

The Birth of Moses

2:1 **N**ow a man from ^athe house of Levi went and ¹married a daughter of Levi. 2 And the woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw ¹that he was ²^abeautiful, she hid him for three months. 3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a ¹^awicker ²basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it, and set *it* among the ^breeds by the bank of the Nile. 4 And ^ahis sister stood at a distance to ¹find out what would ²happen to him. 5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down ^ato bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the ¹basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it *to* her.

6 When she opened *it*, she ¹saw the child, and behold, *the* ²boy was crying. And she had pity 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 ¹a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?” 8 And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go *ahead*.” So the girl 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 shall 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 ^ahe became her son. And she named him ¹Moses, and said, “Because I ²drew him out of the water.”

11 Now it came about in those days, ^awhen Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their ¹^bhard labors; and ^che saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 So he ¹looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one *around*, he ^astruck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 And he went out ^athe next day, and behold, two Hebrews were ¹fighting with each other; and he said to the ²offender, “Why are you striking your companion?” 14 But he said, “^aWho made you a ¹prince or a judge over us? Are you ²intending to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid, and said, “Surely the matter has become known.”

Moses Escapes to Midian

15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But ^aMoses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and ¹settled in the land of Midian; and he sat down ^bby a well.

16 Now ^athe priest of Midian had seven daughters; and ^bthey came to draw water, and filled the troughs to water their father’s flock. 17 Then the shepherds came and drove them away, but ^aMoses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. 18 When they came to ^aReuel their father, he said, “Why have you come *back* so soon today?” 19 So they said, “An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds; and what is more, he even drew the water for us and watered the flock.” 20 And he said to his daughters, “Where is he then? Why is it that you have left the man behind? Invite him ¹to have something to eat.” 21 ^aAnd Moses was willing to dwell with the man, and he gave his daughter ^bZipporah to Moses. 22 Then she gave birth to ^aa son, and he named him ¹Gershom, for he said, “I have been ^b^a ²sojourner in a foreign land.”

23 Now it came about in *the course of* those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel ^asighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and ^btheir cry for help because of *their* bondage rose up to God. 24 So ^aGod heard their groaning; and God remembered ^bHis covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 25 And ^aGod saw the sons of Israel, and God ¹took notice *of* them.

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- ^a Ex. 6:16, 18, 20
¹ Lit., *took*
¹ Lit., *him that*
² Lit., *good*
^a Acts 7:20; Heb. 11:23
¹ I.e., papyrus reeds
^a Is. 18:2
² Or, *chest*
^b Is. 19:6
^a Ex. 15:20; Num. 26:59
¹ Lit., *know*
² Lit., *be done*
^a Ex. 7:15; 8:20
¹ Or, *chest*
¹ Heb., *saw it, the child*
² Or, *lad*
¹ Lit., *a woman giving suck*
^a Acts 7:21
¹ Heb., *Mosheh*, from *mashah*
² Heb., *mashah*
^a Acts 7:23; Heb. 11:24-26
¹ Lit., *burdens*
^b Ex. 1:11; 5:4, 5; 6:6, 7
^c Acts 7:24
¹ Lit., *turned*
^a Acts 7:24, 25
^a Acts 7:26-28
¹ Or, *quarreling*
² Or, *the guilty one*
^a Gen. 19:9; Acts 7:27, 28
¹ Lit., *man, a prince*
² Lit., *saying in your heart*
^a Acts 7:29; Heb. 11:27
¹ Lit., *dwelt*
^b Gen. 24:11; 29:2
^a Ex. 3:1; 18:12
^b Gen. 24:11, 13, 19; 29:9, 10; 1 Sam. 9:11
^a Gen. 29:3, 10
^a Ex. 3:1; Num. 10:29
¹ Lit., *that he may eat bread*
^a Acts 7:29
^b Ex. 4:25; 18:2
^a Ex. 4:20; 18:3, 4
¹ Heb., *ger sham*, *a stranger there*

^b Gen. 23:4; Lev. 25:23; Acts 7:29; Heb. 11:13, 14

² Heb., *ger*

^a Ex. 6:5, 9

^b Ex. 3:7, 9; Deut. 26:7; James 5:4

^a Ex. 6:5; Acts 7:34

^b Gen. 15:13f.; 22:16-18; 26:2-5; 28:13-15; Ps. 105:8, 42

^a Ex. 3:7; 4:31; Acts 7:34

¹ Lit., *knew* them

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.