

Study 15: Moses, Part 2 Exodus 2-4

- Ex 2 And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. 2 So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. 3 But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. 4 And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.
- 5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh (possibly Hatshepsut, daughter of Thutmose I) came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. 6 And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."
- 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?"
- 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. 9 Then 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. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses [*drawn out* also *son*, e.g. Thutmose (also Thutmosis) = *son of Thoth* (ibis- or baboon-headed god)], saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."
- 11 Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?"
- 14 Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?"
- So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!" 15 When Pharaoh (Thutmose III – 1506-1452 BC) heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.
- 16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 Then the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.
- 18 When they came to Reuel their father, he said, "How is it that you have come so soon today?"
- 19 And they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock."
- 20 So he said to his daughters, "And where is he? Why is it that you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread."
- 21 Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. 22 And she bore him a son. He called his name Gershom [*stranger there*], for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land."
- 23 Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. 24 So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.
- Ex 3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."
- 4 So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!"
- And he said, "Here I am."

5 Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” 6 Moreover He said, “I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the Lord said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh (Thutmose III or co-Pharaoh, Amenhotep II?) that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” [Exodus c. 1446 BC during the 18th Dynasty]

11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

12 So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

13 Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”

14 And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” 15 Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’ 16 Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, ‘The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, “I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt; 17 and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.”’ 18 Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, ‘The Lord God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.’ 19 But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand. 20 So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go. 21 And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. 22 But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”

Ex 4 Then Moses answered and said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The Lord has not appeared to you.’”

2 So the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?”

He said, “A rod.”

3 And He said, “Cast it on the ground.” So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail” (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), 5 “that they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

6 Furthermore the Lord said to him, “Now put your hand in your bosom.” And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, like snow. 7 And He said, “Put your hand in your bosom again.” So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his other flesh. 8 “Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. 9 And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river [i.e., the Nile] and pour it on the dry land. The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry land.”

10 Then Moses said to the Lord, “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.”

11 So the Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? 12 Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”

13 But he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send.”

14 So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and He said: “Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. 15 Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. 16 So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. 17 And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs.”

18 So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, “Please let me go and return to my brethren who are in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive.”

And Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.”

19 Now the Lord said to Moses in Midian, “Go, return to Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead.” 20 Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

21 And the Lord said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. 22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Israel is My son, My firstborn. 23 So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.”’”

24 And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him. 25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at [his] feet [Moses or the Lord?], and said, “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!” 26 So He let him go. Then she said, “You are a bridegroom of blood!”—because of the circumcision. (See: Gen 17:14: “And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.” Cp. Col 2:11-13 - In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by [or in the circumcision of] Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you [or *us*] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins...).

Name of Pharaoh	Reign begins	Reign ends	Years of Reign	Consort	Children	Father	Mother	Predecessor	Successor	Comments
Thutmose I	1529	1516	13	Queen Ahmose	Thutmose II	Unknown (believed to be Amenhotep I)	Senseneb	Amenhotep I	Thutmose II	Manetho records that Thutmose I's reign lasted 12 Years and 9 Months. Other scholars date his reign: 1506 - 1493 BC
				Mutnofret	Hatshepsut					
					Amenmose					
					Wadjmose					
				Nefrubity						
Thutmose II	1516	1506	10	Hatshepsut	Thutmose III	Thutmose I	Mutnofret	Thutmose I	Hatshepsut	Disputed: 1513–1499 BC, 1514-1504 BC.
				Iset	Neferure					
Hatshepsut	1504	1484	20	Thutmose II	Neferure	Thutmose I	Ahmose or Ahmes	Thutmose II	Thutmose III	Possible adoptive mother of Moses (born c.1526 BC)
Thutmose III	1506	1452	54	Satiah	Amenemhat	Thutmose II	Iset	Hatshepsut	Amenhotep II	
				Hatshepsut-Meryetre	Amenhotep II					
				Nebtu	Beketamun					
				Menwi	Iset					
				Merti	Menkheperre					
				Menhet	Meryetamun					
				Nebsemi	Meryetamun					
					Nebetiuwet					
Nefertiry										
				Siamun						
Amenhotep II	1455	1418	37	Tiaa	Thutmose?	Thutmose III	Merytre-Hatshepsut	Thutmose III	Thutmose IV	Thutmose would have been the eldest son, who died in the Passover death of the firstborn. His image was found on the wall of Tomb 64 in Thebes, portrayed sitting on the lap of the royal tutor, Hekreshu. No other evidence of his existence has been discovered.
					Thutmose IV					
					Webensenu					
					Amenemopet					
					Nedjem					
					Khaemwaset?					
					Aaheperkare?					
					Aakheperure?					
					Iaret					
					Ahmose?					
Thutmose IV	1418	1408	10	Nefertari	Amenhotep III	Amenhotep II	Tiaa	Amenhotep II	Amenhotep III	The Dream Stele (located between the paws of the Great Sphinx) reveals that he was not the original heir to the throne. Inscriptional and papyritious evidence also confirm that Thutmose IV was not the eldest son of Amenhotep II.
				Iaret	Siatum?					
				Mutemwiya	Amenemhat					
					Tiaa					
					Amenemopet					
					Petepihu					
				Tentamun						

