

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

MARCH 6, 2024

EXODUS 2:16-22

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Everything that has happened historically is in keeping with the plan of God.
  - a) **ROMANS 9.23,24:** The plan of salvation was *“prepared beforehand for glory”*
  - b) **ROMANS 9.10-13:** God planned for Jacob to carry the seed of the Messiah.
  - c) **ROMANS 9.14-16:** God can offer salvation to whomever He chooses.
  - d) **ROMANS 9.17,18:** Why did this man rise up as Pharaoh? (cf. Ex. 2.23)
2. At forty years old, Moses distances himself from his Egyptian upbringing.
  - a) **ACTS 7.23:** *“When he was forty years old...”*
  - b) **HEBREWS 11.24-27:** *“Moses...refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter”*
3. After Moses killed the Egyptian, he *“fled... and stayed in the land of Midian”* (Ex. 2.11-15).

### I. THE LOCATION

- A. Who are the Midianites?
  1. The Midianites were the descendants of Abraham. (Gen. 25.1,2)
  2. The Midianites were allies with the Moabites. (Gen. 36.35)
- B. **EXODUS 2.15:** *“Moses...dwelt in the land of Midian.”*
  1. Midian was located southeast of Goshen on the other side of the gulf of Aqaba.
  2. The first mention of the Midianites was when Joseph was sold. (Gen. 37,28,36)
  3. The second mention of the Midianites was during the wilderness wanderings when Balak attempted to hire Balaam to curse Israel. (Num. 22.4,7)
  4. The third mention of the Midianites was in reference to harlotry.
    - a) The Israelites committed harlotry with the women of Moab. (Num. 25.1-3)
    - b) Phinehas killed an Israelite and a Midianite woman. (Num. 25.6-9; Deut. 7.3,4)
    - c) God told Moses to *“harass the Midianites and attack them”* (Num. 25.16-18)

### II. THE FAMILY

- A. The priest of Midian.
  1. **EXODUS 2.16:** *“Now the priest of Midian”*
    - a) Who is the priest of Midian? (Ex. 2.18; 3.1; Num. 10.29)
    - b) A priest is one who offers sacrifices to deity. (cf. Heb. 5.1-4; 1 Pet. 2.5)
    - c) The priest of Midian likely offered sacrifices to the Baal of Peor. (Num. 25.1-3)
  2. The priest of Midian saw the power of God. (Ex. 18.10,11)
- B. The wife of Moses.
  1. **EXODUS 2.16:** *“Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters.”*
  2. **EXODUS 2.17:** *“Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.”*
    - a) He met his wife in a way that was reminiscent of Jacob and Rachel. (Gen. 29.9,10)
    - b) After helping the daughters, Moses was brought to the house. (Ex. 2.18-20)
  3. **EXODUS 2.21:** *“he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses.”*
  4. Later, Miriam and Aaron criticized Moses *“for he had married an Ethiopian woman”* (Num. 12.1). There is no way to know if this is the same woman.
- C. The children of Moses.
  1. **EXODUS 2.22:** *“And she bore him a son. He called his name Gershom”*
  2. Stephen tells us that Moses had two sons. (Acts 7.29; Ex. 18.3)