

## 1. Overview

- Birth of Moses
  - dawn of a new era.
  - Recalls Genesis and the renewal of creation.
  - A redeemer or savior for Israel
- Pharaoh's Daughter
  - She participates in God's plan of redemption by saving the future redeemer.
  - "Seeing" turns to action.

## 2. Exodus 2:1-10

- Notice names – or the lack of names.
- Repetition of "seeing" and action.
  - Tikkun Olam – to restore order, to repair the world.
  - Tikkun Olam requires "seeing" and then acting.

## 3. Birth of Moses as the dawning of a new era:

- To express the dawning of a new era, the language of Exodus 2:1-4 reflects Genesis.
- v. 2: "she **saw** [**that**] he was [**a fine child**]"
  - "*raah*" (saw) "*ki tov*" (that good)
  - Reflects the wording in that is repeated 7x in Genesis 1.  
  
"And God **saw** the light **that good.**"
- v. 3: "she got a papyrus [**basket**] and coated it with tar and pitch."
  - the Hebrew word that is translated [**basket**] is *tebat*
  - *Tebat* – is the word for ark as in, Noah's ark.
  - Noah's ark is also covered with tar and pitch.
  
  - The story of Noah is the beginning of a new era after the flood.
  - A renewal of creation and a new covenant with humanity.
  
  - The ark delivers through the waters.
  - The ark is a symbol of divine protection.

**4. Pharaoh's Daughter:**

- No name given in Exodus
- Disobeys her father's command
- She "sees" and acts –
  - She sees past the external – the child of a Hebrew slave – to the humanity of the child.
  - She is moved to compassion – then acknowledges that he is a Hebrew baby.

**5. She adopts Moses as her own "son" (Ex. 2:10)**

- Pharaoh's daughter follows the ancient near eastern customs of adoption.
  - Pays a fee for the service of a wet nurse
  - Agrees upon a specified period for rearing the child.

**6. Pharaoh's Daughter provides the name for Moses – not the Hebrew parents:**

- Play on words: Moses is an Egyptian name but also corresponds to a Hebrew word meaning "to draw up."
- Egyptian:
  - *msy* is a verb "to be born." *ms* is a noun for child or son.

Egyptian Pharaoh	Translation
Ahmo <b>se</b>	Child of the Moon
Thutm <b>ose</b>	Thoth is born or Child of Thoth
Ramses	Child of Ra (Son of Ra)

- Hebrew:
  - *Mashab* – to draw up or out of water

**7. Pharaoh's Daughters Name?**

- Not given in Exodus
- Text interprets Text: 1 Chron. 4:18
- *Bith-ya* - Daughter of Ya or Daughter of God