

Lesson VIII.

CHILDHOOD AND EDUCATION OF MOSES

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Exodus 2 : 1-15—Memory Verses, 9, 10.

Golden Text—Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.—Acts 7 : 22.



- 1 And there went a man of the house of Le'vi, and took to wife a daughter of Le'vi.
- 2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son ; and when she saw him that he *was a goodly child*, she hid him three months.
- 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein ; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.
- 4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.
- 5 And the daughter of Phar'ah came down to wash *herself* at the river ; and her maidens walked along by the river's side ; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.
- 6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child : and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This *is one of the He'brew's children*.
- 7 Then said his sister to Phar'ah's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the He'brew women, that she may nurse the child for thee ?
- 8 And Phar'ah's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.
- 9 And Phar'ah's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.
- 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Phar'ah's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Mo'ses : and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.
- 11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens : and he spied an Egyp'tian smiting an He'brew, one of his brethren, he saw that *there was no man*, he slew the Egyp'tian, and hid him in the sand.
- 12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that *there was no man*, he slew the Egyp'tian, and hid him in the sand.
- 13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the He'brews strove together : and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow ?
- 14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us ? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyp'tian ? And Mo'ses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.
- 15 Now when Phar'ah heard this thing, he sought to slay Mo'ses. But Mo'ses fled from the face of Phar'ah, and dwelt in the land of Mid'ian : and he sat down by a well.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Now, as our last Lesson told, whenever Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, heard that one of the children of Israel had a little boy born, he commanded it to be thrown into the river. But one of the poor mothers managed to hide her baby so well, that Pharaoh's men did not find him. But when the child grew to be three months old, she could not hide him any longer; so she made a large basket out of tall rushes which grew by the river side, and smeared it over with pitch to keep out the water. Then, putting her baby inside, she carried it down to the river, and hid the basket among the rushes.

She had a little daughter named Miriam, much older than the baby, and she made her stand some distance off, to see what would become of her little brother. Soon, the daughter of the king, with her maidens, came down to the river to bathe, and the

princess saw the basket hidden in the rushes. She sent one of her maidens to fetch it, and when she had opened it, the poor baby began to cry. The princess felt sorry for the baby. She knew that her father had ordered all the baby boys belonging to the Israelites to be killed, and she did not want to see this one drowned.

The baby's sister now came nearer, and when she saw that the princess pitied the child, she asked, "Do you want a nurse for the baby; for I can find you a good one?" And the princess said, "Yes." Then Miriam ran off and brought back the baby's own mother. The princess did not know who she was; but she said, "Take the child away and nurse it for me, and I will pay you wages." So the mother gladly carried her baby home, and took care of it; but when he was a big child, the princess sent for him to come and