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PREDESTINATION

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JACOB'S FINAL BLESSINGS UPON HIS SONS

When we read the blessings that Jacob pronounced over his sons, we can see what these twelve men had sown in their life and what they were to reap in the future. This would not only affect them but their descendants in the generations to come. Read this passage and think about the blessing or curse that is over your life. **Genesis 49:1-28**

FEAR IS REMOVED

Fear entered the ten brothers after they buried their father. They still did not believe Joseph had forgiven them and still loved them despite all the evil they had done to him. The love that Joseph had for his brothers was given to him by God, and it was God's divine love flowing through Joseph that made his brothers realize he really loved them. **Genesis 50:15-21**

430 YEARS IN EGYPT

There is very little information in the Bible about this period of time for the children of Israel. It was a time of breeding and the Bible doesn't tell us if God spoke to any person during these years.

In chapter six of Exodus, we are told about the heads of some of the tribes, but the most interesting information is about the parents of Moses and Aaron, Amram who married his father's sister (aunt) Jochebed. **Exodus 6:20**

The Israelites spent 430 years in Egypt, and by using the age of Moses when he was called to go back to Egypt, we can deduce that the Hyksos ruled Egypt for 350 years after Joseph until they were defeated and driven out or killed by the native Egyptians. **Acts 7:22, 30**

LOOKING AT GOD'S PLAN

A human is kept approximately nine months in his mother's womb before he is born. Conception is where the two cells develop into a small baby that is nourished and kept warm and safe in the womb. But the baby cannot grow into an adult and must be ejected and learn to live outside the womb. This event of birth is traumatic for both the mother and the child. When the time has come to leave the womb, strong contractions come which hurt the mother and eject the baby. The womb which up until now was a friendly place begins to put strong contractions on the baby and force it out. Goshen was God's womb for the children of Israel; the most fertile place in Egypt with plenty of food and water. I am sure that the children of Israel became very comfortable, and instead of living in tents and constantly moving, they built houses and barns for their cattle. After 300 years of living in relative comfort and security, the generations born in Goshen had no desire to move to Canaan and an unknown life. God knew this and changed Goshen to being a place of pain, suffering and daily hell. Using the age of Moses, the time of pain and suffering must have lasted more than 80 years since he was born during the "bad times." **Exodus 1:8-22**

CIRCUMSTANCES MEAN NOTHING TO GOD

Moses was conceived during a turbulent time. His parents were a young couple who decided to get married during a time when there was a death sentence on every baby boy born to the children of Israel. **Exodus 2:1-2**

Amram and Jochebed did not know that their boy would deliver Israel out of Egypt. There was an anointing on the baby boy, and Jochebed did not drown her son, but hid him and later set him in a basket on the Nile River. **verses 3-4**

God gave Jochebed faith in God, she had no knowledge how the boy was going to survive, but in faith she was moved by God to step out in faith without knowing the result in advance! Hebrews 11:6

In the meantime, God moved upon the daughter of the Pharaoh, a heathen and steeped in the occult and idolatry; nevertheless, she was the vessel God would use to save the baby boy. **verses 5-6**

God had compassion on Jochebed as she must have grieved and cried over having to abandon her first born son. The will of God was done again with the protection from the princess of Egypt and Jochebed had the joy of raising her son for his early years. **verses 7-9**

In time Jochebed had to give her son away again in faith when the princess came to claim him. Jochebed could have tried to escape, hide herself, but she had committed herself to God and didn't know if she ever would see him again. **verse 10**

Moses was treated as a prince of Egypt and received all the normal training of a prince: education, medical knowledge, military training and also in the religion of the Egyptians. He was being groomed to be the next pharaoh. His adoptive mother did not know that he would indeed become a mighty king but with a different title, the ruler of the nation of Israel and a man that would stand face to face with God. **Acts 7:22**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?