

Moses' Early Years

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The early saint Stephen recounted Moses' early years, giving a few details not contained in Exodus. I thought it interesting enough to put side-by-side.

EXODUS

Exodus 1:8. ¶ Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

Exodus 1:9. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: **10.** Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land. **11.** Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. **12.** But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. **13.** And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: **14.** And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

15. ¶ And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: **16.** And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. **17.** But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. **18.** And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? **19.** And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. **20.** Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. **21.** And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses. **22.** And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

Exodus 2:1. ¶ And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. **2.** And the woman conceived,

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Acts 7:17. ¶ But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, **18.** Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.

Acts 7:19. The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

Acts 7:20. In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in

and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. **3.** And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. **4.** And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

5. ¶ And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. **6.** And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. **7.** Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? **8.** And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. **9.** And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. **10.** And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

Exodus 2:11. ¶ And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. **12.** And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. **13.** And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? **14.** And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

Exodus 2:15. Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

16. ¶ Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. **17.** And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their

his father's house three months: **21.** And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

Acts 7:22. And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. **23.** And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. **24.** And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: **25.** For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not. **26.** And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? **27.** But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? **28.** Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

flock. **18.** And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day? **19.** And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock. **20.** And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.

Exodus 2:21. And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter. **22.** And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

Exodus 2:23. ¶ And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. **24.** And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. **25.** And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

Exodus 3:1. ¶ Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. **2.** And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. **3.** And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

Exodus 3:4. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

Exodus 3:5. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. **6.** Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

Exodus 3:7. ¶ And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; **8.** And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. **9.** Now

Acts 7:29. Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

Acts 7:30. ¶ And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

Acts 7:31. When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

Acts 7:32. Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold. **33.** Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

Acts 7:34. I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. **10.** Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.