

# Jochebed & Miriam: The trial, foundation, exercise, response, and reward of their faith

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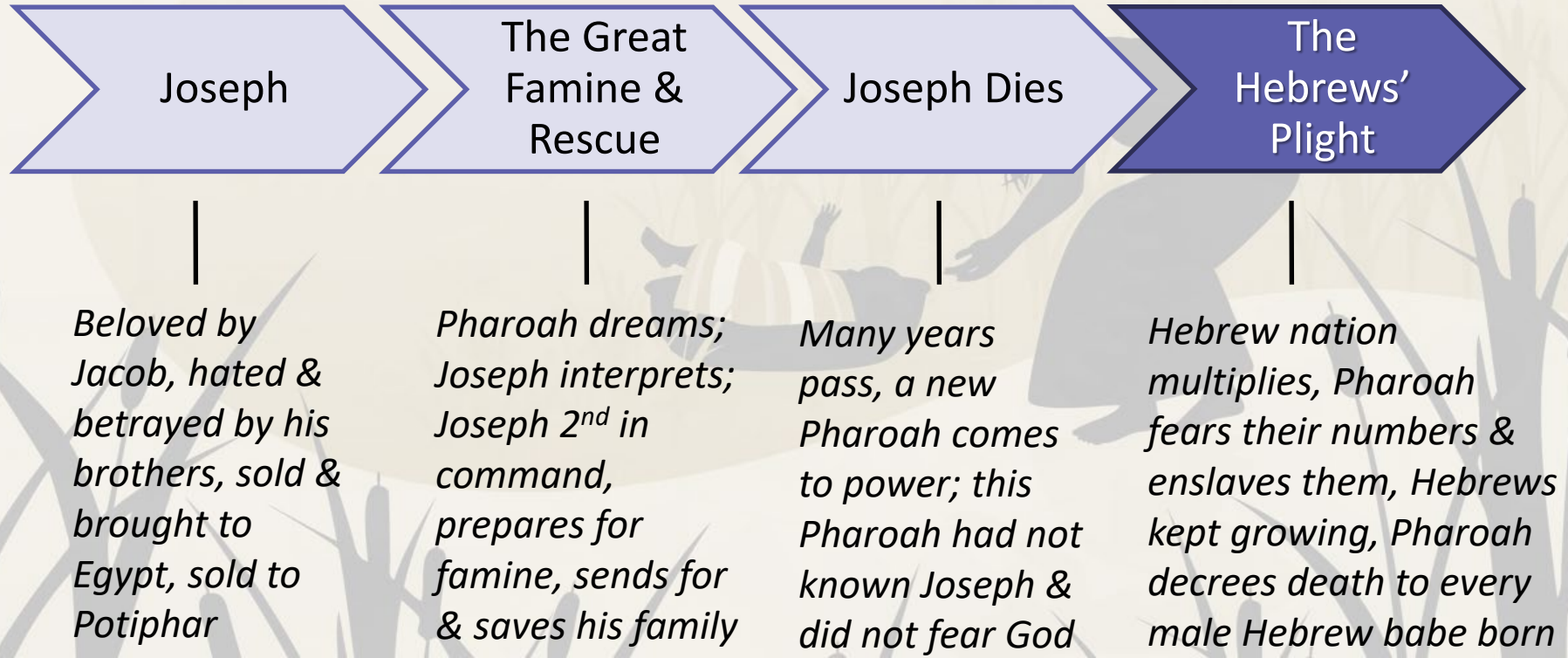


# FAITH

- One of the most frequently used words in Christians' vocabulary
  - Appears in the scripture 231 times (KJV), 254 times (NIV), 250 times (NLT) ...
- “Saving faith” vs “Sustaining faith”
  - Sustain (transitive verb): to give support or relief to; to supply with sustenance (NOURISH); keep up, prolong; to support the weight of; to carry or with stand; to bear up under
- Jochebed: daughter, wife and mother
  - Her story provides an amazing demonstration of walking by faith
- Miriam: daughter and sister
  - Her story demonstrates #1: How God's hand is in every event of our life, #2: Having courage regardless of our circumstances

# Exodus - The Birth of Israel as a Nation

*A quick refresher: Genesis 37 - 50*



# Jochebed: The Trial of Her Faith

## Exodus 1:7-22 & 2:1-2

- Dark Days for the Children of Israel
- Pharoah's decree
- Jochebed - expecting a baby
- Feelings:
  - Fear and despair?
  - Confidence and hope?



