

Acts 7:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

Analysis

Moses' birth 'in which time' shows divine timing—God raises deliverers precisely when needed. The description 'exceeding fair' (literally 'fair to God') indicates divine favor and special purpose. Moses' parents' faith (Hebrews 11:23) in hiding him demonstrates covenant people's duty to preserve life despite tyrannical commands. His three months' nourishment represents parental faithfulness working alongside divine providence in raising God's appointed deliverer.

Historical Context

Moses' birth occurred around 1525 BC during intense persecution. 'Exceeding fair' (Greek: *asteios tō theō*) suggests unusual beauty that encouraged his parents' faith and perhaps caught Pharaoh's daughter's eye. The three months' hiding risked death if discovered (Exodus 1:22). Levite parents (Exodus 2:1) maintained covenant faithfulness despite danger.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's timing in raising up Moses demonstrate His sovereignty in providing deliverance at the appointed moment?
2. What does Moses' parents' faithfulness in preserving his life teach us about obeying God despite unjust laws?

Interlinear Text

ἐν ὅς καὶ ω̄ ἐγεννήθη Μωσῆς, καὶ ἦν ἀστεῖος τῷ
In and time was born Moses and was fair G3588
G1722 G3739 G2540 G1080 G3475 G2532 G2258 G791

θεῶ· ὅς ἀνετράφη μῆνας τρεῖς ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ τοῦ
exceeding and nourished up months three In G3588 house G3588
G2316 G3739 G397 G3376 G5140 G1722 G3624

πατρός αὐτοῦ
father's G846
G3962

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 11:23 (References Moses): By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

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