

Exodus 2

Verses 1-2

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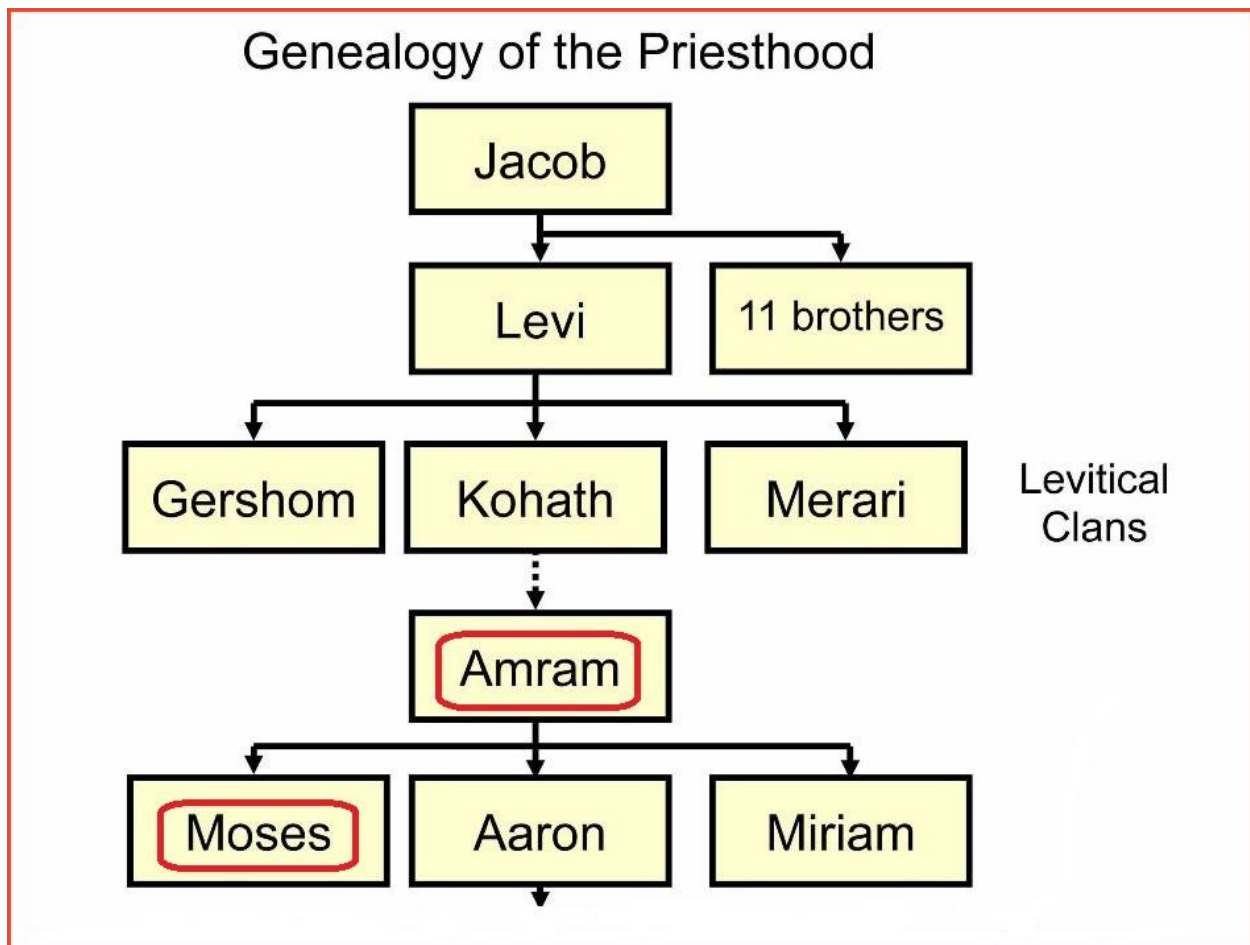
Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi

Their names were Amram and Jochebed

See Exodus 6:20

They were grandkids of Levi who had been dead for about 100 years

See Chart 205



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Moses was born in 1526

See chart 210

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80 years passed between chapters 1 and 2

The Hebrews had been slaves for 80 years at this point

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Their defiance of Pharaoh's order was an act of faith

See Hebrews 11:23

Good thing for Israel that he was a beautiful child. 😊

Verses 3-4

But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set *it* among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to find out what would happen to him.

