

# **How God Prepared Moses**

## **Exodus 2**

# Introduction

- Exodus chapter 1 tells us of the miraculous multiplication of Jacob's twelve sons, plus their enslavement and oppression by the Egyptians.
- Exodus chapter 2 tells of God's preparation of Moses.

# The Birth of Moses (2:1–4)

**Exodus 2:1** Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. <sup>4</sup> And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him.

- Moses' parents are from the tribe of Levi: **Amram** (Father) and **Jochebed** (Mother).
- **Numbers 26:59** The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt. And she bore to Amram Aaron and Moses and Miriam their sister.
- Birth order: Miriam – the oldest child, then Aaron, and last Moses.
- We know Aaron was 3 yrs. older than Moses (Exo. 7:7).
- The date of Moses birth: 1526 BC
- **Acts 7:20** tells us that Moses “was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house.”

- **Hebrews 11:23** By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.



# Pharaoh's daughter discovers and adopts Moses (2:5-10)

<sup>5</sup> Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." <sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" <sup>8</sup> And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup> And Pharaoh's daughter said to her,

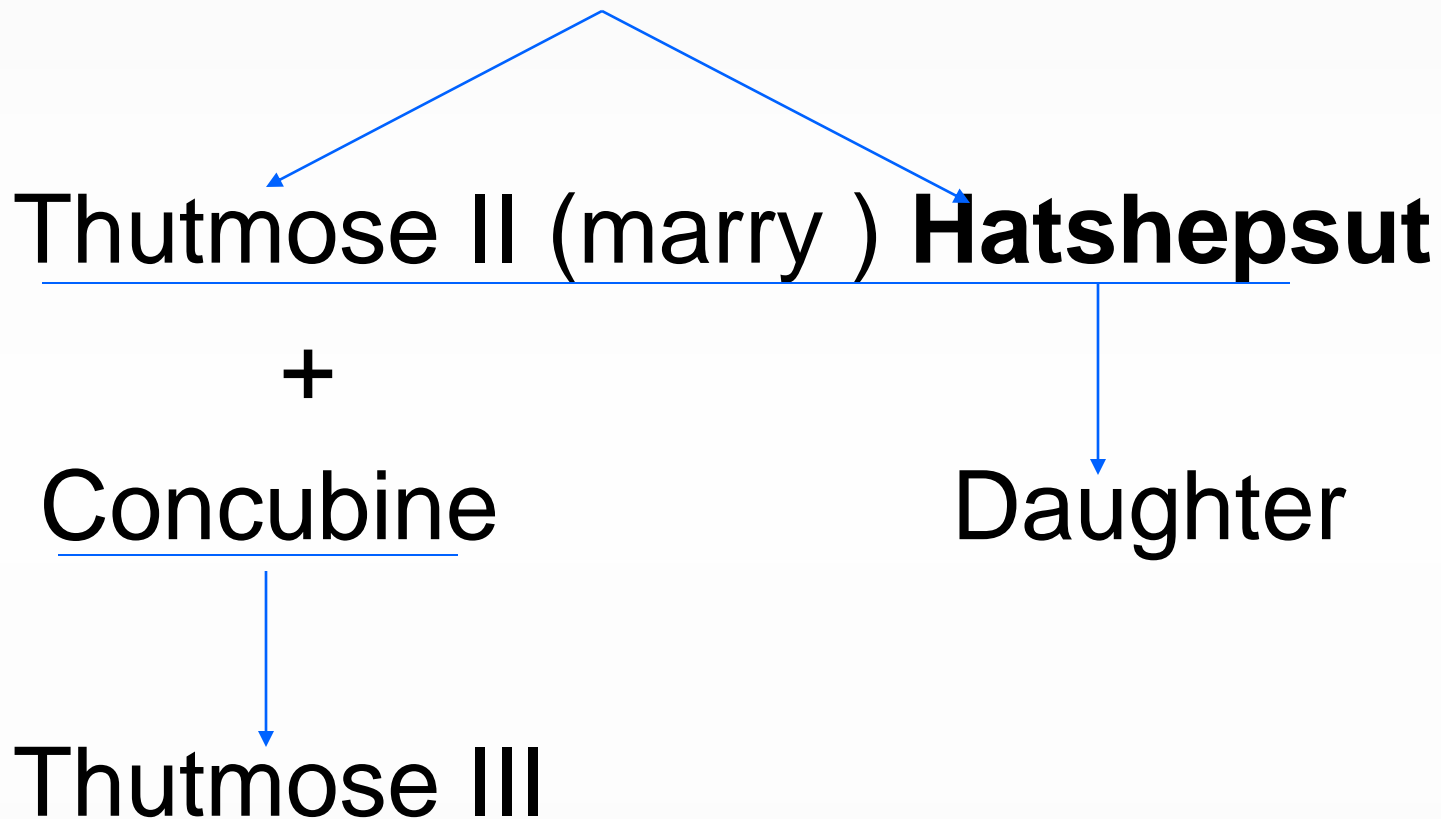
"Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."



