

# **Amram & Jochebed**

Chapter 5

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## OUTLINE from Book

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- I. Introduction
  - A. Show Abraham's travels
    1. Ur to Haran to Canaan
    2. Abraham to Egypt because...famine
    3. Joseph sold to Egypt, family ends up there because...famine
    4. Total time from Abraham to Exodus is 430 years (Ex 12:40-41; Gal 3:16-17; Gen 15:13. Acts 7:6-7)
  - B. Egypt referred to as the gift of the Nile": the Nile River provided fertile land for agriculture in an otherwise desert landscape, a reliable source of fresh water, and a crucial transportation route. The annual flooding of the Nile deposited nutrient-rich silt, which made agriculture possible and supported a thriving society that flourished because of the river.
    1. Egypt's advantage in the biblical times was that it did not depend on rain
  - C. Moses' time was during the 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> century BC
- II. Trouble in Egypt (Ex 1:8-20)
  - A. TRUE/FALSE 1
  - B. A new dynasty likely came to power, this is why they didn't know who the children of Israel were
  - C. Set taskmasters, thinking it would make them die young
    1. Ex 1:12: But "the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew."
  - D. Then he instructed the midwives to kill any new Hebrew baby boy
    1. Ex 1:19: "The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them."
  - E. Then Pharaoh commanded his people to cast every son born into the river.
  - F. Why keep females? Because they could still work but wouldn't be warriors.
- III. Birth of Moses (Ex 2:1-6)
  - A. TRUE/FALSE 2
  - B. TRUE/FALSE 3
  - C. A man of house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi
    1. We don't learn their names until Ex 6:20
      - a) Amram: 13x
      - b) Jochebed: 2x (Ex 6:20, Num 26:59)
    2. Show family trees
      - a) Sarah: Abrahams's half sister Gen 20:12
        - (1) Abraham to Abimelech: 12 But indeed she is truly my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.
      - b) Rebekah; born to Bethuel, Isaac's: Gen 22:20-24
        - (1) Abraham's niece (also sister-in-law)
        - (2) Rebekah: 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin
      - c) Amram & Jochebed: Ex 6:18-20, Num 26:58-59
  - D. TRUE/FALSE 4
    1. Incest: Lev 18:6, 20:17-21
      - a) AP article: There was no need for strict laws on marriage partners in the early Patriarchal Age (apart from the divine "one man, one woman, for life" institution), and for at least one good reason: during this time, man was in a relatively pure state, at least physically, having left not long before the perfect condition in which he was created and the Garden that had sustained his life....[N]o harmful genetic traits had emerged at this point that could have been expressed in the children of closely related partners. However, after many generations, and especially after the Noahic Flood (Genesis 6-9), solar and cosmic radiation, chemical and viral mutagens, and DNA replication errors, led to the multiplication of genetic disorders. God protected His people by instituting strict laws against incestuous marriages in the eighteenth chapter of Leviticus.
  - E. TRUE/FALSE 5
    1. Ark: occurs 28x in KJV, 26x in Gen for Noah, 2x for Moses
  - F. TRUE/FALSE 6
  - G. TRUE/FALSE 7
- IV. Moses Hid and Found (Ex 2:7-10; Heb 11:23-25)
  - A. TRUE/FALSE 8
  - B. TRUE/FALSE 9
  - C. Read Heb 11:23-25, mention Moses's parents
- V. Conclusion
  - A. TRUE/FALSE 10
  - B. Ordinary mom, but courage and extraordinary faith changed future of a nation.
  - C. Place trust in God.
  - D. Be intentional with the time we have. Amram and Jochebed knew their time with Moses would be short, but she made the most of it.
  - E. Moses was taught and prepared Moses and that made a difference.
  - F. What are we doing today?



