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Exodus

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In summary the book of Exodus outlines of the coming about of the promise that God made Abraham regarding his decedents. It tells the story of Moses leading the people of Israel out of Egypt. In this essay I will be outlining the 5 characters that I feel really contributed to the development of the Israel nation and describe the main events that are covered in this book. In closing I will summarize the chronological period in the book of Exodus.

The first significant character to discuss would be Pharaoh's daughter. She is the only mother that Moses knew of. The king at the time had ordered the drowning of all male Hebrew baby boys. Moses birth mother wanted to preserve his life so she swaddled him up and put him in a basket and put him in the Nile river. Pharaoh's daughter is not identified by name however she risked "her favor with her father", because she felt it would be cruel to murder him. She had compassion for Moses and because of her compassion she preserved the fate of the Israel nation.

Moses, as mention above, was born a Hebrew but raised by his Egyptian "adopted" mother. Moses contributed towards the development of the nation of Israel by being the man God chose to plead to Pharaoh to let his people go, and then lead them out from the constraints of slavery. He leads through the wilderness and out of bondage. God also gives Moses the 10 commandments, which is the law which is to govern the Israel Nation. These laws where

inscribed on stone tablets and created the outline for how they should live their life.

The next character to discuss is Miriam, Moses sister. Miriam watched the basket as it drifted along the Nile. She also approached Pharaoh's daughter after the discovery to suggest that a Hebrew mother nurse the child. She agreed and Moses birth mother could bring him up. This act allowed his birth mother to rear him as a Godly child.

Pharaoh is another significant character. His is the presiding sovereign king. He orders the death of all Hebrew babies, yet when his daughter finds a Hebrew baby boy, he allows it. This act preserves Gods will. If Pharaoh would not have allowed his daughter to keep the baby, Moses would have been killed. However, Pharaoh allowed him to grow up in a royal household.

Aaron is the next character I would like to elaborate on. He is Moses's older brother and he is who God sends to hep Moses because he was falling weary in obeying Gods command to bring his people out of Egypt. Aaron could go with Moses to try to vindicate his people from Pharaoh. Aaron gave Moses courage to stand up to Pharaoh, and he stood by him. I honestly believed that if Aaron did not obey Gods command, Moses would not have fulfilled the task. Aaron acted as an intercessor to be a life form and a encourager to assist in Moses doing what he needed to do.

Finally, I want to speak about Bezalel. Bezalel is a builder who is given the task of building a tabernacle that is portable. God requested this to bring an end to the frustrations of the Hebrews. This would mark the first instance where God would dwell among his people. Bezalel was instrumental in the

development of the Hebrew religion, further deterring them from making pagan idols.

The main events discussed in this book are the birth of Moses which I have detailed above. It also tells of how Moses petitioned Pharaoh to let his people go. When Pharaoh refused he lead them away and lead through the wilderness. This was a difficult task because the people had been slaves for so long and although I am sure they wanted their freedom, they were disgruntled with the process. He leads them by day, by following a cloud and by night, by following fire. Moses is significant for stretching forth his hand parting the red sea and leading the people through. The waters defeated Pharaoh and his army in their pursuit of him. Finally, Moses, was the receiver of the law and was given the 10 commandments, which are the rules governing the Nation of Israel’s faith.

In conclusion, Exodus covers the period of the Hebrew people being taken into slavery and their exit from it. It covers a span of 430 years and the dates span from 1876 and 1406 BC. Exodus is filled with example after example of Gods amazing power and strength. It solidifies that no man can hold up a word spoken by the Lord. What God speaks is going to happen, it will happen.

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