

Minority Reports – Part 7
Moses At a Distance - Exodus 2:1-22; Heb.11:23-29

0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 Famous people named Moses, from the Lawgiver onward
- 0.2 Despite the image, yet another one-off

1.0 Top Ten Facts About Moses

- 1.1 Tribe of Levi (2:1), beautiful child (2:2), three months @ home (2:3a), afloat in wicker basket sealed with tar (2:3b), attendant older sister (2:4), retrieved from Nile by bathing princess (2:5-6), mother paid as “wet-nurse” (2:7-9), royal adoption (2:10), royal naming for circumstances – *mashah* ‘draw out’ (2:10)
- 1.2 Royal court education – amidst emergence of alphabetic writing
- 1.3 Keen conscience & empathy for the oppressed (2:11-12)

2.0 Moses At a Distance

- 2.1 Challenged by his own ethnic group (2:13-14)
- 2.2 Hunted by his own adoptive family (2:15)
- 2.3 Protective of Midianite priest’s daughters (2:16-19)
- 2.4 Marries into Midianite Zipporah (2:20-21)
- 2.5 Names firstborn son *Gershom* ‘stranger there’ (2:22)
- 2.6 Called by God to return to Egypt (see Ex.3:1f), speaking with accent
- 2.7 The ‘great Lawgiver’ *often* disrespected by his own people

3.0 Moses in Retrospect and for Us Today

- 3.1 Faith-life (Heb.11:23-29): trading concrete/secure now for promised future
- 3.2 God continues to work with one-offs (irregular & displaced people)

Next week: Oct.24 – Dr. Robert Frazier, Guest Preaching
Oct.31 – Minority Reports (Part 8) - Joshua in Canaan – Joshua 1:1-18; Heb.4:1-10