- In the providence of God, Pharoah's daughter not only discovers baby Moses, but names him, adopts him, and educates him.
- **Acts 7:22** And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds.
- Who was this daughter of Pharoah?
- The dates we are working with involve:
  - **1526 BC** – birth of Moses
  - **1446 BC** – date of the Exodus led by Moses who was then 80 years old.

Amosis	1570-1546
Amenhotep I	1546–1526
Thutmose I	1526–1512
Thutmose II	1512–1504
Hatshepsut	1503–1483
Thutmose III	1504–1450
Amenhotep II	1450–1425

# Thutmose I



- Who was this daughter of Pharaoh?
- Thutmose II (1512-1504) marries his older half-sister Hatshepsut.
- He dies young under mysterious circumstances.
- His son, Thutmose III (1504-1450) is his son by a concubine.
- Thutmose III was too young to rule so his step-mother Hatshepsut served as regent.
- Hatshepsut suppresses Thutmose III for the next 20 years.
- Forbidden by custom to be Pharaoh, she is so gifted and influential that she got away with assuming the titles and roles of “Pharaoh.”
- Only after her death, did Thutmose III take over the throne and showed his hatred for her by destroying as many
- of Hatshepsut’s inscriptional and monumental references to her as possible.
- Most likely Hatshepsut was the daughter of Pharaoh who rescued and adopted Moses.
- This meant, that Moses would be viewed as a rival to the throne by Thutmose III.

- Hatshepsut (reigned as Pharaoh from 1503 to 1483 BC) and Moses was reared and educated in the midst of this power “take-over” by Hatshepsut.
- Moses lived in Egypt for 40 years (1526-1486 BC).



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WOMEN OF EGYPT AND THE  
ANCIENT WORLD IN GENERAL..."  
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- It is a colonnaded structure which was designed to serve for her posthumous worship and to honor the glory of Amun.
- It is built into a cliff face and is 97 feet tall.





- She reigned peaceably, building temples and monuments, resulting in the flourishing of Egypt.
- Hatshepsut was only the **third woman to become pharaoh** in 3,000 years of ancient Egyptian history, and the first to attain the full power of the position.

# Moses' first attempt at Mediation (2:11-14)

<sup>11</sup> One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. <sup>12</sup> He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup> When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, "Why do you strike your companion?" <sup>14</sup> He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and thought, "Surely the thing is known."

- The book of Hebrews give us important information as to Moses' motivation.
- **Hebrews 11:24** By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup> He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.
- Evidently Moses thought the Israelites would accept him as their leader/helper.
- Stephen, the first Christian martyr after Jesus, tells us:

- **Acts 7:23-29** "When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. <sup>24</sup> And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. <sup>25</sup> He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand. <sup>26</sup> And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?' <sup>27</sup> But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?' <sup>28</sup> Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' <sup>29</sup> At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.



# Moses flees to Midian, marries and has two sons (2:15–22)

<sup>15</sup> When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well. <sup>16</sup> Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. <sup>17</sup> The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and saved them, and watered their flock. <sup>18</sup> When they came home to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come home so soon today?" <sup>19</sup> They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds and even drew water for us and watered the flock." <sup>20</sup> He said to his daughters, "Then where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread." <sup>21</sup> And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. <sup>22</sup> She gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershom, for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land."



- Moses's self-imposed exile took place in 1486, when he was forty years old (Acts 7:23).
- Moses stayed in Midian for the next 40 years until he was 80.
- **Acts 7:30** "Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.

