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Introduction

A Levite woman, Yocheved, bears a son and hides him for three months. She then fashions a wicker basket to float her son down the Nile, hoping that he might survive. The baby's sister, Miriam, follows on the shore, and sees Pharaoh's daughter take the child as her own. Miriam offers the services of her mother as wet nurse. Pharaoh's daughter names the child Moses.

Exodus 2:1-10

¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴ And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵ Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So, the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ And 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. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water." (ESV)

So, at first Moses spent three months in his family's home, and then his mother placed him in a basket coated with pitch to waterproof it and put him in the river. His sister watched and saw that Pharaoh's daughter had seen the basket and found the baby. She took pity on him, and Miriam spoke to her asking if she should get a nurse for the baby. Pharaoh's daughter agreed, and she went got her mother to care for the child. When he was older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, he became her son, and she named

him Moses. The name means, "I drew him out of the water," but it simply means drawn referring to how he came to Pharaoh's daughter.

The image of Moses being placed in a basket coated with pitch is a reminder of the ark that Noah built and covered that with pitch as well. Both were placed in the water with the intention of protecting the people inside of them. Noah and his family in the ark and Moses in a mini-ark. It was not merely coincidence that Pharaoh's daughter found Moses. The hand of the Almighty was involved in this as it was with Noah. God moves in His own way when He chooses and how He wants to go about it. We face similar tests every day of our lives, and yet most of us would not attribute these tests to God. We think when we struggle it is Satan's doing, but only those totally lost and separated from the Holy one by rejecting His Son and following evil ways are the ones who have failed the tests laid out before them. We face our tests knowing it is by the Lord's hand we are being tested for our faith in Messiah Yeshua and our walk in His teachings as found in the Torah.

It's not an easy walk, but it is what it is and how we handle these trials show others from what we are made. We do not have to go around teaching and preaching about Yeshua when others will not listen. We must live out His teachings in the Torah in our own lives in love and faith. Hate is from the Adversary who despises everything followers of Yeshua represent. If you are not anchored through Faith in Messiah and walking in Torah, you have a problem facing you. Even the strongest believers will fall off the wagon at times because the walk is not an easy one. The further we get into our relationship with the Father and the Son, the better off we will be.

Isaiah 29:22-23

22 Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. ²³ For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. (ESV)

Jacob has always been represented as almost a split personality. At times he is referred to as Jacob, and at other times he is called Israel, the name the Holy One gave to Him after his struggle with the angel of the Lord. However, in truth it may have been Yeshua he struggled with, and he really did not win the struggle but held on for dear life to get to the end showing us how we must learn to hold on to Yeshua as he did. The Almighty will bless the house of Jacob, so they will learn to sanctify the name of the Holy One and stand in awe of the God of Israel. And if it has been lost on you, God does not have more than one nation that belongs solely to Him. Israel are His chosen people. Israel made up of twelve tribes, two kingdoms, Judah and Ephraim, but One Nation Israel, into whom come the twelve tribes, the two kingdoms, and all those from the Gentile nations who all together will form the nation of Israel. This is God's plan not ours. It is spelled out in the Bible, people. If you can't see it, you had better look harder before you are left out in the cold darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Acts 7:20-28

20 At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house, ²¹ and when he was exposed, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son. ²² And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds. ²³ "When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. ²⁴ And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. ²⁵ He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand. ²⁶ And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?' ²⁷ But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? ²⁸ Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' (ESV)

The truth of the matter is that Moses would be rejected by his people because they could see him only as an Egyptian not a Hebrew. But it was through Egypt and being in Pharaoh's house that Moses was educated because it would take the wisdom of the Egyptians and a man chosen by the Almighty to free the Hebrews. The first forty years of Moses's life was spent in Egypt. The next forty in Jethro's house as a shepherd and his son-in-law having married one of Jethro's daughters. Here was the peaceful time where he was able to rest and learn from Jethro, who was a priest in Midian. Did Jethro practice paganism, or did he know about the one true God? Did Moses stay away from the paganism that may have been practiced in Midian and Egypt? If he did, it is obvious he was redeemed when he followed the path the Holy One of Israel laid out for him starting with the burning bush.

The last forty years of Moses's life was spent building a nation out of a people who had come from slavery. The truth is it was their children who would become the inheritors of the promise, not the generation twenty years of age and older. They could not follow the ways God laid out for them. They struggled against God and against Moses, and in the end, they suffered death for their lack of faith that God could do what He told them He could do. Every day they lived with the miracles God did for them in providing them food to eat and water to drink. He blessed them, so they grew in numbers just as they had in Egypt. The wilderness hardened the people making them into a nation that would follow the Holy One of Israel. Moses was chosen by the Almighty to carry out His plan to make a people who would belong to Him. Into this people, He would accept others from other nations who would place their faith in the One True God and live out Torah in their lives. In the beginning only, a few followed Him. Later more did, but it was never the majority. In every generation God would make sure a remnant would be saved. It is this remnant that will form a reconstituted Israel which will go into eternity with their Redeemer, Yeshua the Messiah and the only Son of the One True God. Amen!

Torah Man says: "If God is on our side, what matters who is against us?"

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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TORAH: LEARN IT, LOVE IT, LIVE IT AS YESHUA DID! PSALM 119.

