

Week 6 Assignment

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The book of Exodus is filled with quite a few individuals that would make good writing topics. However, I choose characters that I feel contributed to the developments of the nation of Israel most. The five individuals I chose was Moses, Hatshepsut (Pharaoh's Daughter), Amenhotep II (Pharaoh), Jethro, and Aaron. I will attempt to reveal how they all had an input and or contributed to Israel's development.

Moses was the man that God chose to free Israel from Egyptian slavery. Moses was a Levite born during a period of genocide decreed by Pharaoh to curb the population. To save Moses life his mother placed him in a basket and he was found by Pharaoh's daughter and raised in the royal household. He killed an Egyptian man and was forced to flee. He went to Midian where he met his wife and stayed 40 years. The God spoke to him to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let his people go. Moses went and led the people from Egypt across the Red Sea into the Sinai desert. He led the people and mediated with God for them for 40 years. He set up structure and built a Tabernacle for God. He presented and instructed them on the commandments of God. Set a successor and was the reason they ultimately made it into the promised land.

Hatshepsut (Pharaoh's Daughter) played a significant role by saving Moses life after his mother placed him on the Nile. Her role in doing this preserved the life of the leader that would ultimately lead the Israelites from her land. She concealed Moses identity and raised him as an Egyptian. She loved Moses and he was set to become the Pharaoh one day.

Amenhotep III (Pharaoh) was the contributing factor to pushing the people out of the land of Egypt. He was hard on the people and they began to cry out to God. God heard their cry and sent Moses to render aid to his people. Amenhotep's continued resistance only revealed the

power of God to Moses and the Israelites. His pursuit to hold and hinder them pushed them to their destiny. He was just a pawn used by God to get the people to the promised land.

Jethro the father-in-law of Moses took him in when he fled Egypt after murdering the Egyptian. Jethro gave Moses his daughter Zipporah in marriage and allowed him to settle in Midian with them. Jethro was always supportive and influential on Moses. I think Moses respected him as being his father-in-law but also a priest. Especially when Jethro gave him wisdom and instructions on how to organize the rebellious, murmuring, and complaining Israelites in the wilderness.

Aaron is the prophet, high priest, and older brother of Moses. Aaron was appointed by God to assist Moses with leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Aaron also assisted Moses with managing the people in the wilderness. Aaron held the hands of Moses with Hurl during the battle with the Amalekites. Aaron was even invited by God to accompany Moses on the mountain. Aaron and his sons ran the tabernacle as priest on behalf of the people appointed by Moses.

The main event in Exodus was Israel's captivity and exit from Egyptian bondage. There were a lot of moments that could be deemed the greatest event but I think by far the parting of the Red Sea was the main event. It was signification that the Israelites were indeed free from bondage and would never return. The book of Leviticus was written to draw the Israelites to the understanding of the holiness of God. I think the main event of Leviticus was when Moses consecrated Aaron and his sons. The book of Numbers is describing how Moses took two censuses of the population as they prepared to enter the promised land. I think the main event of Numbers was the spy mission of the promise land. This mission determined who would make it into the promised land. The two different reports separated those who trusted God from those

who feared entering the promised land. Deuteronomy is not much different than Exodus. Moses goes over the history and laws with the people. He does this to remind them of what God had done and what God expects of them. The main event of Deuteronomy was the leadership change from Moses to Joshua.

Moses must have written the first five books of the bible between the time of Exodus and the arrival of the Israelites at the edge of the promised land, and therefore the date of writing is believed to be between roughly 1446 and 1406 B.C.

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