### *New Testament Scripture*

#### **2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV)**

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind

# Jochebed: The **Foundation** of Her Faith

- The promises of God's Word
  - Genesis 12:3, Genesis 15:13-14
- Sustaining Faith: The God of Israel was more revered than the king of Egypt
  - Hebrews 11:23
- Her awareness of the uniqueness of her child also gave her strength to resist taking his life

*New Testament Scripture*

## **Ephesians 6:16 (KJV)**

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

# Jochebed: The **Exercise** of Her Faith

- Courageous & Crafty
  - Exodus 2:3
- God's provision for survival through human hands
  - The tebah (ark)
  - The parallel: Genesis 6:14

*New Testament Scripture*

## **Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)**

Now faith is the  
substance of things  
hoped for, the  
evidence of things not  
seen



# Jochebed: The **Response** to Her Faith

- The Miracle: Miriam, Pharoah's daughter, the Nile
  - Exodus 2:4-8
- 1<sup>st</sup>: Right place, right time
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Right cry, right response
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Miriam**: influenced by her Mother's faith & acted through her own bravery

*New Testament Scripture*

**2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV)**

For we walk by faith,  
not by sight

# Jochebed: The **Reward** of Her Faith

- Reunited & Recompensed
  - Exodus 2:9-10
- Trust in God, even when/especially when called into action in ways that seem strange to the world

*New Testament Scripture*

## **Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)**

Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

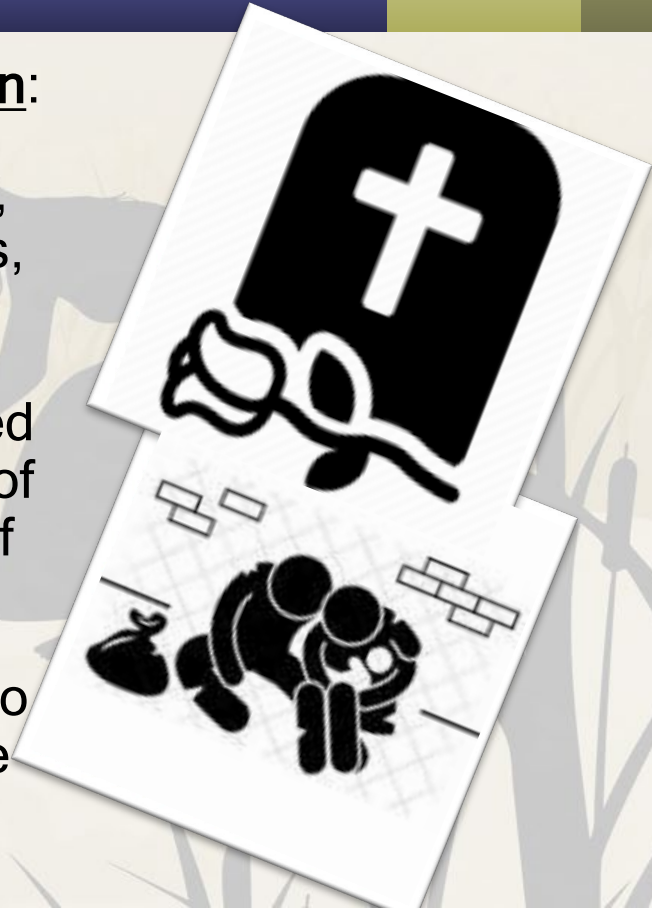


# Practical Application

## We ALL face trials as women:

Poverty, health challenges, disappointment from friends, heartache from spouses, children, parents, siblings; devastation by death of loved ones, shattered plans; lack of assurance of forgiveness of past sins

What burdens do we need to pack up and set free on the Nile?



# Take Home Message

1. Whatever it is, we must remember that God is still on the throne and behind the scenes working out all things for our ultimate good
2. God's hand is in every event of our life, no matter how insignificant or difficult it may seem.
3. When it seems we've done all we can do, we must earnestly trust in the Lord (Proverbs 3:5-7)
4. We must put on the shield of faith and believe that God is sending trials to prepare us for even greater blessings

**Do not let your fear  
funnel your faith!**



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