

Who is That and Who Cares?

Miriam and the Tambourine

Exodus 2 and 15, Daniel 3

1 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. 3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. 4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. The Jews (in captivity in Egypt) were living under terrible circumstances.

Exodus 2:1-4

Miriam was born into slavery and faced the reality of Pharaoh's rule.

STORY OF MOSES

21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. 22 Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land."

23 During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. 24 God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. 25 So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

Exodus 2:21-25

Music

Message Part II

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- The Egyptians tried to destroy The Jewish men.
- Jewish men were forced into hard labor, living at their job site.
- The Jewish couples were separated to demoralize them and stop reproduction.
- Jewish History tells us that Jewish women maintained a spirit of optimism.
- They worked to retain human dignity, and encourage their families,

“In the merit of the righteous women of that generation, our forefathers were redeemed from Egypt.” (Sotah 11b)

******These women had a leader. Her name was Miriam.

“There were three excellent leaders for Israel. They were Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.” The Talmud

THE EXODUS STORY...

10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. 11 They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

13 Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. 14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” Exodus 14:10-14

23 The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. 24 During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. 25 He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” 27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward [\[c\]](#) it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. 28 The water

flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

20 Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. 21 Miriam sang to them:

*"Sing to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea."
Exodus 15:20-21*

1. Miriam expected a miracle.

2. Miriam was a 'but if not' worshipper.

16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. 18 But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." Daniel 3:16-18

3. Miriam led others to worship.

Miriam (in Hebrew) means 'rebellion' from 'bitterness.'

*23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.
John 4:23*