

Moses' Search For Identity

I. 1526 B.C. Moses Was Born

- A. Parents: Amram and Jochebed
- B. His first language was Hebrew
- C. Adopted mother: Hatshepsut – daughter of the Pharaoh, Hebrew name: Bithiah
- D. She shared the throne with her illegitimate brother, Thutmose II, who later has a son Thutmose III by another wife, Iset
- E. At 30 years of age, Moses becomes aware he will not rule Egypt, and will leave Egypt at age 40

II. Moses' New Identity – The Jewish Deliverer

A. **Acts 7:22-25**

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.

B. 1485 B.C. Moses leaves Egypt

III. The Wilderness Experience

- A. Prince Moses becomes obscure – now just a servant
- B. Desert (Hebrew Midbar) comes from dabar where he speaks
- C. How God prepares Moses to hear his voice

Deuteronomy 32:10-12

¹⁰ He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. ¹¹ As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: ¹² So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

1. God leads him about the wilderness – obscure
2. Instructed him in the desert
3. Kept him isolated and separated
4. solitude

D. 4 lessons of the wilderness

1. Deal with pride of position – obscure servant
2. Anxiousness over time – learn to wait on God
3. Resentment and anger – solitude and separation
4. Hardship – molded him into a yielded vessel

Psalm 119:71

⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

IV. 3 Responses To The Wilderness

- A. I don't need it
- B. I am tired of it
- C. I accept it

V. God Calls Moses – To A New Identity

Exodus 3:1-3

3 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.

- A. Comes miraculously = on an ordinary day
- B. After 40 years x 365 days = 14,600 days