# Moses Moves to Midian



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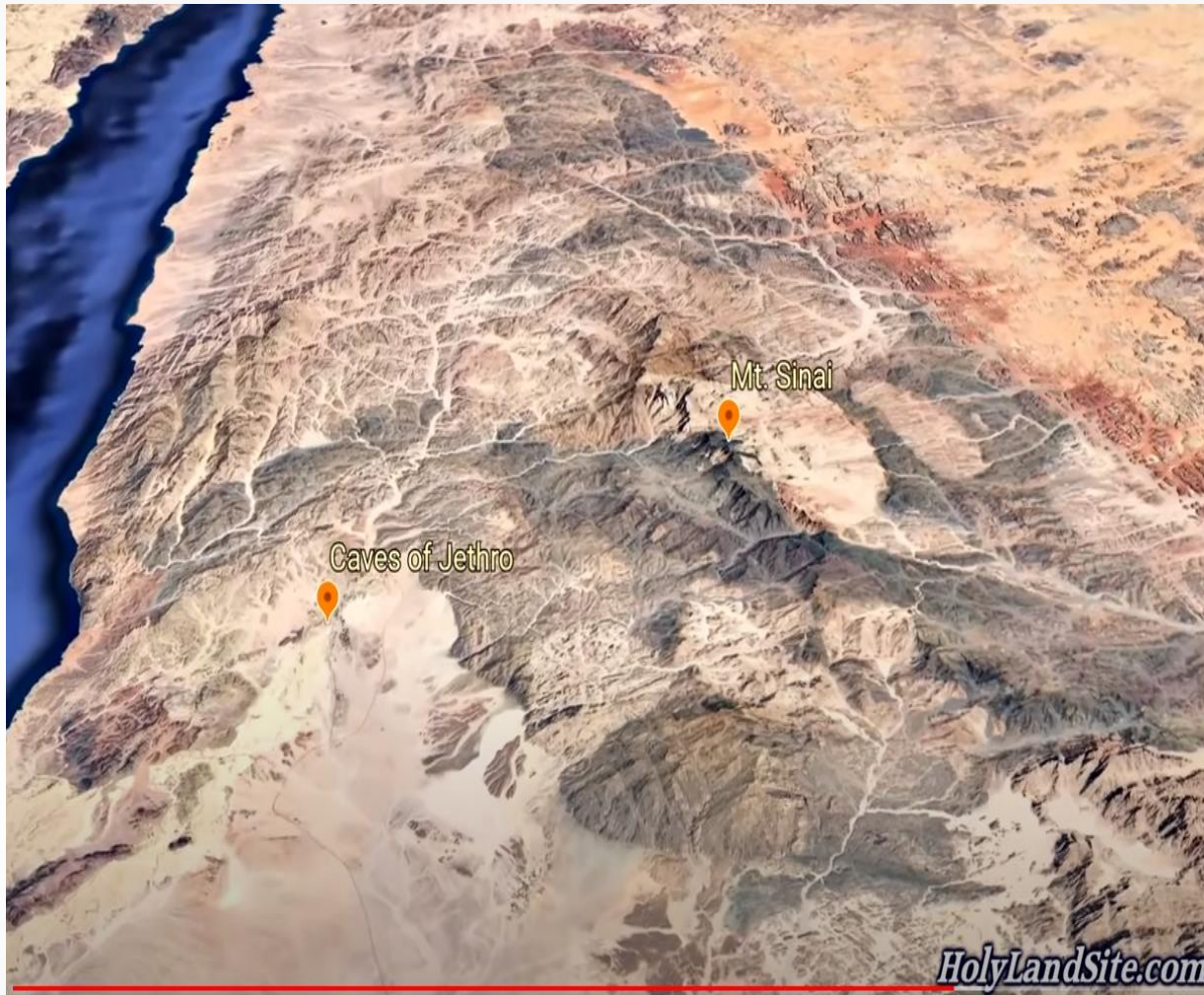




