



# Calvary of Albuquerque

## Exodus 2 - Exodus 2

From the Series, Exodus

By Pastor Skip Heitzig

### MESSAGE SUMMARY

What legacy will you leave when you pass into eternity? How will your faith influence those who come after you? As we consider the life of Moses from his birth to his banishment, we witness the providential hand of God and the impact of his parents' wholehearted faith.

### OUTLINE

Moses' mother's faith: vv. 1-10

Moses murders an Egyptian: vv. 11-14

Moses departs to Midian: vv. 15-24

### DETAILED NOTES

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Israelites: slavery

1. Once prosperous
2. Suddenly enslaved and oppressed
3. Policy to kill the Hebrew male babies
4. Obelisks reveal slave drivers crying out, "Work without fainting!"
5. God predicted the prosperity, slavery, and exodus of the Israelites (Genesis 15:13-14)

##### B. Exodus 2 covers eighty years

1. Moses birth to his banishment
2. Inception, to rejection to isolation
3. Steven's three sections of 40 years (Acts 7)
  - a. Pampering
  - b. Preparing
  - c. Pastoring
  - d. "Moses spent forty years in the king's palace thinking that he was somebody; then he lived forty years in the wilderness finding out that without God he was a nobody; finally he spent forty more years discovering how a nobody with God can be a somebody."—D.L. Moody
  - e. In terms of serving the Lord, life for Moses began at 80

#### II. Genealogy - of the house of Levi (v. 1)

- A. Third son of Jacob: Levi (priestly tribe)
- B. Levi's sons: Gershon, Kohoth, Merari
- C. Kohoth's sons: Amram, Ishar, Hebron, Uzziel
- D. Amram married Jochebed-these are Moses parents (Exodus 6:20)
- E. Amram's children: Miriam, Aaron, Moses

#### III. Moses as a baby

##### A. A beautiful child (v. 2)

1. tov - good, favorable, special, beautiful
2. Good looking kid
  - a. Every parent thinks their child is a beautiful child
  - b. Apocryphal source (non-biblical): Moses so good looking, people would stop and stare
3. His parents may have seen he had a special destiny
4. One of the most remarkable men in history
5. *Jewish 100*, by Michael Shapiro (most influential Jews in history)
  - a. #1 Moses
  - b. #2 Jesus
  - c. #3 Albert Einstein
  - d. #6 Apostle Paul
  - e. #7 Karl Marx
  - f. #98 Sandy Koufax

##### B. "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command." (Hebrews 11:23)

1. His parents feared God in heaven more than a king on earth
2. Not easy to hide a child
3. His mother could no longer hide him (v. 3)
4. Cries reveal a great set of lungs Contrast with future excuse -"O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." (Exodus 4:10)



