

# Numbers 26:59

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

## Analysis

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**The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi**—this staggering detail means Moses's mother was Levi's daughter, making her Amram's aunt (Exodus 6:20). Such unions were later forbidden (Leviticus 18:12), but before Sinai, they preserved Levitical purity. Jochebed (יֹכְבֵד, "YHWH is glory") bore the name of God—rare for pre-Mosaic times.

**And she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister**—three siblings who led the Exodus. A basket-making mother, a stammering son, a leprous daughter, and a son who made a golden calf (Aaron) changed world history. God uses broken families for glorious purposes. Jochebed's womb produced Israel's three foundational leaders.

## Historical Context

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Jochebed defied Pharaoh's infanticide decree (Exodus 1:22), hiding Moses three months before placing him in the Nile. Her faith (Hebrews 11:23) saved Israel's deliverer. This census, 80+ years after Moses's birth, records her name with honor. The midwives and Moses's mother—women of faith—preserved the nation.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jochebed's name ("YHWH is glory") reflect her faith in hiding Moses, trusting God's glory would prevail over Pharaoh's decree?
2. What does the production of three major leaders from one family teach about godly parenting's generational impact?
3. How does Jochebed's inclusion in a military census demonstrate that God values faithful mothers as much as warrior sons?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשֵׁם	אִשְׁתּוֹ	לְעֵמֶק	יֹכֶבֶד	בֵּת	לֵלֵי	אִשְׁרָל
And the name	wife	of Amram's	was Jochebed	the daughter	of Levi	
H8034	H802	H6019	H3115	H1323	H3878	H834
וְהִיא	אֵת	לֵלֵי	בְּמִצְרַיִם	וְהִיא	לְעֵמֶק	אֵת
and she bare		of Levi	in Egypt	and she bare	of Amram's	
H3205	H853	H3878	H4714	H3205	H6019	H853
אַהֲרֹן	וְאֵת	מֹשֶׁה	וְאֵת	מִרְיָם	אֲחֵתָם:	
Aaron		and Moses		and Miriam	their sister	
H175	H853	H4872	H853	H4813	H269	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 6:20** (References Moses): And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years.

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