



## Moses



The life of Moses may be divided into three 40 year periods:

### 1- Moses spent his first 40 years in Egypt – Acts 7:22, 23

<sup>23</sup>And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

### 2- Moses spent his second 40 years in the desert – Acts 7:29, 30

<sup>22</sup>And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. as a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons. And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

### 3- Moses spent his final 40 years with the Hebrew people in the wilderness – Acts 7:36

He brought them out, after that he had showed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

#### According to Evangelist DL Moody:

- Moses spent his first forty years thinking he was somebody
- He spent his second forty years learning that he was a nobody
- He spent his third forty years discovering what God can do with a nobody
- Moses was a man who didn't become effective for God until he was eighty

#### Moses Training (2:10; Acts 7:22)

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The historian Josephus tells us that because Pharaoh had no son and heir, Moses was being nurtured for the throne

*One who the princess renamed, nurtured, reared, and educated in the ways of the Egyptian became the instrument of judgment in the very court where he grew up*

*Hebrews 11:24-26*<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; <sup>25</sup> Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; <sup>26</sup> Esteeming the reproach of

*Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.*

#### Moses Fleeing (2:11-15)

- Scripture seems to imply Moses had begun to understand his destiny while still a young man being educated in Egypt
- By age 40, God had put in Moses mind that he would one day, through some yet to be reveal manner, be used to deliver his people from bondage

*Acts 7:23* And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. <sup>24</sup> And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: <sup>25</sup> **For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.**

**Problem** – When you know the will of God for your life and things aren't happening fast enough to suit you, you become anxious and it is easy to move ahead of God's timing

Desiring to carry out the will of God, eager to do great things for God, Moses forced a situation, which led to personal disaster - As a result of this, Moses suffered a 40 year setback

- An idea initiated by Moses, not God
- An act energized by the flesh

#### Moses Family (2:16-22)

Vs. 16 "Midian" – Modern day Saudi Arabia