

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MANKIND

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PART 3: THE CALL OF MAN

THE SILENT YEARS

There is a gap of some 400 years and the Bible does not say who led the children of Israel during this time. After they had been in Egypt for 430 years, God selected Moses to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Moses' continued survival was a miracle and God chose to use Jochebed, Miriam and a princess of Egypt to accomplish the task. **Exodus 2:1-10**

Satan tried to derail Moses when he tried to save his people in his own power. **verses 11-15**

God hid Moses in the desert for 40 years. **verses 16-22**

THE CALL OF MOSES

The children of Israel now numbered close to 3 million and God was determined to move them out of Egypt. But He could not use holy angels or would break His own rules from the courthouse in heaven. So the Lord called Moses, who was not initially willing for this assignment. **Exodus 3:1-22**

God had to show anger and threaten Moses before he was willing to submit to this difficult task. **Exodus 4:1-8**

After leading the Israelites for 40 years, Moses' time on earth came to an end. He was not allowed the honor of leading them into the Promised Land because of disobedience. **Numbers 20:1-13, 23-29**

Moses had marriage problems and struggled to control his temper but God still shaped him into a great man of God. **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

As a reward, he was later chosen to minister to Jesus. **Matthew 17:1-8**

THE REJECTION OF THE SONS OF MOSES

Moses and Zipporah had two sons named Gershom and Eliezer. **Exodus 2:21-22; 18:4**

There are certain verses in the Bible which are hard to understand. God told Moses to take his family to Egypt. He obeyed but God met him on the way and tried to slay his son. Zipporah intervened and saved Gershom's life by circumcising him but she never forgave her husband. **Exodus 4:24-26**

It is obvious that Moses was not happy with Zipporah and sent her and the boys back to her father. Jethro brought them back to Moses after the Israelites had gotten out of Egypt. The Bible records that Moses greeted his father-in-law with great enthusiasm, but there is no mention that he was glad to be reunited with his wife and sons. **Exodus 18:1-8**



The Bible doesn't mention Zipporah again and it is obvious that Moses had family problems. Moses would later marry a black woman from Ethiopia and this really upset Aaron and Miriam. **Numbers 12:1-16**

God did not call the sons of Moses to succeed their father. According to Jewish history, Moses asked the Lord to make Gershom the next leader but God said no. Both sons went into the wilderness with the children of Israel; they married and had children. Since Moses was from the tribe of Levi, his sons and their descendants became part of the priesthood. **1 Chronicles 23:14-17**

Only God can call people to serve in in the kingdom of God. **Matthew 22:14**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!