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The papyrus reed grows abundantly along the banks of the Nile

Papyrus was used for baskets, boats, mats, ropes, sails, and even paper.

The tar was imported from the vicinity of the Dead Sea

See pic 215



During the time of Abraham the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fell into the tar pits just north of the Dead Sea. See Genesis 14:10

Then she set *it* among the reeds by the bank of the Nile

This was chosen because the King's daughter bathed nearby

His sister stood at a distance to find out what would happen to him.

We find out here that Moses had an older sister

Miriam was about 15 years old at this time

Verses 5-6

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it *to her*.⁶ When she opened *it*, she saw the child, and behold, *the boy was crying*. And she had pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.”

The Daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile

A scene like this is depicted on a number of ancient monuments so we know this was common in those times

But Jochebed knew, not only where the princess would bathe, but when.

Verses 7-9

Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women that she may nurse the child for you?”⁸ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go *ahead*.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother.⁹ Then Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give *you* your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed him.

Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter.....So the girl went and called the child’s mother.

Three women played an important role in saving Moses

His mother Jochebed, his sister Miriam, and the daughter of Pharaoh

It’s interesting that even the king’s daughter disobeyed the king’s command

There are a number of miracles here

Moses life was saved

He was nursed by his own mother

His mother received an income for her service

See Acts 7:22

Verse 10

¹⁰ The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she named him Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water

It seems the king's daughter was given a lot of latitude

She was allowed to adopt a Hebrew boy, who should have been put to death, as her own son

She called his name Moses

This was an Egyptian name which meant, rescued from the water

In Hebrew it meant brought forth

The one who brought forth the children of Israel from slavery

Verses 11-14

¹¹ Now it came about in those days, when Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. ¹² So he looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one *around*, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³ He went out the next day, and behold, two Hebrews were fighting with each other; and he said to the offender, "Why are you striking your companion?" ¹⁴ But he said, "Who made you a prince or a judge over us? Are you intending to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and said, "Surely the matter has become known."

When Moses had grown up, he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors

Moses was almost 40 years old at this time

See Acts 7:23

One might wonder why it took Moses so long to think about the suffering of his fellow countryman

It seems we are all blind, for way too long, to the sufferings of others

He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. ¹² So he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

His action in killing the Egyptian was wrong

He had no right to kill someone for beating another person

This is why he hid the man in the sand

Two Hebrews were fighting with each other....Who made you a prince or a judge over us?

Moses ignored his people for 40 years and had just recently intervened one time

So this would appear to be a fair question

Are you intending to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?

Moses may have thought he was ready to deliver God's people

But he needed to learn that it should be done by the hand of God!

Verses 15-22

¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well. ¹⁶ Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came to draw water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷ Then the shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and helped them and watered their flock. ¹⁸ When they came to Reuel their father, he said, "Why have you come back so soon today?" ¹⁹ So they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and what is more, he even drew the water for us and watered the flock." ²⁰ He said to his daughters, "Where is he then? Why is it that you have left the man behind? Invite him to have something to eat." ²¹ Moses was willing to dwell with the man, and he gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses. ²² Then she gave birth to a son, and he named him Gershom, for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land."

