

The Life of Moses - Learning to Follow God His Birth - overcoming the impossible

Exodus 1:1 - 2:15

Moses - Man of extreme contrasts

Where we will not go - Did he exist? When?

There is no evidence that he did not exist, there is plenty of evidence that the story is real. The Bible is trustworthy and Christ spoke of him.

Recorder of the Law and builder of the Tabernacle

Through Moses God: 1. *liberated His people from bondage*
2. *Inaugurated His kingdom through a covenant with them*
3. *Established His presence among them in the Tabernacle*

All this would be ultimately fulfilled through Christ.

From the life of Moses we can discern principles for following after God.

His life is like a great story or film -

I. The Dilemma

Exodus 1:1-22

The children of Israel established in Egypt

Joseph second in command saved the family from starvation

The family moved 70 people to Egypt

The promised multiplication fulfilled

Promised to Adam and Noah

To Abraham several times **Genesis 12, 17, 22**

To Isaac **Genesis 26**, And Jacob/Israel **Genesis 28, 35, 48**

Time passed

Sons of Israel died -200+ years passed and a new Pharaoh

Fear caused him to attempt to stop the multiplication

First through forced slavery and hard work

Second through the midwives

Third through a law to kill all the new born boys

II. The Deliverance

Exodus 2:1-10

Accomplished mainly through women

The Israelite women, the midwives, His and sister

Pharaoh's daughter took pity

Accomplished through a plan

He was seen to be beautiful (to God)

His parents hid him for 3 months

A plan was devised - Why the Nile? Not safe

Pharaoh's daughter - known patterns

III. The Direction

Acts 7:20-22

Given his name - Moses

Means "is born" and is part of the names of several Pharaohs

Sounds like Mosheh, Hebrew for "drawn out"

Given the best education

By his mother to know who he was and who God was

By the best teachers of Egypt to be **Acts 7:22**

IV. The Demise

Exodus 2:11-15, Also Acts 7:23-29, Hebrews 11:24-26

Attempted to free his people in his own strength

Not hidden - became known

Not understood - **Acts 7:25**

Alienated Pharaoh and had to run for his life

Mocked as prince and judge (deliverer) over Israel

Pharaoh attempted to kill him but he fled

What can we conclude from the birth of Moses?

1. There is indeed evil in the world

Also today children and babies -even unborn are murdered

2. God can and does protect His plan

The nation of Israel chosen to bring Jesus into the world

They were separated and preserved through Joseph

Moses was to deliver them from extinction

3. God works through people - who are willing or not willing

He gave **courage** to the midwives

He gave **wisdom** to Moses' parents

He gave **compassion** to Pharaoh's daughter

4. God's power can change everything

Impossible is possible with God

Condemnation to death changed into life

5. In God's plan a peasant can become a prince

Adopted not earned

We too become the children of God through adoption

What to do in the face of the impossible

Hold on to your commitment to God

Plan in the wisdom of God

Prepare to overcome

Pray to the Almighty God and watch.

Like Miriam we are to watch and be ready to speak up! | Peter 3:15