

## Jochebed, Miriam, & Pharaoh's Daughter – 3 Women in Moses' Life

### Background:

- Joseph is sold into slavery.
- Through providence, he becomes 2<sup>nd</sup> in command over Egypt.
- He secures a way for his father and brothers to live in Goshen.
- Joseph died.
- New Pharaoh that does not know Joseph or God.

### 1. Jochebed – Mother of Moses

#### a. Biblical Background

##### i. Ex. 6:20

1. Marries Amram
2. Amram is her nephew
3. Not unlawful until the 10 Commandments are given (Ex. 20)
4. Aunt & wife = same thing
5. Common event in the East.
6. Amram lives to be 137.
7. No age known for Jochebed

##### ii. Daughter of Levi

1. *What are the Levis known for?*
2. *Significance?*

##### iii. Bears 3 children

1. Numbers 26:59
2. Miriam (approx. 10-12)
3. Aaron (approx. 3)
4. Moses

#### b. Pharaoh

##### i. Ex. 1:15-22

1. Afraid of overpopulation of the Hebrews
2. Overpopulation could lead to overthrowing off the throne
3. Knew not God
4. *Why is it important to know God?*

##### ii. Ordered all the young boys killed

1. Roughly two and older, similar to Jesus and Herod.
2. If all the boys are gone, cannot reproduce for a period of time.
3. It would be hard to train a new army.

#### c. Moses

##### i. Ex. 2:1-10

1. One of the greatest leaders of all time. Period.
2. Still today he is recognized.

##### ii. Hiding the baby

1. Forced to do such because of Pharaoh

2. Name – Ex. 2:10

**d. Lesson: Be a great and responsible parent.**

2. Miriam

- a. Sister to Moses and Aaron
  - i. Instructed to watch over Moses while he was hiding
  - ii. Quick on her feet when she went to get her mother.
  - iii. Be familiar with your surroundings – easy to talk about something you are familiar with.
- b. Not star struck
  - i. V. 7-8 she was there with royalty yet did not get star struck!
  - ii. Treat all people as equals. *Why?* All have souls.
  - iii. People like to be treated like normal people.
  - iv. God is no respecter of persons, Acts 10:34
  - v. Radio Host – all equal
  - vi. Dr. Pat Spangler & Jimmy story
- c. Obeyed her parents
  - i. She did – see results
  - ii. We must as well – Eph. 6:1-2, Eccl. 12:13-14

**d. Lesson: Be obedient and a good brother/sister.**

3. Pharaoh's Daughter

- a. Don't know 100% who the Pharaoh was at this time.
  - i. Can speculate forever.
  - ii. No Biblical name is given.
  - iii. Since no name is given, we will go with that.
- b. Facts known
  - i. Heathen Woman
    - 1. Egyptian
    - 2. Known for worshipping many gods, including the sun.
  - ii. Human
    - 1. Had compassion on the baby Moses
    - 2. We need to always look for the good in people.
  - iii. Helped save a nation
    - 1. Because of what she ordered, Moses survived her father's orders
    - 2. *Imagine: what would have happened if she ignored Moses?*
- c. Power ≠ Salvation
  - i. Just because she was the daughter of Pharaoh, it does not mean that she was automatically saved or everything was good.
  - ii. It's not who your parents are, it is how much you know God's Word.
  - iii. In the end, it doesn't matter about the trivial things in life. The only thing that matters is if you obeyed God & stayed faithful until death!
  - iv. Stay focused on the end goal: Col. 3:2
- d. Lesson: Be a person full of compassion – like Jesus (Romans 5:8).**

Conclusion:

- Hebrews 11:23-26 – Mentioned in the “Hall of Faith”
- Notice that all three people disobeyed the orders of the Pharaoh.
- When looking for a spouse, pick one that loves God more than you do.
- Don’t be afraid to stand up for what is right (i.e. killing babies, etc.)
- Don’t be focused on fame – focus on God (Matthew 6:33)

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