

Exodus 2:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water (וַתִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ מֹשֶׁה וְתָאָמַר כִּי מִן-הַמִּים קָשַׁתִּהוּ) vatiqra shemo Mosheh vatomer ki min-hamayim meshitihu)—**Moses** (משה, Mosheh) derives from Hebrew **drew out** (מָשַׁה, mashah). The princess unwittingly prophesies: Moses drawn from water will draw Israel through the sea (14:21-22). The Egyptian etymology (ms, "born of," as in Ra-meses) also fits, but the Hebrew wordplay is intentional. **He became her son**—Moses received royal education (Acts 7:22) and privilege, positioning him to eventually confront Pharaoh. God redeemed Moses from death waters to become His instrument of national redemption.

Historical Context

Adoption into Egyptian royalty gave Moses access to scribal training, military education, administrative experience, and court politics—skills essential for leading Israel and writing Torah. Acts 7:22 says he "was mighty in words and in deeds." The name "Moses" bridged both worlds—Egyptian in sound, Hebrew in meaning—embodying his dual heritage and future mediatorial role.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Moses' name prophesy his future role as deliverer, and what does this teach about God's sovereign planning?
2. In what ways has God positioned you in unexpected places to prepare you for future service?

Interlinear Text

תַּיִהַי פַּרְעֹעַ הַלְּבָנָן לְבָת הַלְּבָנָן וְתַבְאָה הָוּ פְּנֵי לְדָבָר לְבָת
grew And the child and she brought daughter him unto Pharaoh's H1961
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וְתַאֲמַר מֹשֶׁה הַלְּבָנָן וְתַקְרַב אֶלְבָת שְׁמֹוֹן וְתַקְרַב אֶלְבָת
and he became her son And she called his name Moses and she said H559
H1121 H7121 H8034 H4872

מִשְׁיְתָהָוּ בְּפָנֵי מְמֻן כִּי
Because I drew him out of the water H4325 H4871

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 11:24 (References Moses): By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Genesis 16:11 (Parallel theme): And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

1 Samuel 1:20 (Parallel theme): Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

1 John 3:1 (Parallel theme): Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Matthew 1:21 (Parallel theme): And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Galatians 4:5 (Parallel theme): To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Genesis 48:5 (Parallel theme): And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

Genesis 4:25 (Parallel theme): And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.