## Abraham's Journey to Canaan

According to the Book of Genesis

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- Traditional route
- - Alternative route

0 (km) 200  
0 (mi) 150

# ChatGPT: Ten Commonly Known Facts about Amram and Jochebed

**TRUE** or **FALSE**

1. Amram and Jochebed lived during Israel's bondage in Egypt.

**TRUE**

– *Exodus 1-2*

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**TRUE** or **FALSE**

2. Amram and Jochebed were the parents of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

**TRUE**

– *Exodus 6:20; Numbers 26:59*

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**TRUE** or **FALSE**

3. Amram and Jochebed were members of the tribe of Judah.

***FALSE***

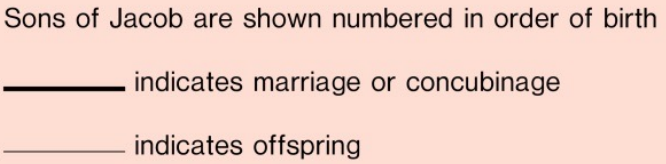
*They were from the tribe of Levi.*

*– Exodus 2:1; Exodus 6:16–20*

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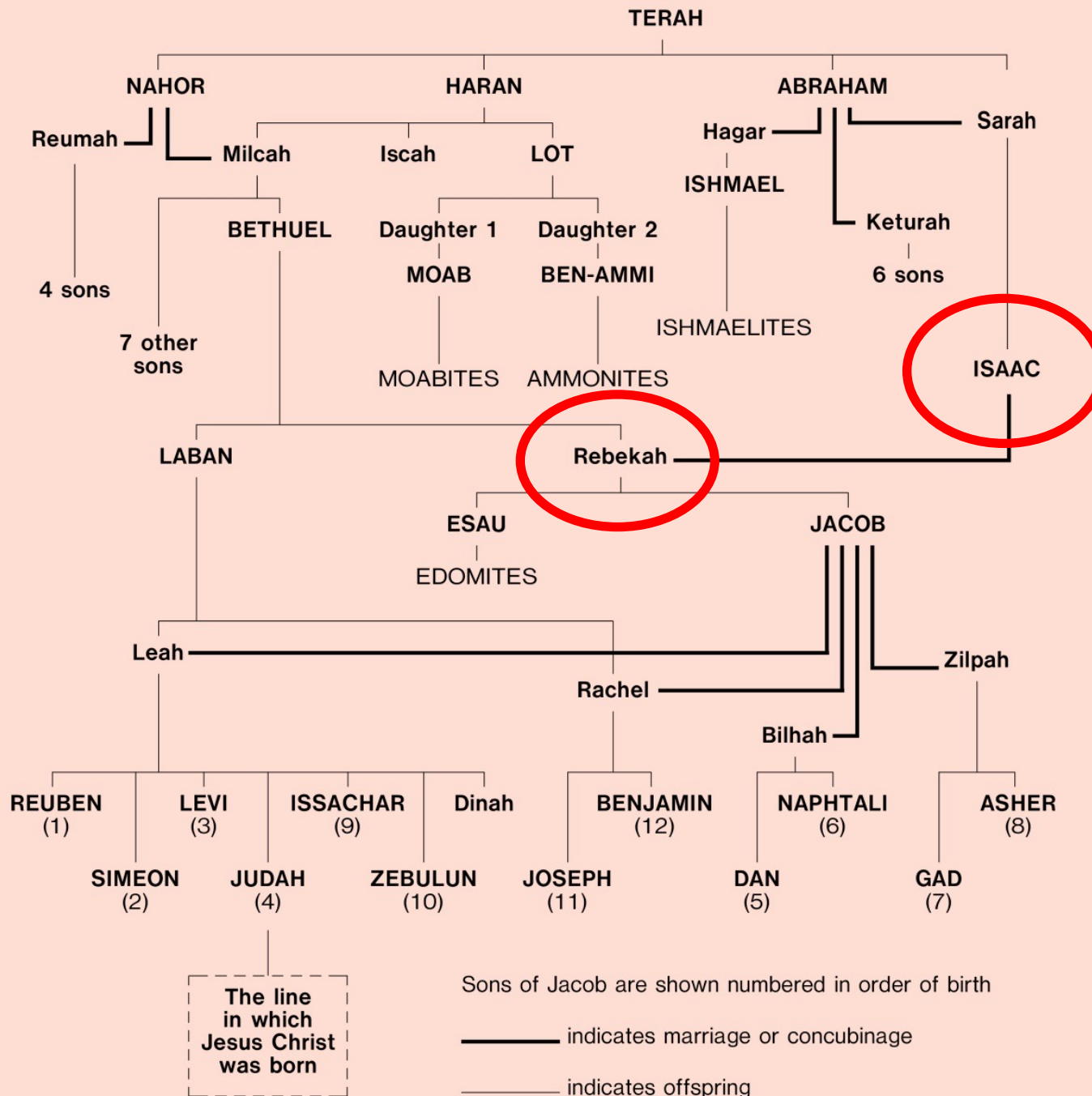
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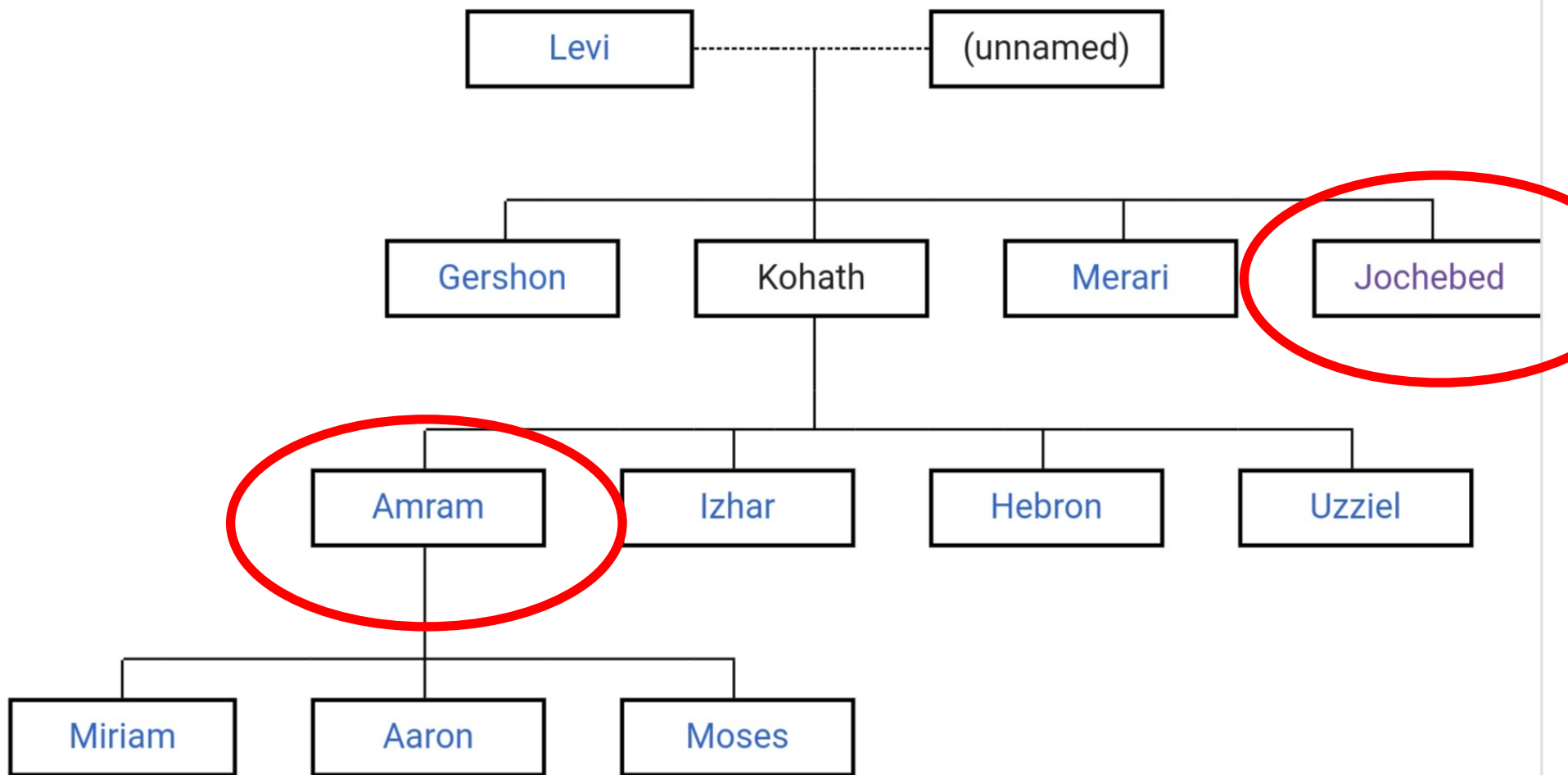
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# GENEALOGY OF ABRAHAM





