



## FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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### SERIES: OUT OF EGYPT 2 MAKING THE CHOICE (Moses Chooses God)

*Exodus 2:9 – Exodus 2:22*



#### **THEME SCRIPTURE:**

Repeat scripture 2x with congregation.

#### **Isaiah 58:11**

*"The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail."*

#### **GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU & ME**

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I WILL BE HAPPY FOR ALL MY LIFE.

**1. INTRODUCTION:** Moses was born, but the Pharaoh ordered all boy babies to be killed! His mom and dad hid him for three months until it was no longer safe, so his mom made a water tight basket and put him on the water where he was saved by the Pharaoh's daughter. Even though Egyptians hated Hebrews, God gave baby Moses favor with his enemies and his new Egyptian mother loved him. Moses' mother even got to have him back for a while to nurse him, and was paid to take care of him for 4 years!

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE:**

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| 1. Light Candles & Pray        | 4. Dismiss Kids to Noah's Ark with 'Animals Go Marching Song' | 7. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer  |
| 2. Children's Songs & Story    | 5. Adult Fellowship Break                                     | 8. Blessing Songs & Benediction |
| 3. Intro Gospel Craft/Coloring | 6. Worship Song Set   |                                 |

## **2. MOSES LEARNED GOD’S WORD AS A CHILD, WHICH PROTECTED HIM FROM LIES AND FALSE TEACHING.**

*Exodus 2:9 “And Pharaoh’s daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.”*

What a blessed answer to the prayers of Moses’ family! But how much time would Jochobed have with baby Moses, what was the standard time for nursing a child until weaning in that day?

*“The Talmud also emphasizes the importance of breastfeeding. A mother is considered a “meineket,” or nursing mother, until her child reaches 24 months. Even if a baby has weaned, he or she can return to nurse at any time until the age of two. Between the ages of two and four years, or five if the baby is unhealthy, a child who has weaned for longer than 72 hours may not return to the breast, and age five is considered the upper limit for nursing in Jewish law.”* [thegreenprophet.com/breastfeeding-judaism](http://thegreenprophet.com/breastfeeding-judaism)



The princess did not want the responsibility of caring for the needs of a baby, so as was the custom, Moses’ mother was blessed to nurture him until the age of four or five years old! With Moses at her side every day, she would teach him the ways of the living God of heaven, to love God with all his heart, and to serve Him for his whole life.

*Deuteronomy 6:4-7 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."*

God expects each one of us to love Him with all our heart, and to speak of His word from the time we wake up, while walking through our day, until the time we lie down at night. By the time Jochobed could no longer teach Moses, his faith had grown strong.

### **3. WHY DID PHAROAH'S DAUGHTER RISK RAISING A HEBREW CHILD DETESTED BY THE EGYPTIANS?**

Moses was trained in all the ways of Egypt, while there is also Biblical and historical evidence that his Egyptian foster-mom, the princess Hatshepsut, very likely had been converted to Judaism by Joseph. **Jewish literature lists**

**Hatshepsut by her given**



**Hebrew name of Bitya**, as a devout proselyte to Judaism in the time of Joseph, and **1st Chronicles confirms that the name of the daughter of Pharaoh most certainly was changed to Bithiah**.

***1 Chronicles 4:18** “And his wife Jehudijah bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of **Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh**, which Mered took.”*

*“Rabbinic literature praises Pharaoh's daughter. According to the Midrash, she did not follow in her father's evil ways, but converted to Judaism and ceased worshipping idols. **She is listed in the Midrash among the sincere, pious female proselytes. Thus, Moses was educated by a woman who believed in God.** For saving him, showering him with affection and thereby participating in the Exodus and the salvation of Israel from Egypt, **Pharaoh's daughter was greatly rewarded and became part of the Jewish people, and she was privileged to have God call her His daughter by giving her the Hebrew name Bitya (Daughter of God).**” From: *Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies & Gender Issues* Number 14, Fall 5768/2007 pp. 233-241*

So when Hatshepsut saw baby Moses floating in the crocodile infested waters of the Nile, she surely was aware of the deliverer to be born, who was to rescue the Hebrew people. The Bible reveals that Hatshepsut's Hebrew name was Bithiah, daughter of the God of the Hebrews! It is remarkable how God in His infinite wisdom, after 400 years of bondage was fulfilled, orchestrated the birth and education of Moses in the ways of Egypt, while retaining his identity and faith as a Hebrew. We worship an awesome amazing God!

