

Exodus 2:1-10 **Birth and adoption of Moses**

¹ And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. ² So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. ³ But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. ⁴ And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.

⁵ Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. ⁶ And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Moses was born of the tribe of Levi Just after the time when the Egyptians had been commanded by the king to cast all new born Hebrew boys into the river. His older brother Aaron who was three years old when Moses was born, was not cast into the river, but Moses needed to be hidden for fear of the commandment.
- ✧ The king's command was to cast the Hebrew newborn boys into the river, so his mother made an ark of bulrushes and placed it among the reeds at the river's bank.
- ✧ Pharaoh's daughter found him, claimed him as her own, and hired his mother to nurse him for her, and named him Moses (drawn out). Thus Moses was raised as royalty in the House of Pharaoh himself with all the education offered Egyptian royalty. [\[Acts 7:22\]](#)
- ✧ According to the record of Josephus, Moses became a great General in the Egyptian army and defeated the Ethiopians, which brought him great fame.