

FOOTNOTES AND CROSS REFERENCES

when the child grew,* she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her

2:3 Basket: the same Hebrew word is used in Gn 6:14 and throughout the flood narrative for Noah's ark, but nowhere else in the Bible. Here, however, the "ark" or "chest" was made of papyrus stalks. Presumably the allusion to Genesis is intentional. Just as Noah and his family were preserved safe from the threatening waters of the flood in the ark he built, so now Moses is preserved from the threatening waters of the Nile in the ark prepared by his mother. *Among the reeds:* the Hebrew noun for "reed" is overwhelmingly used in the phrase "Reed Sea," traditionally translated "Red Sea."

2:9 And I will pay your wages: the idea that the child

midwives; and the people multiplied and

c. [1:8-10] Acts 7:18-19.—d. [1:11] Dt 26:6.—e. [1:21] Acts 7:19.—a. [2:1] Ex 6:20; Nm 26:59.—b. [2:2] Acts 7:20; Heb 11:23.

1:8 Who knew nothing of Joseph: the nuance intended by the Hebrew verb "knew"

- 1) Footnote "*"
- 2) Cross Reference "b"

is born,¹ but you may let all the girls live.²

CHAPTER 2

Birth and Adoption of Moses. ¹Now a man* of the house of Levi married a Levite woman,² and the woman conceived and bore a son. Seeing what a fine child he was, she hid him for three months.³ But when she could no longer hide him, she took a papyrus basket,* daubed it with bitumen and pitch, and putting the child in it, placed it among the reeds on the bank of the Nile.

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So, for example, the "c" that is a cross-reference. Then you go to this section at the bottom of every page has something that looks like this (see slide above) and it has c. and it says [1:8-10] Chapter 1 verses 8-10, go to Acts 7:18-19 (Acts Chapter 7 verses 18-19) and you will see something in that that relates to this Exodus verse (Exodus Chapter 1, verses 8-10). You will see Paul talking about this text.

And then if you go to d. which is [1:11] Chapter 1 verse 11, it says to read Dt. (Deuteronomy) 26:6 (Chapter 26 verse 6). You need to go to Deuteronomy 26:6 because that will tell you another kind of understanding of this text.

It just so happens that “*b*” (Exodus Chapter 2 Verse 2) cross reference to Acts 7:20 (Acts Chapter 7 Verse 20) I believe is Paul talking about Moses at that time and about how he was hidden for three months, because Paul would know this text. And so he is quoting this text in Acts of the Apostles.

And when we talk about the footnotes, which is the little star (*) (see slide above), “papyrus basket”, you are like “that’s a basket”, right, but when you look at the footnotes “the same Hebrew word is used from Genesis 6:14 and throughout the flood narrative for Noah’s ark but nowhere else in the Bible.” So the Bible things should be very interesting, but the ark of Noah and Moses in the basket that they use is the same word. And so they start making a connection. Because it says “here, however the ‘ark’ or ‘chest’ was made of papyrus stalks. Presumably the allusion to Genesis is intentional.” So the beginning of Moses life, saves his life hidden in a basket. Same word as Noah where some are saved from the flood. And so you start thinking “that’s an interesting connection.” And so they talk about “among the reeds” “the Hebrew noun for “reed” is overwhelmingly used in the phrase “Reed Sea” traditionally translated as “Red Sea”. We can make that connection. We can say Wow! This is coming alive. I can see now why the Book of Genesis and the Noah Story is very much connected to the salvation of the people, that which comes from Moses.

The only reason why I bring that up is for you to make sure that you look at footnotes. If you are going to study it, you are going to study it. Read the text and also read the footnotes because the biblical scholars have already studied this.