

ACTS

OF THE APOSTLES

STUDY 25

ACTS 7:17-29

FORMER ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

After completing the story of Joseph, Stephen moved to the story of Moses. The 400+ years during which Israel grew from an extended family into a group of people over 2 million strong is largely silent. The Bible picks up the narrative by stating a Pharaoh arose who did not know Joseph and who became resentful and fearful of the Hebrews, so he oppressed them and forced them to do hard labor. The Hebrews built the “storage cities” of Pithom and Ramses. Into this milieu of Egyptian oppression of the still-rapidly expanding population of Hebrews, Moses was born.

1. What was “the time of the promise” that was approaching in verse 17?

Genesis 15:13-16 _____

2. What details made the birth of Moses remarkable?

Verses 20-21 _____
Exodus 2:1-10 _____
Hebrews 11:23 _____

3. Stephen declares that Moses was educated “in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds” (v. 22). What does this passage suggest about Moses, and what did this education not prepare Moses to understand?

1 Kings 4:29-31 _____
Isaiah 19:11-15 _____

4. Stephen focusses on Moses' killing an Egyptian and subsequently having two fighting Hebrews turn against him as he tried to intervene. Verse 25 tells us that Moses "supposed that his brethren understood that God was granting them deliverance through him, but they did not understand." What did this resentment of Moses foreshadow, both in his own life and in the life of Israel?

Exodus 2:13-15 _____

Exodus 5:19-23 _____

Exodus 14:10-14 _____

Exodus 15:23-26 _____

Exodus 16:1-4 _____

Exodus 17:2-6 _____

5. Moses fled to Midian where he married the daughter of the priest of Midian. What do we know of Moses' alienation from his ethnic and cultural roots, and what did the names of his sons mean?

Exodus 2:11-15 _____

Exodus 2:21-22 _____

Exodus 18:1-7 _____

1 Chronicles 23:13-17 _____

6. How is Moses another example of God's calling His son out of Egypt? How did God use Egypt to nurture and grow the one He chose to lead the nation and mediate the Sinai covenant?

MEDITATE

How has God used unlikely experiences in your life to equip you for His service? How has He redeemed trauma and loss in your life? How has He glorified Himself through your circumstances?

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." 1 Peter 2:24-25, NIV