

Moses Rejected and Betrayed

Ex 2¹¹ Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.¹² So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.¹³ And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?"¹⁴ Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!"¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh ...

► We last saw Moses being delivered to Pharaoh's daughter as her adoptive son, which gave him _____ protection, the only thing that could save his life. She named him Moses, because she drew him out of the water, and Moses sounds like a Hebrew word carrying that meaning. Indeed, _____ will later be drawn out of the Red Sea with Moses at the lead. Why would Pharaoh's daughter give her son a name because of its associated Hebrew meaning? Was she a secret believer in the _____ of Joseph? If she was, she would have done exactly what she _____.

► In vs 11, we are reminded how _____ the Exodus account is regarding Moses, in the same way the gospels are regarding Jesus. We are given minimal _____ and _____ which reveal the faith and character of people, as well as the sovereign faithfulness of God. Exodus _____ over Moses' entire upbringing to when he is grown and begins to emerge as Israel's deliverer, just as the gospels _____ over almost all of Jesus' upbringing to when he is grown and begins to emerge as the great deliverer Moses foreshadowed. Stephen in Acts 7 helps us fill in some of the details: Moses has been taught and has mastered all the _____ of the Egyptians; Moses is "_____ in words and deeds," just as Jesus will be; Moses is _____ years old. Moses is well into his career as an Egyptian _____ (think of an English _____ of old). But strength and energy wise, Moses would have been the equivalent of a _____ year old today.

Acts 7²¹ "Pharaoh's daughter took him away and brought him up

as her own son.²² And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.²³ Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel."

Lk 24¹⁹ "Jesus ... was ... mighty in deed and word"

Dt 34⁷ Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.

Exo 6¹⁶ [T]he years of the life of Levi were one hundred and thirty-seven ...¹⁸ ... [T]he years of the life of Kohath were one hundred and thirty-three. ...²⁰ ... [T]he years of the life of Amram were one hundred and thirty-seven.

► Vs 11's repeated reference to the Hebrews as Moses' "brethren" is signaling to us that Moses had made a life decision: Being God's _____ for Israel was more important than being a _____ of Egypt.

Hb 11²⁴ By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,²⁶ esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.²⁷ By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

How does the "reproach of Christ" factor in? (1) Because God the Son, the preincarnate Christ, was the one who appeared to _____, who will appear to _____, and who would accompany _____ in the wilderness. (2) Moses was a type, a living picture, of _____ the deliverer, which is the key to understanding the events in Exodus.

Jn 8⁵⁶ "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

Ex 3¹⁴ God said to Moses, ... "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

1Co 10¹ [A]ll our fathers ...² were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,³ all ate the same spiritual food,⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

Acts 3²² "Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.'²³ And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people."

► Notice how vs 11 continues the theme of looking, seeing with discernment, then acting with compassion. Just as Moses' mother _____ that he was a beautiful baby, discerned God was at work, and acted with compassion to

hide him and spare his life; And just as Pharaoh's daughter _____ that he was crying in his little ark, discerned he was a Hebrew baby under Pharaoh's death sentence, and acted with compassion to adopt him and preserve his life; So now Moses goes out to _____ his brethren's burdens, he _____ an Egyptian beating one of his brethren, he discerns the Egyptian is going to kill him, and he acts with compassion to save his life. The text is signaling to us that Moses is following in the _____ of his mother and his adoptive mother.

► When Moses intervenes, it is not in the _____ of passion as in a blood feud, but deliberately as in the administration of _____. Moses "strikes" the Egyptian, which is the same Hebrew word used of the Egyptian "striking" the Hebrew. That Moses effectively imposes the death penalty indicates that the Egyptian's actions _____ it. This suggests that Moses' hiding of the body was not because he lacked authority to judge such matters as an Egyptian prince, but because _____ the Hebrews was forbidden. This judicial reading of Moses' actions is supported by his further actions the next day, when he sees two Hebrews fighting. Moses sorts it out judicially and determines who was in the " _____," a technical legal term for "guilty."

Acts 7 ²⁴ "And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian." ²⁵ For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand.

► Moses is _____ to find a Hebrew "striking" his brother, because it is the same behavior he saw with the Egyptian – and it means that Israel has become _____ at heart – which is the same situation Jesus will find. Deliverers are _____, but they don't simply judge the godless, they start with _____ people. God is the perfect Father; he always starts with his own _____. While Israel _____ the Egyptians and the Romans, they _____ the deliverer worse, because he convicts them of _____. So Moses and Jesus are both _____.

and _____.

Rev 11 ⁸ ... the great city which spiritually is called ... Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Jn 5 ²² "[T]he Father ... has committed all judgment to the Son" ... 8 ²⁶ "I have many things to say and to judge concerning you"

1Pt 4 ¹⁷ [T]he time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Isa 10 ¹¹ "As I have done to Samaria and her idols, shall I not do also to Jerusalem and her idols?" ¹² [And] ... when the LORD has performed all His work ... on Jerusalem, ... He will say, "I will punish ... the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria"

Jn 19 ¹⁵ [T]hey cried out, "Away ... with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

► Why do we have this pattern throughout Scripture?

Because God is using Israel to _____ for all time two things: (1) The only way of salvation thru _____; (2) Fallen man's absolute helpless _____ of salvation. God holds up OT Israel as a _____ so we can see ourselves and understand the kind of radical savior we need, and the kind of radical savior _____ is.

Lk 13 ³³ "I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem. ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁵ See! Your house is left to you desolate"

Acts 4 ²⁷ "[T]ruly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done."

Eph 2 ¹ [Y]ou [G]od made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.