

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of November 24, 2024

THEME: "Moses"

THE KING'S DECREE

Sunday..... Read Exodus 1:15-16

"And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live." In the time of Jacob and Joseph, a famine hit the land of Israel and the Israelites, in large numbers, moved to Egypt. God had blessed Egypt because of the presence of His people. As time went on, a new Pharaoh came into power in Egypt who was concerned about the increase in the Jewish population and feared an overthrow. As a result, he issued a decree that the midwives assigned to Jewish women kill all male babies. That in Pharaoh's opinion, would eliminate the threat!

THE VESSEL

Monday..... Read Exodus 2:1-3

"But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile." The parents of Moses were brave enough to protect their baby boy from Pharaoh's decree. They courageously hid the boy by placing him in a little basket to float on the water. In so doing, he was protected from being put to death. It appears that the authorities would check the Hebrew houses for baby boys, but would never think to check on vessels in the river. God gives wisdom to those who trust Him! Any human authority that goes against God is sure to lose.

THE PLAN

Tuesday..... Read Exodus 2:6-9

"And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother." God then arranged for baby Moses to be discovered by Pharaoh's daughter. The sister of Moses who was watching, cleverly intervened on her brother's behalf. She offered to find a nurse of the Hebrew women to nurse the child on her behalf. As it turned out, the Pharaoh, because of his daughter's attachment to the Hebrew boy, actually provided for the upbringing of a boy whom he had ordered to be killed.

God overruled the Pharaoh proving He is the Supreme Judge of the world! He was then and still is. Our founders referenced God that way in the Declaration of Independence.

GOD'S CALL

WednesdayRead Exodus 3:1-4

"And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed." Moses grew up in the palace and that worked to the favor of the Jewish people. His loyalty, however, also created a tough situation because he defended a Jewish man being assaulted by an Egyptian. That loyalty was consistent with God's plan for His chosen people. That plan was to get them back to the Promised Land of Israel. God revealed His plan to liberate the Israelites from bondage in Egypt in the message delivered from the burning bush.

THANKSGIVING

Thursday Read I Thessalonians 5:16-18

"In everything give thanks." A study of the life of Moses is a great illustration for believers to give thanks. It was Divine intervention that gave the nation of Israel great reason to give thanks to God. His use of Moses in Egypt and then the provision and protection on the journey to the Promised Land were amazing. There is a parallel in the history of the United States with numerous examples of Divine intervention in our history. The ice in Boston Harbor and fog in New York in Washington's day are just two examples!

THE PASSOVER

FridayRead Exodus 12:20-24

"For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you." Despite his promises to let the Israelites go to their homeland after God struck the nation of Egypt with a variety of plagues the Pharaoh changed his mind again and again after the plagues ended. Finally, God intervened with a judgment that convinced the Pharaoh to let the people go. It was the death angel bringing death to the oldest son in the home. The Jewish homes were spared if they applied the blood of a sacrificial lamb to the door posts and lintels of their homes. When the death angel saw the blood, he would pass over that home and spare the oldest son.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

SaturdayRead Exodus 31:12-18

"And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." It was at this meeting on Mount Sinai that God gave to Moses what we call the Ten Commandments. They were included in the Holy Scriptures when the Holy Spirit inspired writers. Jesus referenced these Ten Commandments when He was on earth during His first Advent. So concise and beneficial are these commandments that they were hung on many schoolroom walls in the United States of America. This gave a Biblical slant to the education of our youth and enriched our nation, often referenced as a Christian nation. They are commandments that never had to be amended or revised. They are good for all ages! Following God's Ten Commandments would be a successful norm for any culture.