

How the West Was Won

Outlaw on the Run

Lesson 2

(The Killing of the Egyptian by Moses)

Scripture: Exodus 2:11-22

Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:24 - *“By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter.”*

INTRODUCTION: Everyone today has, no doubt, read books, seen movies or heard stories about a person who was attacked and in defending their own life had to kill their attacker. The law would defend such a person because he killed his attacker in “*self defense.*” However, there have been times when the evidence seemed to point to the fact that the innocent person who was defending his own life had actually plotted to murder his attacker who was dead. He became wrongfully accused of murder and became an “outlaw”. If he fled from being arrested by the law, the sheriff in the days of the old west in America would form a “posse” to try to catch the one wrongfully accused of murder. The Bible records one such story in the life of a man named Moses. Moses defended a Hebrew man who was being beaten by an Egyptian soldier and in doing so had to kill the Egyptian in self defense. When Pharaoh, king of Egypt, heard what Moses had done, he sent his officers to arrest Moses for murder. Moses had to run for his life and as a result became an “*Outlaw on the Run.*” (See also Acts 7:22-29)



I. MOSES - RAISED AS AN EGYPTIAN

Exodus 2:5-10 (v 10) - “. . .she brought him unto Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. . .”

MOSES - “*drawer out; deliverer*”

Moses was born in the land of Egypt. His mother’s name was Jochebed (“*Jehovah her glory*”) and his father’s name was Amram (“*high people*”). They were Hebrews of the children of Israel. When Moses was born, the Hebrew people had become slaves in the land of Egypt. The king of Egypt, called Pharaoh, had commanded the Hebrew slaves to kill any baby boys that were born in the land of Egypt. However, Moses’ parents knew that it was wrong to

kill their baby boy, so they made an ark (chest) out of bulrushes (cattails) and placed baby Moses in it on the edge of the Nile River. The Queen of Egypt named “Queen Hatshepsut” came down to the river to take her bath. She heard baby Moses crying in the little ark by the edge of the river. She immediately loved baby Moses and had him brought to her palace where she would raise him for the first forty years of his life. Moses was raised like an Egyptian and even looked like an Egyptian. (Exodus 2:19) He was given the best food and clothing, and received the best education that money could buy. But, Moses never forgot that he was one of the Hebrew slaves by birth. (Acts 7:20-22)



II MOSES - FLED AS AN OUTLAW

Exodus 2:11-22 (v 15) - “. . .But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh. . .”

When Moses was a grown man of forty years old, he decided one day to go see how his Hebrew people were doing in the land of Egypt. To his surprise, he saw an Egyptian soldier beating a Hebrew man, and tried to get the Egyptian to stop. The soldier argued and began to fight with Moses, and Moses had to kill the Egyptian in self-defense. Word of his actions was reported back to Pharaoh, and Pharaoh sent his officers to arrest Moses to kill him. Queen Hatshepsut had died about nine years earlier and was not there to protect Moses, so Moses had to run for his life out into the desert country of Midian. As an “outlaw” from Egypt, Moses would spend the next forty years living as a shepherd in the deserts of the Sinai Peninsula. (Acts 7:23-29; Hebrews 11:24-27)



III MOSES - SERVED AS A MAN OF GOD

Exodus 2:23-3:10 (v 10) - “Come now therefore, and I will send them unto Pharaoh. . .”

When Moses was eighty years old, after being an outlaw from Egypt for forty years, he learned that God could forgive him of his past life and use him as a man of God. One day while Moses was watching his father-in-law’s sheep, God spoke to him from a burning bush and told him to go back to Egypt and tell Pharaoh to let the Hebrew slaves go. Pharaoh refused to let the people go, so God used Moses to send forth ten terrible judgments upon the land of Egypt. At long last, Pharaoh let the Hebrews go. Moses would lead the entire nation of 2 ½ million of his people through the deserts of the Sinai Peninsula for



the last forty years of his life until he was 120 years old. (Acts 7:30-37)

CONCLUSION: Just like Moses broke the laws of Egypt and became an “outlaw” from Egypt, so every boy and every girl has sinned against the Lord, and broken God’s law becoming an “outlaw” from God. Moses learned that God could forgive him of his sins and his bad life in the past and could still use him in the service of the Lord. No matter how bad any boy or girl’s sin may be, God can forgive that sin by them coming to God by Jesus Christ Who died on the cross for those sins. Romans 5:8 - *“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*

Have you been forgiven; have you ask Jesus to come into your heart and save you or are you still an “Outlaw on the Run?”