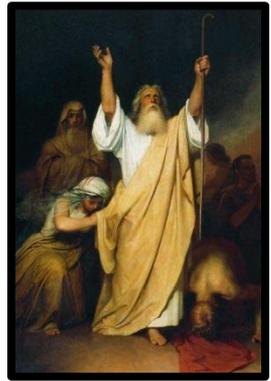
#### **4. WE CAN ALWAYS TRUST GOD TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS – BUT IN HIS WAY – AND IN HIS TIME.**

*Acts 7:19-22 “The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live. <sup>20</sup> In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father’s house three months: <sup>21</sup> when he was cast out, Pharaoh’s daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. <sup>22</sup> Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.”*

How many of us could just hand over a child to atheists to raise and still trust God? Moses’ Hebrew mother knew that his adopted mother in the Pharaoh’s house would have to send him to the Egyptian schools for training. We know from the Bible that Pharaoh’s daughter Hatshepsut was called a daughter of God, and though we cannot know for sure why it was, history shows that her name was defaced on the walls of her tomb as though an enemy, which was known to have been done to those who turned away from the gods of Egypt; so Hatshepsut must have paid a dear price for saving Moses and being honored by the Hebrews.

*Exodus 2:10 “And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.”*

Moses was well trained by the very best teachers in all of Egypt, and of course he was also taught to worship their idol gods, while yet because he was grounded in the word of God from a child, he kept his faith in the living God of heaven. It is important to be grounded in Christ and continually feed on Him, so you are not absorbed into the life patterns of those God will send you to help. It was many years before Moses’ mother saw the fruit of God’s promise and it may seem like forever as we wait upon God to answer our prayers, but He always makes a way where there is no way when we trust Him!



## **5. DO PEOPLE TODAY WORSHIP THE GODS OF EGYPT?**

We live in a time when the name of the living God of heaven is again being confused with names of the pagan gods of Baal, which we encounter in our Bible study of Moses in Egypt.

*Judges 2:12-13 “and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. <sup>13</sup> And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.”*

Egyptians worshipped the sun god Ra, nearly 80 idol gods, the moon god Yahreah (*Yahweh*), and Ishtar that came from Ur of Sumeria with the traveling nomadic ‘Shasu’ groups, the Hyskos (Amalekites) and Israelites. The Bible reveals that Israel never gave up their worship of Ishtar (*also Astart, Ashtaroth, Inanna, Asherah*), “the Queen of heaven”. They confused their worship of God, by worshipping these pagan dieties alongside the one true God of heaven, (Hebrew Yehshu), JESUS, which means I AM Savior.



**YAH, THE OTHER EGYPTIAN MOON GOD** by Jimmy Dunn touregypt.net

*Many topics in ancient Egyptian religion can be fraught with complexities. Trying to understand the changing roles of gods such as Re, Osiris and Amun are difficult if not impossible with the limited text available to us today. However, there are none of these more difficult, or certainly more controversial than the Moon God, Yah. It is interesting that the earliest references to the name Yah (Yaeh) refer to the moon as a satellite of the earth in its physical form. From this, the term becomes conceptualized as a lunar deity, pictorially anthro-po-morphic but whose manifestations, from hieroglyphic evidence, can include the crescent of the new moon, the ibis and the falcon, which is comparable to the other moon deities, Thoth and Khonsu. touregypt.net*

*Judges 10:6 “And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the Lord, and served not him.”*

## **6. BOTH HYSKOS AND ISRAEL WERE REFERRED TO AS THE HATED SHASU TRIBES WHO WORSHIPPED IDOLS**

### ***“The Shasu Land of Jahu”***

*Pharaoh Amenhotep III dedicated the temple he built to the god Amun-Ra. ... Hieroglyphics decorating the bases of columns in one of its halls list the names of territories ...Shasu was the generic name that the Egyptians*



