Exodus 2:1-10**
- The irony, God placed Moses (who led Israel's exodus) right under Pharaoh's nose
- **Question:** "Why do you think Pharaoh was motivated to murder Israel's baby boys?"
- In **Matthew 2:16-18**, Satan through Herod tried to nullify the promise of a Savior- Jesus
- Remember the promise made to Abraham, Satan was watching the prophetic clock

Genesis 15:13-14, "Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions."

Acts 7:22 states, "*Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.*" He also grew in the spiritual knowledge of Jehovah under the apt tutelage of his own mother. When Moses "was grown," he began to realize the gulf between court life in Egypt and the slavery of his Hebrew kinsmen.

- **Please Read: Hebrews 11:24-27**
- He saw his destiny to lead his people out of bondage and from servitude
- One day Moses killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew
- **Please Read: Exodus 2:11-25**
- **Question:** "Why is God's preparation time so important for us?"

Moses was well intentioned but premature on the timing and method of deliverance. He fled to the Midianite country, located in the vicinity of rugged Sinai, where Moses was to spend 40 years in exile. As a shepherd, he could roam the valleys and wilderness, seeking water, food and shelter for his herds.

Moses had been in Midian 40 years, was 80 years old when the Lord appeared to him at Horeb

- **Please Read: Exodus 3:1-10**
- God renewed the covenant He had made with Abraham; commissioned Moses
- **Question:** “What the difference with Moses temperament when he was 40 vs 80?”
- When Moses was 40 he killed the Egyptian and presented himself as their deliverer
- After 40 years in exile Moses no longer had visions of grandeur
 - o **Numbers 12:3** stated that Moses was the most humble man on earth at the time
- Consider Jesus, He prepared for 30 years for 3½ years of ministry

Acts 7:22, “Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.”

Exodus 4:10, “Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

Moses asked God what His name was in Ex 3:14, and His response was “God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.’”

- I love what Jesus said in reference to the burning bush encounter Moses had with God
- Jesus is Jehovah God, the Great I Am who had appeared to Moses to call him

John 8:58-59

“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “Before Abraham was born, I am!” At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

- **Please Read: Exodus 3:11-22**

God predicts that Pharaoh will harden his heart against God and will not let the Hebrew people go. Looks like a show down between God Almighty and the gods of Egypt; supernatural workings will allow all kinds of plagues to descend upon the Egyptians. Yet God’s people were not going to leave Egypt empty handed- let’s say over 400 years of back wages, payback time.

Romans 11:29 AMP, “For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]”

- Moses was not a perfect vessel, and neither are we- God has a calling for each of us
- You are never a failure until you give up, don’t quit and go the distance - keep getting up
- **2 Tim 2:13**, “*if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.*”