

BIBLE WOMEN - JOCHEBED - MOTHER OF A LEADER

EXODUS 2:1-10

An astonishing example of God's providence and mercy, Jochebed proves that God rewards doing the right thing.

I. HORRIBLE SLAVERY

- A. New Pharaoh which knew not Joseph EXO. 1:18
 - 1. Joseph is a picture / type of Christ
 - 2. He saved his people and all of Egypt (world)
 - 3. When leaders do not know God people suffer
- B. The Egyptians (world) tried to stamp them out
 - 1. Setting taskmasters EXO. 1:11 / AFFLICTED them
 - 2. Satan loves (ANTISEMITISM), but they multiplied
- C. The most wicked command of all EXO. 1:16
 - 1. The world STILL hates strong men of character
 - 2. Our culture removes (feminizes) boys (GEN. 1:27)

II. HEROIC SERVANTS

- A. Jochebed the daughter of a Levite married a Levite
 - 1. She had at least three children
 - 2. Older sister Miriam (EXO. 15:20)
 - 3. Older brother Aaron by 3 years (EXO. 7:7)
- B. Two other women - Shiphrah and Puah EXO. 1:15
 - 1. They would not obey Pharaoh
 - 2. Courage is contagious! God rewarded EXO. 1:21

III. HIDDEN SON

- A. She hid Moses in the Nile to preserve his life (vs. 3)
 - 1. She could only do this on FAITH
 - 2. She had "natural affection" (2 TIM. 3:1-5)
- B. She prayed and prepared and hoped and waited 3 months
- C. Miriam waited nearby (vs. 4)
 - 1. Jochebed had told her God would deliver
 - 2. Mothers should always talk about God's power
- D. God delivered, Jochebed PAID to nurse Moses (vs. 9)

IV. HEBREW SHEPPARD

- A. Moses is an example of a godly woman's influence
 - 1. Without her faith, Moses wouldn't be Moses
 - 2. She DEMONSTRATED faithfulness HEB. 11:23-29
- B. God provides a way; delivers and rewards the faithful!

ANTISEMITISM - From the Assyrian Captivity in 740 BC, to the attempt of Haman in 475 BC (Esther), the repeated expulsions of the Jews from Rome (Tiberius and Claudius), the Catholic Inquisitions, and the Nazi Holocaust, to even now in the hatred of the UN and attacks of the "so called" Palestinians - hatred of the Jews has always been part of the devil's program.

GEN. 1:27 - "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

EXO. 15:20 - "And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances."

EXO. 7:7 - "And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh."

2 TIM. 3:1-5 - "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. (2) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, (3) Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, (4) Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; (5) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."