*gave to the Bedouin despised tribes...The list of subjugated lands displayed at Soleb includes one that has variously been read “Yahwe in the Shosou land,” “The Shasu land of Jahu,” or “Land of the Shasu-yhw.” ...Most scholars believe the name Jahu, Yahu, or Yahwe in this and similar contexts must refer to a place or a district. Scholar Samuel Ahituv says the inscription identifies “the clan of the worshippers of Yāhū, the God of Israel.” Watchtower 2010 5/1 pp 21-22*

Remember that God told Moses in **Exodus 6:3** that His sacred name was not known to the Hebrews before they left Egypt, so it was only apostate Israel, who were the “Yahu’s” who were worshipping the Baal moon god Yah or ‘Yahweh and his Ashera’ idols. We must not be deceived by loving and sincere hearted, though misled people who want us to call the God of heaven by the well-known names of the gods of Babylon, supposing they have found God’s true name.

*“In about 1560 BCE, the Hyksos were expelled in a rebellion by the local, indigenous population. This marked the beginning of the New Empire, a radical change in Egyptian society. Perhaps as a reaction to the foreign Hyksos rule, Egypt now became xenophobic. Whatever foreigners they did not kill or expel, they enslaved. Notably, the period of the New Empire corresponds with the period of Jewish enslavement in Egypt....” [www.jewishhistory.org](http://www.jewishhistory.org)*

When the Semitic tribes (of Hebrew bloodline also called Hyskos) came out from Ur of Chaldea of Babylon, to become the Jewish nation of Israel, many of them continued to worship the gods of Babylon during their bondage in Egypt, confusing many archeologists to suppose the idols to be the God of the Hebrews, when they are not.

## 7. MOSES HAD TO MAKE A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION.

Exodus 2:11-15 “And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. <sup>12</sup> And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup> And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? <sup>14</sup> And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? Intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known. <sup>15</sup> Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.”



Moses suddenly knew in his heart that he was chosen by God to deliver the Israelites from bondage. That’s how God will tell you what He has planned for you – He will plant in your heart what you should do, and you will just know. You might also make a sudden action that brings lifelong consequences, so think before you act.

Hebrews 11:24-27 “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; <sup>25</sup> **choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;** <sup>26</sup> esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt...<sup>27</sup> By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: **for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.**”

Moses had completely adopted the Egyptian lifestyle, riding in a magnificent chariot to observe the Hebrew slaves, next in line to the throne to be Pharaoh. If he gave up his position, the same Egyptians who now bowed to him, would despise him. When many people make the choice to serve the God of heaven and be true to Jesus and His word, they have to give up position, friends and even family. One day each of us will be called to make a stand like Moses.

## **8. WHEN THE WAY SEEMS DARK, GOD HAS A PLAN.**

Moses' mother had taught him the ways of Jesus so well when he was little, that when he was 40 years old, a love for God that had led Moses through the impossible, was still in his heart.

*Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*

**Never underestimate the power of your input into the life of another person.** How often do we let those times go by when God prompts us to come away to commune with Him, or to speak, call or write to someone: **We must teach ourselves to instantly obey.** God uses our circumstances to guide us to where He wants us to go.

*Matthew 16:24-25 "Then Jesus said to His disciples, if anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."*

Moses fled to the desert where God led him to the family of the priest of Midian, who would welcome him to his new family.

*Exodus 2:16-22 "Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. <sup>17</sup>And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day? <sup>19</sup>And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds...And he said unto his daughters, ... call him, that he may eat bread. <sup>21</sup>And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter. <sup>22</sup>And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land."*



During the 40 years that Moses lived in the desert, he and Zipporah had a little boy, and they had a very happy life! Isn't God good!

## 9. GROWING AND WAITING IN THE WILDERNESS.

While Moses waited for God to get him ready to be the deliverer of the Israelites, he had a lot to learn that God would teach him out in the desert, and He has a lot to teach you and me when we feel like we are going through a desert time and not sure what to do. God teaches us during those desert times just like He taught Moses, that He has planned a wonderful life ahead for each one of us!



