

## Jochebed – The Protective Mother

Text: Exodus 1:15-22

### Introduction:

1. Genesis 3:20 – The blessing of motherhood
2. Modern society has it backwards – sees it as the curse of motherhood.
3. We have women who want to be men and men who want to be women.
4. Yet, there are godly examples of good mothers who took their responsibility seriously and protected their children.
5. One example is Jochebed, the mother of Moses (cf. Numbers 26:59).

### I. She Protected Him from Harm

- A. Consider the threat of the Egyptian government to her child (Exo. 1:15-22).
- B. Still, Jochebed did what she had to do to protect her son (2:1-4).
  1. She hid him for three months.
    - a. Acts 7:20 – during which time she nourished him
    - b. Hebrews 11:23 – this she did without fear of the Pharaoh
  2. When she could no longer hide him, she sent him away into safety.
    - a. She took great care in building an ark for him.
    - b. She made sure it was safe.
    - c. She made sure it was comfortable.
    - d. She placed on the riverbank where it would appear to have drifted.
  3. She sent his sister to watch over him.
- C. A mother's love is protective of her children.
- D. It mirrors the love of God who seeks to protect His children (Leviticus 25:18-19; Psalm 4:8; Proverbs 18:10).

### II. She Protected Him from Error

- A. Moses' mother was chosen as the nursemaid for her son (2:5-9).
- B. She would have an important influence over him until he was about three years old.
- C. Soon, Moses would begin his education as an Egyptian (2:10; Acts 7:21-22).
- D. However, he never forgot his true heritage (2:11-14; Acts 7:23-25).
- E. A mother's love will educate her children in Truth (cf. 1 Cor. 13:6).
  1. The importance of godly education in the early years...
  2. The importance of continued education from both parents (Eph. 6:4)...
- F. This mirrors the love of God who wants His children to know the Truth (Matthew 22:16; John 8:32, 40; 14:6; 16:13; 17:17; 1 Timothy 2:3-4).

Conclusion: *Thank God for godly mothers!*