



**"Born for a purpose!"**

When you look at the life of Moses as we will do over the upcoming weeks, we will see the DETAILS, and the PURPOSE *interweaved into his life from God!* This story is incredible!

- We just got done looking at the life of Joseph! The people of Israel moved to Egypt during the famine. They became a nation of 3 million! Joseph and his family die, and a new Pharaoh takes power. He wants to get rid of the Israelites! He was intimidating! So, he gives a command for all male babies to be murdered. The midwives disobey him, and the Israelites grow even more!
- Exodus 1:22
- Moses is born in the middle of danger, harm and crisis. He was born for a purpose!

### **1. Moses is born!**

- Exodus 2:1-10
- Before Moses was born, God had his life already planned out! He would lead Israel out of Egypt when he became a Man!
- Scriptures like Jeremiah 1:5 and Psalms 139:13-16 tell us that God has a plan ahead of time for every single baby! *What He WANTS THEM TO DO!* Yet, we also see in many Bible characters how people choose free-will and rebel against God and murder babies.
- This is why it is so important to raise your kids in Christ...to know the Truth about life!
- We can see in Moses' life the Hand of God on Moses from the very beginning!
- **Fact** – the very situation that was meant to kill Moses was used by God to put Moses in a position of favor with the king's daughter in the Nile one day!
- Yet, Verses 7-10 is even more divine! Look at this again!!!
- When you think about the Nile River with the basket not flipping over in the water, the crocodiles, the hippo's is supernatural! *The protection from the elements is amazing!*

### **2. Moses grows up!**

- Exodus 2:11-15
- Moses sees an Egyptian beating a Hebrew. He looks both ways and doesn't see anyone, so he kills the Egyptian and hides the body in the sand!
- The next day another Hebrew man sees Moses and says something about the murder. Moses runs away from Egypt!

- **Moses got ahead of God's timing to set the Israelites free!** Acts 7:20-29
- But, really take a look at **Verse 25!** "Moses ASSUMED his fellow Israelites would realize that God had sent him to rescue him, but they didn't."
- **Moses ran ahead of God's timing!** It's very easy to do when you have God put something in your heart and spirit! You must pray for the RIGHT TIMING!
- So, Moses kills the guy thinking the Hebrews would finally see that God sent him to rescue them! **They did not!** Stephen uses the same example here that the Jews are now turning on Stephen, and refusing to receive him as a deliverer for Jesus for them! People do not ever change!!!

### **3. Many people today do not see Jesus, God's Word or the Church as being a rescue mission!**

- People have an authority issue today still! They do not want to give up their own way of life or lifestyle, so they continue to rebel!
- The people said to Moses "Who made you ruler and judge over us?" (**Well...God did!**)
- You see the people reject Moses again in the wilderness at Mt. Sinai, as they wanted Aaron to make a golden calf for them to worship!
- All throughout the entire Bible, people resisted and rejected the men and women that God sent to them to be a deliverer. See, the rejection is not of that person, even though the person feels it, but it is a rejection of God Himself! He sent them to represent Him on His behalf!
- Stephen tells them that they are a "stiff necked people/rebellious/stubborn with uncircumcised hearts!" He told them that they were resisting not him...**the Holy Spirit!**
- Stephen's message nailed them, and they reacted by gnashing their teeth in utter anger and murdered Stephen!
- **The kicker? They accused him of blasphemy against MOSES!** How ironic, that people rejected Moses, and now they twist this on Stephen rejecting his message! They were doing the exact same thing in rebellion!!!! Acts 7:38-39
- Acts 7:52...this cut them to the heart!!!!
- When the Message of the Scriptures, and the Holy Spirit convicts a heart...that person has one of two choices. Either respond like in Acts 2:37-38 or Acts 7:54-58

### **Closing: Jesus was ultimately rejected and murdered!**

- It's this simple this morning...we ALL have sinned, and fall short of the Glory of God! We need a Lord and Savior to rescue us from the penalty of sin and death for eternity...His name is Jesus!
- Romans 3:10, 3:23 & Romans 6:23!
- Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..." **God has a plan!**
- Proverbs 16:9 – But, you must allow Him to guide your life and steps! **God has a plan!**
- Psalm 32:8 / Psalm 119:105! He will guide and direct you by His Word and His Spirit! **God has a plan!**
- Psalm 37:23 – IF you are following the Lord, He will ESTABLISH your steps! **God has a plan!**