God sent us a deliverer too! He took our punishment by dying on the cross to save us from our sins, then He was buried and rose to life again on the third day to show that He is God. He said that if we will believe in Him, we can be saved and live forever with Him in heaven! What is His name forever? It is the same name God gave to Moses at the burning the bush, which is the same name that He restored to men when He spoke His name by His mouth through the angel to Mary to name the Savior, His name is Jesus!

*Acts 4:10-13* *“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. <sup>11</sup> This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. <sup>12</sup> Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*

*Philippians 2:9-11* *“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

God restored His own name to us, the only name under heaven by which we can be saved, (Yehsoos) JESUS! With Jesus in our heart we have His Holy Spirit to guide and teach us always!

## 10. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU & ME

1. Memorizing scriptures and songs will protect you and keep you safe from lies and false teaching when times are difficult.
2. Many things we learn are false but we can trust that God's word is always true, and will always find our answer there.
3. The names of the Baal gods known to be worshipped in Babylon have not suddenly become the names of the Lord Jesus.
4. We can trust the word-for-word translation found in our KJV Bible to be the word of God forever, because it is not like so many other Bible versions who keep changing God's word to conform to their own ideas rewritten in their own words.
5. It is important to know past ways and names the enemy used to confuse God's people so we will not be deceived by them.
6. God always answers prayer, but in His way and in His time.
7. Jesus wants us to love and serve Him like Moses chose to do.
8. In desert times Jesus will teach you many things.
9. When life seems dark and hopeless, know that God has a plan.
10. There is one name under heaven by which we can be saved, so we honor and proclaim the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

God is so good, He always knows and plans our lives ahead so that we will be ready for what comes next. Listen to God and learn what He is teaching you in your life.

Moses had to make a big decision and he chose to serve God. What decision will you make? Are you ready to lay aside all the sins that keep you all tangled up, so you can find God's wonderful plan for your life? Me too, let's pray:



*Dear Lord Jesus, Thank you for coming into my heart and into my life. Help me to leave behind all the things that keep me from having the wonderful life you have planned for me, so I can serve you with all my heart, in Jesus name, Amen.*

## 11. CHILDREN’S STORY – Safe In A Crazy World

Tim and Becky’s cousins had come to their house in the country to play for the whole weekend! There were all kinds of fun things to do, but everyone’s favorite game was “Kick the Can”. The person who was “it” would hide their eyes and count to 100 while everybody ran to hide, then go find them. Then whoever could sneak by the “it” person and kick the can was safe! If everyone kicked the can the “it” person would have to be “it” again. Out in the country there were so many places to hide, it was kind of scary, but what a blast! Tim was ‘it’ first, so he counted while everyone ran to hide. When he finished counting it was so quiet all you could hear were the crickets. Tim looked behind the old tractor, nope! Then behind the well... oh no...there went the can! Paul, was home free, and then Dan and Peggy! Only four left hiding, Tim searched behind the chicken house, and the horses trough; where were those kids? Then three more kicked the can, “No way!” Tim thought, “I am NOT being ‘it’ again, I’ve just got to find Becky!” He looked for 20 minutes more and couldn’t find her, so all the others joined him and yelled together over and over, “Beeeeecky! All-ye-all-ye-outs-in free! They were getting worried.



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Where was Becky? They spread out to look for her - Jimmy walked and walked and finally he found her. Becky had fallen asleep while she was waiting and Jimmy laughed so hard he woke her up! But Becky looked so afraid, “I-I-I went out too far and couldn’t see to find my way back,” Becky stuttered, ”I was so scared!”

Tim led his sister back home. The kids were all so glad to see Becky, and went inside the house for some ice cream. They talked about how scary it was growing up with all the awful things happening they heard about on the news. **They were sure glad they had Jesus to guide them so they would never be lost in the crazy mess the world had gotten into without Him,** and we never have to be afraid because **we have our Savior to guide us safely home to Heaven!**

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