

1 **JOCHEBED – A COURAGEOUS MOTHER**

Exodus 2:1-8

2 **Exodus 2:1-5**

► *And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. ² So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. ³ But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. ⁴ And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. ⁵ Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river.*

3 **Exodus 2:6-8**

► *And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. ⁶ And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion 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 a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother.*

4 **MEET JOCHEBED**

► Her name – *Jochebed* – yow-keh-ved

► Exodus 6:20: *Now Amran took for himself Jochebed, his father's sister, as wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses.*

► Jochebed means *Jehovah is glory*.

5 **Her racial identity**

► Jochebed was an Israelite

► Israel in slavery in Egypt

► The tribe of Levi

► Sister of Kohath

► Her husband's father's sister

6 **Her testimony**

► She was a godly woman who lived up to her name.

► She had a relationship with God as her Sovereign Lord and King.

► She was an example of a godly mother.

7 **JOCHEBED'S PROBLEM**

► Her circumstances

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► Egypt's problem

► Pharaoh's fear

► Pharaoh's ignorance

► Egypt's policy

► Brutal slave drivers – Exodus 1:11: *Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens.*

▶ Kill the boy babies

8 **JOCHEBED'S FAITH**

▶ Hebrews 11:22: *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.*

▶ Jochebed – in the Faith Hall of Fame

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9 **JOCHEBED'S FAITH**

▶ Jochebed:

▶ Faith to defy the king's command

▶ Faith to hide her son for three months

▶ Isaiah 7:9: *If you will not believe and trust in and rely on God . . . , surely you will not be established. . . " (Amp.)*

▶ Faith to place her son in that tiny ark

▶ Hebrews 11:6: *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

10 **JOCHEBED'S COURAGE**

▶ Exodus 2:1-2: *And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. ² So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months.*

▶ Her Courage Demonstrated

▶ Jochebed's Decision - Exodus 2:4: ³ *But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank.*

11 **JOCHEBED'S REWARD**

▶ Exodus 2:5-8: ⁵ *Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. ⁶ And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion 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 a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother.*

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12 **JOCHEBED'S REWARD**

▶ It was no accident

▶ Jochebed's love, faith and courage

▶ Jochebed's reward is a picture of the reward that every faithful mother receives today as a result of her faithfulness in being a godly mother who loves, sacrifices and gives to all of her children.

13 **CONCLUSION**

▶ Hebrews 11:24-27: *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.