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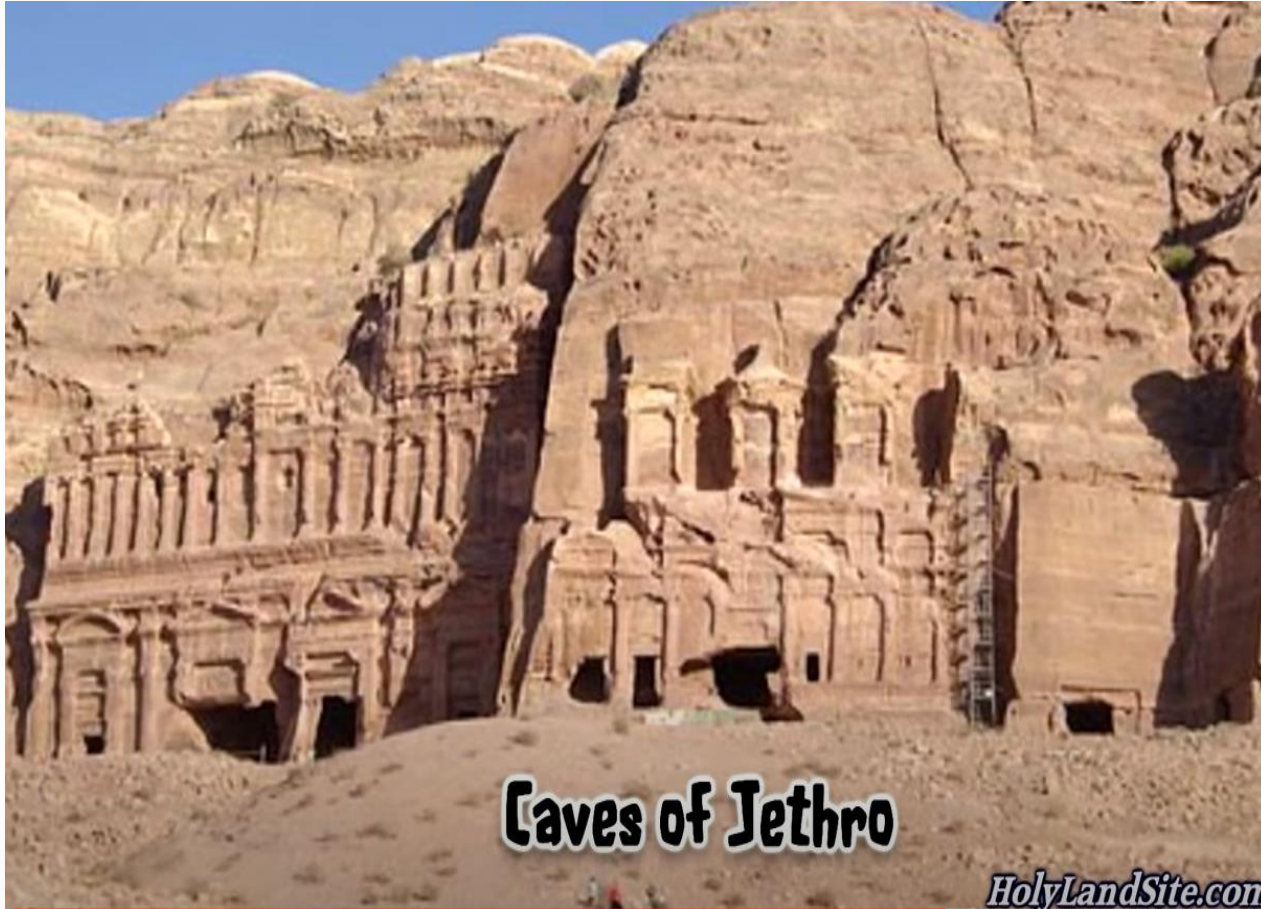
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# The God Who Hears and Remembers (2:23–25)

<sup>23</sup> During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. <sup>24</sup> And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> God saw the people of Israel-- and God knew.

- “**God knew**” – He was monitoring and controlling all the factors and was ready to act. The proper time had arrived!
- The Pharaoh who sought Moses’ life had died. This would make it possible for Moses to return no longer as a criminal fugitive.
- The people of Israel began to pray and cry out to God for help.
- God “remembered his covenant” – God always keeps His promises.



- God's delays aren't evidence of unconcern, for He hears our groans, sees our plight, feels our sorrows, and remembers His covenant. What He has promised, He will perform, for He never breaks His covenant with His people.
- When the **right time** comes, God immediately goes to work.

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