5. His parents exhibit faith
    - a. By hiding Moses for three months
    - b. By releasing Moses (Put him in a boat to sail him down the river)
      - i. How many were saved by an ark? Nine - Eight in Noah's ark and Moses
      - ii. tevah - box (wicker basket)
        1. Reeds of papyrus
        2. Covered with pitch, waterproof
        3. Could Jochebed have aimed it at the princess?
  - C. Miriam stands watch (v. 4)
  - D. The princess, bathing at the river, retrieves the art (vv. 5-6)
    1. Bathing in the Nile common
      - a. Sacred to Egyptians
      - b. Overseen by their God Osiris
      - c. Ritual baths
    2. Polytheistic culture (i.e., Ra, Heket, Osiris)
      - a. Ra - sun god
      - b. Hekeh - frog
      - c. Osiris - Nile
      - d. 10 plagues on Egypt pours out judgment on the false idols
    3. The baby wept
      - a. Moses cried at just the right time
    4. "God brought together a little baby's cry and a woman's heart down by the River Nile when Pharaoh's daughter went to bathe."—J. Vernon
    5. Perhaps Pharaoh's daughter saw the baby as a gift from Osiris—Researchers uncovered ancient Egyptian ritual: "I have afflicted not man. I have not made any man weep. I have not withheld milk from the mouth of sucklings."
  - E. Moses' sister Miriam offers a suggestion
    1. According to Josephus, the baby was passed down to the princess' handmaiden before Miriam stepped forward
    2. Miriam gets Jochebed to nurse Moses
      - a. Jochebed's faith paid off
      - b. Royal protection
      - c. Paid to be a mother
      - d. Like Paul, who wanted to go to Rome (falsely charged, imprisoned, appeals to Caesar, heads to Rome paid by government)
    3. Providence: God taking natural events and weaving them together for a supernatural purpose
      - a. A Jewish child given the best Egypt had to offer
      - b. Not to be a blessing to Moses, but to be used to bless others
  - F. Jochebed's faith
    1. Hid Moses for three months
    2. Placing him in the box in the river
    3. Allowing him to become the son of an idolatrous, foreign, woman
  - G. Moshah - Moses mashah- drawn out
    1. He was drawn out of the water
    2. He will draw the people out of bondage
- IV. Prince of Egypt
- A. His upbringing was in Egypt
  - B. Ancient Egypt was very progressive
    1. Theory of round earth
    2. Distance to the sun
    3. Advanced in Chemistry-embalming
  - C. Temple of the Sun (university)
  - D. Moses would have been the next pharaoh (Thutmose I had only daughters)
  - E. "By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin," (Hebrews 11:24-25)
- V. Moses Murders an Egyptian
- A. Checks on his people, and sees the oppression
  - B. He looked "this way and that way" horizontally to see who was watching (v. 12)
  - C. He did not look up; vertically, God was watching "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Proverbs 15:3)
  - D. Hid the body in the sand
    1. Wasn't walking in the Spirit
    2. Had to cover it up
    3. "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)
  - E. Compassionate and Impetuous; he acted the wrong way, but he acted.
    1. Like Peter when he sought to protect the Lord at the arrest in the Garden. (See John 18:10)
    2. Matter of the flesh, not the spirit
  - F. Moses found out
    1. "Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" (v. 14)
    2. Pharaoh heard of the matter (v. 15)
    3. He acted in the flesh
- VI. All the worldly training Moses received in Egypt was not enough for the spiritual task of shepherding God's people

- A. Tried to deliver them in the way he thought he could
- B. Not God's timing
- C. Not God's way
- D. "'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,' says the Lord. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.'" (Isaiah 55:8-9)
- E. Forty more years before he will be the deliverer

VII. Moses in Midian

- A. Moses is a Fugitive
- B. Midian
  - 1. East of the Eastern branch of the Nile and Sinai Peninsula
  - 2. Midian was the fourth son of Abraham, by his second wife Keturah
  - 3. Related to the Hebrews, Semetic
  - 4. Desert; nothing grows there
- C. Reuel (Jethro) and his daughters
  - 1. Moses defends the girls and waters the flock
  - 2. Reuel says to bring Moses back
  - 3. Moses was content to live with them
  - 4. Moses married Zipporah (arranged marriage)
- D. Moses a type of Christ
  - 1. Chosen deliverer from bondage
  - 2. Rejected by Israel at his first coming
  - 3. Turns to the Gentiles
  - 4. Takes a Gentile bride
  - 5. Later appears to deliver them at his second coming
  - 6. Stephen makes a parallel between Moses and Jesus in Acts 7
  - 7. The book of Romans sees Jesus as the last Adam
  - 8. The book of Hebrews sees Jesus as the last Moses
- E. Gershom is born
  - 1. Gershom- foreigner there, banishment
  - 2. May represents how Moses is viewing his life
  - 3. Eliezer will be born later

VIII. God's children cry out

- A. The weren't strong
- B. They are helpless and cry out to God
- C. God remembers his covenant; He never forgets
- D. The time has come to deliver His people
  - 1. The 80-year old failure is just right for the job
  - 2. He will be trained by God - back side of the desert
    - a. Like Paul the apostle
    - b. Like David
- E. Psalm 90 (written by Moses) "Teach us to number our days that we might gain a heart of wisdom" (v. 12)
  - 1. Time flies, make good choices
  - 2. Make time count
  - 3. Jesus' parable of the fool (See Luke 12:20)
  - 4. One day your obituary will be written; what will it say?
  - 5. Is your name in the Lamb's Book of Life (Revelation 21:27)?

Hebrew terms: tov - good, favorable, special, beautiful; tevah - box; Mosheh Moses mashah- drawn out; Gershom- foreigner there, banishment

Figures Referenced: Alfred Nobel, D.L. Moody, J. Vernon McGee,

Publications Referenced: *The Jewish 100*, by Michael Shapiro

Cross References: Genesis 15:13-14; Exodus 4:10; Exodus 6:20; Psalm 90:12; Proverbs 15:3; Isaiah 55:8-9; Luke 12:20; John 18:10; Acts 7; Hebrews 11:23; Hebrews 11:24-25; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 21:27