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PART 26: THE FOUNDER OF ISRAEL

In looking at all the leaders the people of Israel have had over the years, Moses was the most successful man that God ever raised up. He had a shaky start and a long time of preparation, but once he assumed his role as the political and theological leader of Israel, he was able to maintain a steady course. The only thing that mars his record was his anger and disobedience in striking the Rock instead of speaking to it as instructed. Let's examine his life from an emotional and a spiritual perspective.

A DRAMATIC CHILDHOOD

Moses had been sentenced to death before he was even born. **Exodus 1:15-16; Hebrews 11:23**

There is no doubt it was traumatizing for a baby to hear his parents talk about the danger of keeping their son. **Exodus 2:1-3**

It was God that interfered and put a desire in the heart of Pharaoh's daughter to adopt the baby. **verses 4-6**

It was another divine appointment and the guidance of the Holy Spirit that gave Miriam the faith to approach the princess and ask if she needed a nurse to take care of the infant. The Bible tells us that his mother was able to nurse him for three months (**Acts 7:20**), before she had to turn him back over to the princess. **Exodus 2:7-10**

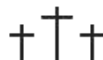
God never told Jochebed and Amram that Moses would bring the children of Israel out of Egypt. Moses wasn't let in on the plan until he was 80 years old and for much of his life had no idea he would become one of the most famous leaders in the kingdom of God.

EDUCATION AS THE NEXT PHARAOH

It was God's plan for Moses to be educated as a successor to Pharaoh since he would become a political and theological leader and form the Israelite slaves into a nation. Therefore he had to be educated in how to rule a nation, how to judge people and deal with political challenges. God kept Moses at the royal palace until he was 40 years and had become an influential prince in the affairs of Egypt. **Acts 7:20-23**

REJECTING A ROYAL LIFE

When Moses visited his family in Goshen at the age of 40, he must have studied the history of his ancestors and made a decision to use his position as a prince of



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Egypt to deliver them from slavery. Most likely he wanted to restore their former status but not necessarily lead them out of Egypt. His plans in the flesh did not work out and he was forced to flee from Egypt. **Exodus 2:11-15; Acts 7:23-29; Hebrews 11:24-27**

40 YEARS AS A SHEEPHERDER

Moses went from being a powerful prince to a poor shepherd wandering in the desert of Sinai. He lived with the priest of Midian, who worshipped the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The priest gave him one of his daughters as a wife and she bore him two sons. At the age of 80 years old with two thirds of his life behind him, Moses had lost all aspiration to become a great person and must have been resigned to the fact that he would die in the desert. He would be a forgotten man that made the mistake of slaying an Egyptian and trying to free the Israelites in his own strength. **Exodus 2:16-22**

If we use the time reference found in 2 Peter 3:8, we find the following:

- ❖ One hour with God is 41.67 human years
- ❖ One minute with God is 8 months and 8 days for man
- ❖ One second for God is 3 days and 22 hours for man

According to God's time, Moses spent a little less than an hour in Egypt to be trained as a national leader.

He spent an equal amount of time in the desert to learn the terrain of the Sinai desert and also to learn patience and humbleness.

Moses would be responsible to face Pharaoh without fear and force him to release the Hebrew population. **Exodus 3:10-14**

He had to convince the Hebrew leadership to give up Egypt and move to a land they did not know. **verses 15-16**

He would need faith to lead a people who had no faith and did not really love God. **Exodus 5:15-21**

His marriage to Zipporah ended in divorce and his two sons went with their mother. He later married a black woman and alienated his brother and sister. **Exodus 18:1-6; Numbers 12:1**

He faced a rebellion that threatened to unseat him as God's ordained leader. **Numbers 16:1-4**

The end result was that the people drove him to such anger that he took it out on Jesus and lost the joy of leading the people into the Promised Land. **Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4**

Moses never backslid into idolatry; instead, he became a great theologian who gave Israel and the world the five books of Moses. **Deuteronomy 18:9-13**

After serving God for 40 years, he graduated with honor and was given the privilege of coming back from Paradise and instructing Jesus prior to His death.
Deuteronomy 34:10-12; Luke 9:28-31

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?