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Moses was born in Egypt when the Israelite people were slaves to the Pharaoh of that time. Historians from different centuries have disagreed on the exact date of the birth of Moses. However, based on 1 Kings, Chapter 6, the Israelites' exit from Egypt is established as 1,446 BC. It is recorded 480 years before the 4th year of Solomon's reign, which was 966 BC.

Is it necessary to watch the dates when a particular event happened in the Old Testament? Yes, it is. When dates and documents can be checked to show a certain event took place at a certain time, this builds trust in the truth of the Scriptures. It's harder then, for disbelieving critics of the Bible to dismiss it as a lot of myths or made-up stories.

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In the early years of Moses' life, his parents would have taught him about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that they themselves worshipped. We don't know exactly how old Moses was when Pharaoh's daughter adopted him. He became part of her household, under the protection of the very Pharaoh who had originally wanted him and all the Israelite baby boys killed.

Moses, however, grew up with the awareness that he was a Hebrew. He observed the ill-treatment the Egyptian slave masters dealt the Hebrew slaves and he gradually came to the decision to stand on their side. Once found out, he knew this would mean losing his comfortable lifestyle as a prince of Egypt.

When Moses was 40 years old, he went out to see the Israelites at their forced work. One slave master was beating a Hebrew with a whip. Moses acted impulsively and struck the slave master, killing him. It may not have been Moses' intention to kill the slave master, but he panicked, not knowing what to do next. So he quickly buried the body in a shallow grave and he went back to the palace as though nothing unusual had happened.

Although the act of killing someone was completely wrong, Moses' motives were right. He was seeking to protect the oppressed and the downtrodden. Moses possessed a strong sense of justice, but he was too quick when he acted. The very next day after the death of the Egyptian slave master, Moses went out again and he saw two Hebrews fighting each other. When Moses tried to rebuke the one in the wrong, the man reacted angrily: "Who made you ruler and judge over us?" The man didn't realise it then but 40 years later, God Himself did make Moses the ruler and deliverer of the Israelites.

The Hebrew man then revealed to Moses that he knew about him killing the Egyptian slave master the day before. It had become common knowledge! Moses became afraid and he fled to Midian, far from Pharaoh's palace in Egypt. This action caused Moses to spend 40 years in the desert of Midian to learn how to render justice in God's time and in God's way. The weapons Christians fight with are not those that the world uses.

What price is a human life? This answer depends on who's asking the question and which humans are being referred to. If it was Pharaoh, he would have said that Moses had to forfeit his own life now for the life of the Egyptian slave master he took. But if the human beings were the Israelites slaves, then Pharaoh would have said it was perfectly alright to kill as many of them as possible, whether directly or indirectly via overwork, starvation, floggings or no medical help.

But what does God say? "Do not murder." In our generation, murderers who are caught go through the courts and if they're found guilty, are sentenced to usually a lengthy prison term. Such a period behind bars is seen as a form of compensation for the loss of life for a certain adult or child. But sadly, preborn babies are slaughtered using abortion without any penalty being issued for such a crime in the majority of cases.

King David said to the Lord in Psalm 139: "You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb." And in the book of Jeremiah, Chapter 1, the Lord told Jeremiah: "I chose you before I gave you life, and before you were born I selected you to be a prophet to the nations." These passages indicate that all humans belong to the Lord and that we should respect the sacredness of human life at all of its development stages. Those who escape the courts and their punishments here on earth won't escape God's punishment court one day in heaven.

The land of Midian to which Moses escaped to was on the eastern side of the Gulf of Aqaba, in the north-western region of present-day Saudi Arabia. Moses had to cross the Sinai region to get there. When he arrived, he rested by a well. The priest of Midian Jethro had seven daughters who regularly watered their father's flock of sheep at that particular well. As Midian was a desert region, when some shepherds came to the well, they started to drive the women away so they could water their own flocks. But Moses stood up and rescued the women, and he helped them to water their sheep.

The daughters of Jethro returned home early and told him that an Egyptian had helped them by stopping the other shepherds from interfering and had drawn water for Jethro's sheep. Jethro wanted to know where the Egyptian was so that he could be offered food. Moses' good service to Jethro's daughters gained him not only a place to stay but in time, a wife also. Jethro gave Moses his first daughter Zipporah as a wife and she bore him a son named Gershom, which means 'an alien there'.

Moses lived in Midian for 40 years and during that long time, the Pharaoh from whom Moses had fled had finally died. Did things get better for the Israelites living in Egypt with a new Pharaoh? No, the oppression and suffering of the Hebrews continued. The people cried out in desperation of their plight and God heard them. He remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and His promise to give the Israelites a land of their own. God had told Abraham that his descendants would suffer in Egypt for 400 years. God had also said that He would punish the nation they served in as slaves but the Israelite people would come out with great possessions. The time had come for their deliverance.

How important is it for us to know that our lives belong to God? God decides the days of our birth and death yet through the rest of it, we have a lot of choices and decisions to make. In Revelation, Chapter 12, the Apostle John spoke of the believers during the Tribulation: "Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, 'Now God's salvation has come! Now God has shown his power as King! Now his Messiah has shown his authority! For the one who stood before our God (that's Satan) and accused believers day and night, has been thrown out of heaven. They won the victory over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the truth which they proclaimed; and they were willing to give up their lives and die.'"

These believers in Christ who died as martyrs for Him didn't love their lives more than their conviction of staying true to their God. They didn't try to preserve their lives at all costs. No, they knew that they could lose their physical lives because their spiritual lives belonged to God. They also knew that their times were in God's hands, so they spoke up for their faith in Christ. They knew that whatever the consequences were, they were ready to face them.

Should Christians be faithful to Christ 100%? You need to be aware that in the last days of earth, as prophesied in the books of Daniel, the gospels and Revelation, many people will mock Christians and attack the teachings of Christianity. Even today, many around the world don't believe the words of the Lord Jesus or that He's coming back again one day to rule this world. The Bible clearly states that the power behind mockers comes from their sinful desires, which they will protect at all costs. Sin has taken over and controls them. This means that such people are not receptive to the Gospel and their rejection is aggressive.

If you're not completely sure that you're going to heaven when you die, now is a good time to make certain of your salvation. You need to forget about working enough good deeds to pay for your wrongdoing. No one can ever do that. In Acts, Chapter 4, it says: "Salvation is to be found through Him (that's Jesus Christ) alone; and in all the world there is no one else whom God has given who can save us."

Place your trust in Jesus Christ; tell Him that you're a sinner and don't deserve eternal life; tell Him that you believe that He died to take your place to cancel your sin and that afterwards, He arose back to life again; ask Him to come into your life and take control of it, ask for His forgiveness as you forgive all those who've wronged you; tell Him that you accept His free gift of salvation and thank Him very much for it.

If you've asked God for His forgiveness and received His grace, which is full of unfailing love, for the very first time, seek out an experienced Christian to help you start reading and understanding your Bible, and rejoicing and praying to God often through the name of Jesus Christ. Also find a church where the Bible is preached and acted on. There, have friendship and practice hospitality with like-minded Christians. In 1 John, Chapter 3, Verse 14, it says: "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death."

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