

Exodus 2:11-22 **Moses - flight to Midian**

11 Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?" 14 Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!" 15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 Then the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. 18 When they came to Reuel their father, he said, "How is it that you have come so soon today?" 19 And they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock." 20 So he said to his daughters, "And where is he? Why is it that you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread." 21 Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. 22 And she bore him a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ When Moses was 40 years old he decided to look on the burden of his people Israel, desiring to deliver them out of bondage. [Acts 7:23-25]
- ✧ Moses killed an Egyptian he found beating a Hebrew, and when Pharaoh heard about it he sought to kill Moses, but Moses fled to Midian in the Arabian Peninsula east of the east arm of the Red Sea, today known as the Gulf of Elat in Israel, and the Gulf of Aqaba to the Arabs.
- ✧ At the well of Midian, Moses defended the daughters of the priest of Midian who had drawn water and filled the troughs to water their sheep, from the shepherds who came and drove them away.
- ✧ Moses was welcomed with gratitude by Reuel the priest of Midian.
- ✧ Moses was content to stay with him and married Zipporah his daughter who bore Moses a son whom Moses named Gershom (foreigner).
- ✧ It is interesting to see that here the father of Zipporah is named Reuel (friend of God) as priest of Midian, and in [Exodus 3:1] his name is Jethro (his abundance or his excellence).
- ✧ Midian is the tribal name of their ancestor Midian the son of Abraham and Keturah. [Genesis 25:2]