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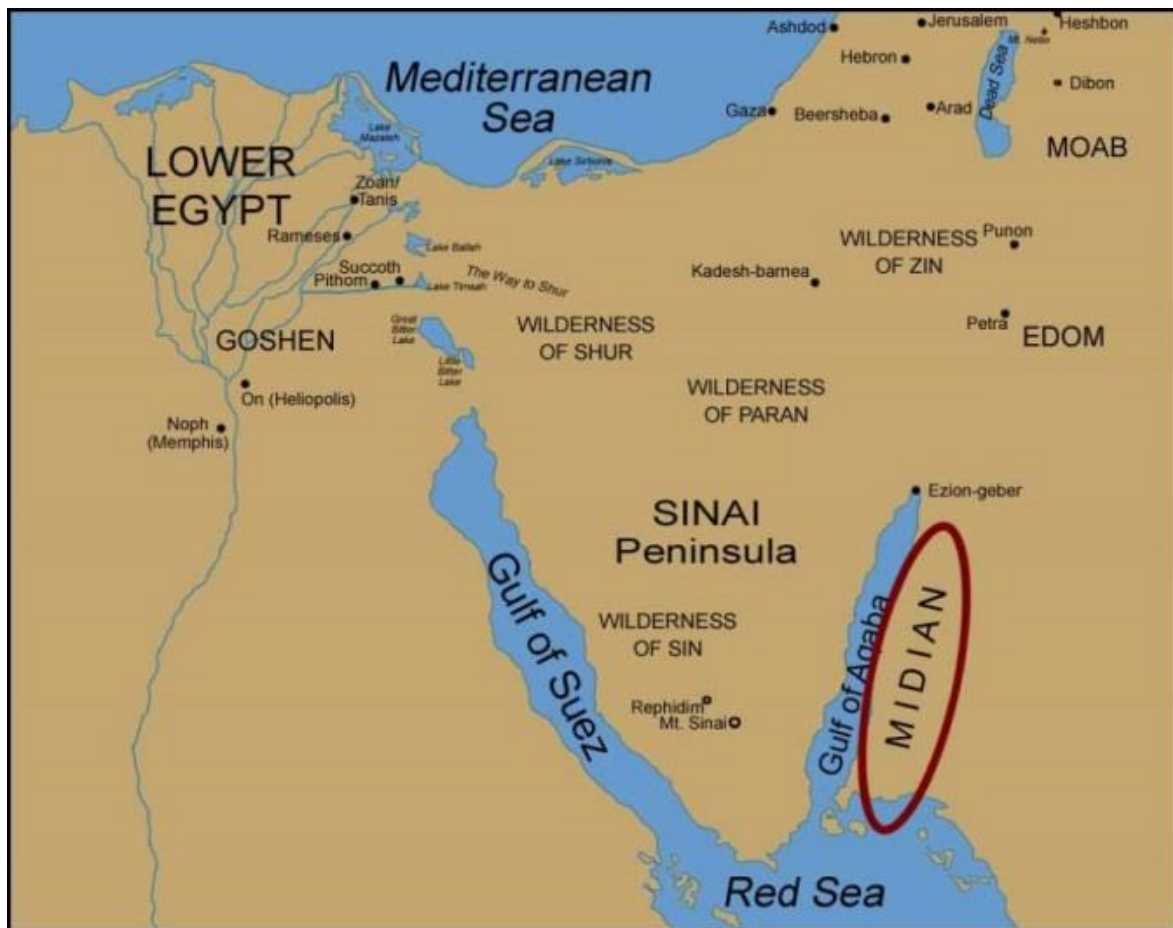
Moses act in slaying the Egyptian placed him in open rebellion against Pharaoh

No king would leave an offence like this to go unpunished but it would have been difficult for Pharaoh to do this immediately

After all, Moses was the adopted son of a princess so the king had to take unusual precautions

Moses fled and settled in the land of Midian

See Map 220



Midian is located in the Northwest portion of the Arabian Peninsula

See map 225 below



See Video 230 8.11 Moses to Midian

<http://www.levickfamily.com/8.11.html>

The apostle Paul tells us that Mount Sinai is in Arabia which is very close to Midian

See Gal 4:25

Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters

Reuel means friend of God

But Moses stood up and helped them and watered their flock.

Jacob rolled the stone away for Rachel and watered the flock of Laban

Moses was willing to dwell with the man, and he gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses

It is possible that Reuel and Moses came to an arrangement like the one between Laban and Jacob

Then she gave birth to a son, and he named him Gershom, for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land

Gershom means Banishment

Moses will have a second son named Eliezer

His name means Help of my God

Verses 23-25

²³ Now it came about in *the course of* those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of *their* bondage rose up to God. ²⁴ So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵ God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice *of them*.

Now it came about in *the course of those many days*

Moses is referring to the period of time that he had been in Midian

A period of 40 years

See Acts 7:29 - 30

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The slaves probably hoped that a more tolerant Pharaoh might succeed the king that had just died

But no such relief came.

In despair, they cried out to God, and God heard their prayer

God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

We know God had not forgotten his Chosen Nation

What is indicated here is that the time had almost arrived when God would act

See chart 235

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The Hebrews had been in slavery for 159 years (chapters 1&2)

The last year of slavery is covered in Chapters 3 thru 11

During that last year of slavery God will be acting in a very miraculous ways

God will crush Egypt and free his people