

- Last time – Satan is using fear to lead Pharaoh. He's attacking God's people because the Seed that will Crush Satan's head will come from Israel.
- Plan A was to work the Israelites so hard it would keep the population down. Did that work? NO "Swing and a Miss" They grew in number.
- Plan B – Have the Hebrew Midwives kill all the male babies at birth. Wipe out the boys and the girls born will integrate into Egypt. No more Israel. Did that work? NO. "Swing and a Miss"
- Today we see Plan C – If the midwives won't do it, then he'll make a national executive order and here it is.
- ²² *Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."*
- This is the world that Moses is born into. Some Millennials don't have kids because they don't think it's fair to bring kids up in a world like ours. I'd be more concerned bringing a child into the world when Moses was born.
- If you were planning on having kids, this would make you think twice knowing you only had a 50% chance of having a baby that would survive.
- ¹ *Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman,* Exodus 6:20 tells us his parents names are Amram and Jochebed.
- Had at least two siblings. Older brother "Aaron" Older sister "Miriam"
- ² *and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.* Not necessarily that he was really cute or she knew he had a special calling. He was a baby. Precious. Valuable.
- ³ *But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch.* (That word for papyrus basket is only used in one other place in the Old Testament and it's for Noah's Ark.) *Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.* ⁴ *His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.*
- What was the command from Pharaoh regarding the boy children? Throw them into the Nile. What did she do? Put him in the Nile.
- How many of you know this story? What exactly did Moses' mom, Jochebed do that was an act of faith?
- When pictures are painted of this passage, the emphasis is on placing the child in the water. We think she must have had great faith to put the child in the river and let him go.
- Letting go of a child does require faith. Letting kids go to school, to camp, trusting God with your kid requires faith.
- Some New Testament Passages shed some light on this.

Hebrews 11:23 ²³ *By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.*

- What is listed here as the act of faith? Hiding him for three months.
- Hebrews doesn't consider the placing of Moses in the water as the act of faith.

In Acts 7:18-21 Stephen says, ¹⁸ *Then 'a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt.'* ¹⁹ *He dealt treacherously with our people and oppressed our ancestors by forcing them to throw out their newborn babies so that they would die.* ²⁰ *At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for by his family.* ²¹ *When he was placed outside* (NASB uses the word "Expose"), *Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son.*

- Notice the boys are to be "Thrown out". Moses was "Placed Outside".
- Here's what I think is happening. Moses' parents aren't willing to put their child to death. In defiant faith, they hide Moses for three months.
- After three months hiding Moses gets too hard and in lack of faith, they partially obey the order to put Moses in the Nile.
- I think they hoped for some kind of miracle, but expected Moses would die. That's why Moses' sister is told to watch from the distance. Not because they are expecting Pharaoh's daughter to find him, but to report back what happens.
- The last person they would want to happen would be an Egyptian and worst of all a family member of Pharaoh to find Moses in that water.
- ⁵ *Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it.* ⁶ *She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.*
- Let's not miss the obvious. The order to throw all the babies in the Nile was given by this woman's father. The pain and suffering associated with Pharaoh's order had little effect on Pharaoh's house until now.
- It says, *"she felt sorry for him."* She wants to save this baby. But how? Babies need to be nursed.
- Because Moses' sister is watching and sees Pharaoh's daughter trying to figure out how she can have compassion on this child she feels sorry for, the sister puts an idea in her head by asking a specific yes or no question.

⁷ *Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"* ⁸ *"Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother.* ⁹ *Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you."* *So the woman took the baby and nursed him.*

- Think about this. Moses' parents had given up. It doesn't get more desperate than putting your 3 month old son in the Nile to die. That's despair. We've pretty much given up on God's ability to fix our situation and that's why we are putting Moses in the Nile. Its gonna end in a worst case scenario.
- They had pictured in their mind a future without Moses.
- Perhaps you have a picture in your mind of your future and it looks grim and fills you with despair and you've given up.

Here's how great God is. Not only does God preserve Moses life (not expected), but God gives Moses back to his mother for about 2 years (not expected) and better yet, she gets a paycheck for nursing her own baby. And she gets to teach young Moses that he is an Israelite.

- What God can do in your hopeless and desperate situation is greater than you could possibly imagine. What's the future you can't see yet.
- Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.* Faith gives us peace when we can't imagine how things could turn out good. With God anything is possible. Remind yourself of that.
- But I'm not done. Not only does God save Moses, but He saves all the Hebrew boys. What makes you say that? Watch this.

¹⁰ *When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."*

- Think about this. Pharaoh's daughter takes a Hebrew baby out of the water directly contradicting her father's order to throw them in the water and then she takes him as her own son. Then, she actually names the child after the act of defiance against her dad. "I drew him out of the water"
- How could Pharaoh enforce genocide when his own daughter defied the order and living testimony of defiance of this edict is walking around in the Palace under Pharaoh's protection?
- Moses as a deliverer teaches us about Jesus.
 - 1.To deliver Israel, Moses was both an Israelite & Egyptian at the same time.
 - 2.To deliver mankind, Jesus was both fully human and fully God.
 - 3.Moses will choose to live as an Israelite rather than maintain his status as an Egyptian so he can save the Israelites from bondage.
 - 4.Jesus will choose to lower himself and live as a human rather than maintain his divinity in order to save mankind from the bondage of sin.

Acts 7:22 ²² *Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.* The things that happen in our lives happen for a reason. The pain the hurt. God is preparing Moses to deliver Israel.

What is God preparing you for? Something glorious.