

The Marriage

Yocheved marries Amram in Pasuk Alef.

In Pasuk Bet, she gives birth to Moshe.

What about Aharon and Miriam? The pasukim make it seem like Moshe is the first one.

Rashbam

The man was Amram. The woman was Yocheved.

Aharon was born (and Miriam) then Moshe. There was a lot of time in between pasuk א and pasuk ב

All of this really happened before the end of perek א.

It was before the decree, because there was no drama with אהרן.

Aharon was 83 and Moshe was 80 when they went to פערה.

Rashi

This was before Pharaoh's decree

Sotah 12b

Explaining the word וילך

Amram took the advice of his daughter. He was the גדול הדור, and so when he divorced his wife, everyone else did also. And Miriam got mad at him, told him he was worse (also because he is a צדיק so his decree will definitely come true). And then he re-marries his wife.

What does the Gemara teach us?

Important people need to be careful of their decisions

Speak out when you feel you can make a difference

Learn from everyone

Just because one thing is going wrong, don't give up on everything

Jewish babies are important

Don't let suffering keep you from living

Ramban

What does the word וילך do here? Any time somebody is מזדרז (rushed, eager to do something), it uses the word וילך. They were eager to get married. This idea of זריזות also frames Moshe's leadership.

- a) Beginning: Right after the burning bush, Moshe *rushes* to יתרו to ask him to go to Egypt
- b) Middle: Moshe is asserting his validity as leader to אבירם and דתן.
- c) End: Moshe begins his last speech before he dies (he was selfless)

Moshe doesn't get burnt out from leadership, he always has an enthusiasm about him.

He learns this from his father, who did it before his conception. Miriam got it also.

ב: [Yocheved] had a son, and he was good so she hid him for 3 months.

1. How did she know he was good? What does "good" mean?
 - a. Healthy (he will survive, worth hiding him)
 - b. Righteous (Ruach hakodesh?)
 - c. Complete (like creation)
 - i. Fulfills her purpose?
 - d. She loved him
 - e. Beautiful
 - i. How could it mean that she hid him because he was beautiful?
All mothers think their children are beautiful!
2. Why did she hide him?
3. How could she hide him?