

Sunday School Lesson – Tuesday, September 27, through Sunday, October 2, 2022
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Fall Quarter's Theme: "GOD'S Exceptional Choice!"

[Exceptional, adj., unusual, uncommon, extraordinary—Choice... Doctrinal terms: *Elect; Predestination, Foreordained* (not 'whatever will be will be' ... not 'my circumstances were all pre-determined']. As we study the Lessons of this quarter, please remember, **The BIBLE teaches** us that "we are '**FREE**' to make '**CHOICE**' that *affects* **GOD!** **GOD interacts** with us as we '**FREELY**' make our '**CHOICES.**' **The BIBLE teaches** that only part of what happens has been Eternally **Predetermined!**

Lessons Theme...

Unit 2, "Out of Slavery to Nationhood" ... October—5 Lessons...

Exodus, its *purpose* means "*exit*" or "*departure*" – Israel's *departure* from bondage in Egypt and preparation to inherit the Promised Land as **The LORD'S Covenant** people.

Deuteronomy, its *purpose* **The Covenant** that binds **YAHWEH—GOD** and Israel by oaths of fidelity (**Faithfulness**) and obedience.

Judges, its *purpose* is to demonstrate that the Israelites were punished when they strayed from **GOD** and rewarded when they had **Faith in GOD.**

I Samuel, its *purpose* recounts the ministry of the Prophet Samuel, who "restored Law and Order and regular religious worship" in the Land. And Israel's change from '*theocracy,*' a country run by **GOD**, to a '*monarchy,*' a country led by human royalty.

SCRIPTURE Lesson Text: Exodus 2: 1-10

Subject: "A Protective Family"

The raising of Moses was done by both of his parents and **"GOD'S Exceptional Choice!"** ... Exceptional, adj., unusual, uncommon, extraordinary—Choice...

Lesson Outlines...

1. Defying Social Injustice (Exodus 2: 1-4) [Social Injustice, when actions are deliberate taken to infringe (violate, breach) a person or group of people rights; marginalized their opportunities or treat them unfairly. *Discrimination, Ageism, Homophobia: equity—fairness vs. equality*] How to overcome? — **"GOD'S Exceptional Choice!"**

To many, it was just another unfortunate birth of a boy, in the Israelite family. But to the contrary, it was the birth of one of the Greatest Patriarchs of Israel.

V. 1, The Parents... Exodus 6: 20, his father, Amram and his mother, Jochebad, were an obscure (veiled, not much known) couple. But *obscurity* does not prevent greatness. **GOD** delights in **HIS Exceptional Choice!"** (Read I Corinthians 1: 27, 28) The Peril... Moses was born at a time baby boys were thrown into the river (Nile River) and drowned (Exo. 1: 22) **GOD** delights to do **HIS** work when difficulties are the greatest. (Read Romans 8: 28; 2 Corinthians 10: 4) The Preparation and Timing... Moses was a "*goodly child,*" meaning beautiful, excellent, and special. Moses' mother saw in him as a child with "**The Hand of GOD**" upon him."

Read Hebrew 11: 23 Note, Moses' parents were parents of **Faith in GOD** despite, the world and world rulers of their time. *The Protecting...* they had **GOD** courage against the decree of Pharaoh the King. They had **GOD WISDOM**, *cleverness*, to hide the babe and yet give attention/account for him. And they *consecrated* him to **GOD**. **Faith** inspires noble *conduct*.

Vss. 3, 4, 5... the growing baby, "**GOD'S Exceptional Choice**" is *preserved* (kept) by **GOD**. *The Ark* (basket, shelter, **Church**—*Called out one(s)*). *Divine purpose*, "put the baby in the 'ark' in the river as *commanded* and don't drown him as *demand*. *Divine competence* (capability, proficiency, skill). The ark is made out of "*goodly materials*." *Divine care*, "the ark had a 'cover' to *protect* from 'bugs,' 'animals,' 'the sun,' even Pharaoh. *The Ark* had a *Divine anchor*, from *drifting* and *floating off* and **GOD'S watchful EYE** and the heart of Pharaoh' daughter in **HIS Hand**. Also, at **GOD'S** command, Moses' mother and sister watched with family accountability.

2. A Baby's Cry (Exodus 2: 5-10) "**GOD'S Exceptional Choice**" was to get Pharaoh's daughter to adopt baby Moses. **GOD'S** *purposes* always work!

V. 6, Pharaoh ignored human *compassion* in his cruel edict to murder all the newborn Jewish boys. But he could not control his daughter's *compassion* for a weeping infant. [According to ancient historians, Pharaoh's daughter had been long married without children. It is, however, important that royalty have children, so she adopted Moses.]

Vss. 7, 8, Moses' sister, stayed at a distance (2: 4) until just the right moment... moving at the right time (**GOD'S time**) led Moses back to his mother for nursing/nurturing.

V. 9, Pharaoh who wanted to kill the baby boys, will pay the expenses for raising up the man who will be *The Emancipator* of Israel. "**GOD'S Exceptional Choice!**"

V. 10, Little did Pharaoh's daughter realize she gave a Jewish child a name that would go down in **HIS-story** as one of the most famous Names of all—Moses, to pull out, to draw out [of water]. Moses' name reminded him of **GOD** *rescuing* him in his *past* and of his *purpose*, to allow **GOD** to *rescue* others in his future. [What does the name **CHRISTian** mean to you?]

Moses' *purpose*, **GOD** would train Moses in government policies just like **HE** trained Joseph before he became the Ruler in Egypt. Point: **GOD** is not in the habit of putting people in places of service without duly training them.