

# THE FRUIT OF JOCHEBED

<sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Exodus 2:9,10

<sup>4</sup> I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam.

Micah 6:4

<sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

I. Living in a culture of death.

A. There arose a pharaoh who knew not Joseph.  
(Exodus 1:8,9)

<sup>8</sup> Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. <sup>9</sup> "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us."

B. The new pharaoh did not know his own history, nor the truth. He had a complete misunderstanding of the people of God.

C. Persecution only caused God's people to flourish.  
(Exodus 1:12-14)

*<sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites <sup>13</sup> and worked them ruthlessly. <sup>14</sup> They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.*

## II. Jochebed's Pedigree

A. Moses' mother was biblical royalty. She was the daughter of Levi; Joseph was her uncle; Jacob her grandfather; Isaac her great-grandfather; Abraham her great-great-grandfather. Her descendants would include Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. (Luke 1:5)

*<sup>5</sup> In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron.*

B. She is the first person in the Bible to have in her name part of the divine element, YHVH.

C. Through his mother, Moses would've heard at third hand, the flood story.

D. Adam was for 243 years a contemporary of Methuselah. Methuselah conversed with Shem, Noah's son, for 100 years. Shem was a 50-year contemporary with Jacob. Jacob himself could've spoken with Jochebed.

E. She and her husband, Amram, knew by counting the years that the time for the exodus was near. (Genesis 15:12-14)

*<sup>12</sup> As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred*

*years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there.* <sup>14</sup> *But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.”*

F. They knew the times and the seasons. (I Chronicles 12:32; Matthew 16:3)

[1Ch 12:32 NIV] <sup>32</sup> *from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do--200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command;*

[Mat 16:3 NIV] <sup>3</sup> *and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.*

G. They knew Israel’s hope for the future. This was the promise by which Abraham journeyed, Isaac waited, Jacob was redeemed, with which Joseph identified himself. Like every other faithful Hebrew couple, they hope their child might be the one to deliver Israel from humiliation and servitude. He was! (Acts 7:20 NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> *“At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father’s house for three months.”*

III. A season of extraordinary fruit. Holy and unholy trios.

A. Job’s daughters: Jemimah-Peace, Keziah-Fragrance, Karen Happuch-Beauty. (Job 42:13-15)

B. Adam and Eve’s children: Cain, Abel, Seth.  
(Genesis 4:1,2,25)

- C. Noah's children: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Genesis 6:10)
- D. The sons of Lamech: Jabal-Father of breeding livestock, Jubel-Father of musical instruments, and Tubal Cain-father of metal working. Gifts without God.
- E. The patriarchal order: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (Genesis 50:24)
- F. Jochebed's children: Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. (Micah 6:4)
- G. The Sons of Hosea: Jezreel-The beautiful ruined. Lo Ruamah-No mercy. Lo Ami-Not my people. (Hosea 1:6-9)
- H. The friends of Daniel: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego. (Daniel 2:49)
- I. Jesus' top three: Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1)

#### IV. A fruitful womb

- A. Moses-an extraordinary leader and prophet, due to his intimacy with God and his humility. (Deuteronomy 34:10-12; Numbers 12:3)

[Deu 34:10-12 NIV] <sup>10</sup> *Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,* <sup>11</sup> *who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt--to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land.* <sup>12</sup> *For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.*

[Num 12:3 NIV] <sup>3</sup> *(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)*

B. Aaron was the high priest of Israel and the father of the entire Aaronic priesthood. Miriam was a prophetess and a worship leader. (Exodus 15:20)

*<sup>20</sup> Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing.*

C. The fruit of Jochebed's womb delivered and created a nation! This is a Jochebed season for the world!

V. Nine prophetic themes from Jochebed

A. We will flourish in the midst of a culture of death.

B. We must let perfect love cast out all of our fears.

C. We will be paid for service we would have done for free!  
An easy yoke is ahead of us.

D. We will maintain our intimacy and we will continue to bear fruit, whatever the culture says.

E. We have perception over perspective.

F. God will reverse nature to achieve his purposes.

G. It is a time for uncommon partnerships. (Jochebed gave her son to be raised by pharaoh's pagan Egyptian daughter.)

H. It is a time for great moral clarity in all of our choices.

I. It is a time for holy trios in ministry to be raised up.  
(Simple trios of worship, priestly sensitivities, and extraordinary leadership, accompanied by signs and wonders)