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**TRUE** or **FALSE**

4. Amram and Jochebed's marriage violated God's law at that time.

***FALSE***

*Their marriage was before the Law of Moses, so it did not violate any command.*

*– Exodus 6:20*

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**TRUE** or **FALSE**

5. Jochebed placed Moses in an ark made of bulrushes and set it in the Nile River.

**TRUE**

– *Exodus 2:3*

# ChatGPT: Ten Commonly Known Facts about Amram and Jochebed

**TRUE** or **FALSE**

6. Jochebed's name means "Mother of Moses."

***FALSE***

*Her name means "Yahweh is glory."*

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**TRUE** or **FALSE**

7. Jochebed obeyed Pharaoh's order to kill all the male Hebrew babies.

***FALSE***

*She defied Pharaoh's command and hid her baby*

*– Exodus 2:2-3*

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**TRUE** or **FALSE**

8. Pharaoh's daughter found Moses and allowed Jochebed to nurse him.

**TRUE**

– *Exodus 2:5-9*

# ChatGPT: Ten Commonly Known Facts about Amram and Jochebed

**TRUE** or **FALSE**

9. By faith, they were not afraid of the king's command.

**TRUE**

– *Hebrews 11:23*



# ChatGPT: Ten Commonly Known Facts about Amram and Jochebed

**TRUE** or **FALSE**

10. Amram and Jochebed's children played key roles in God's plan to deliver Israel.

**TRUE**

*Moses led, Aaron served as high priest, and Miriam was a prophetess.*

# ChatGPT: Ten Commonly Known Facts about Amram and Jochebed

1. Lived During Israel's Bondage in Egypt.
2. Parents of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
3. Members of the Tribe of Levi.
4. Amram and Jochebed were close relatives but did not violate God's law.
5. Jochebed Made an Ark of Bulrushes.
6. Jochebed's Name Means "The Lord Is Glory".
7. Defied Pharaoh's Command.
8. Pharaoh's Daughter Found and Raised Moses.
9. Demonstrated Great Faith.
10. Their Family Played a Key Role in God's Deliverance.

## Biblical Families – Chap 5: Amram and Jochebed

### ChatGPT Summary

You are a bible class teacher for an adult bible class at the church of christ. This week you are studying about Amram and Jochebed. Give me a bulleted list of ten commonly known things about Amram and Jochebed from the bible.

#### Ten Commonly Known Facts about Amram and Jochebed

1. Amram and Jochebed lived during Israel's bondage in Egypt.

✅ True (Exodus 1–2)

##### Discussion:

How might living under oppression have tested or strengthened their faith?

What lessons can we draw from their perseverance during difficult times?

##### Lived During Israel's Bondage in Egypt:

Their lives took place during the time when the Israelites were enslaved under Pharaoh's harsh rule (Exodus 1–2).

2. Amram and Jochebed were the parents of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

✅ True (Exodus 6:20; Numbers 26:59)

##### Discussion:

Why do you think God chose this faithful family to raise three key leaders of Israel?

What influence might godly parenting have had on Moses' later faith and courage?

##### Parents of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam:

Amram and Jochebed were the parents of three significant figures in Israel's history — Moses the lawgiver, Aaron the first high priest, and Miriam the prophetess (Exodus 6:20; Numbers 26:59).

3. Amram & Jochebed were members of the tribe of Judah.

❌ False — They were from the tribe of Levi (Exodus 2:1; Exodus 6:16–20).

##### Discussion:

What was significant about the tribe of Levi in God's plan for Israel?

How does knowing their priestly heritage deepen our appreciation of their faith and role?

##### Members of the Tribe of Levi:

Both Amram and Jochebed belonged to the tribe of Levi, the priestly tribe later set apart for service to God (Exodus 2:1; Exodus 6:16–20).

Amram was a direct descendant of Levi, making him part of the family line from which the priesthood would later come (Exodus 6:16–20; 1 Chronicles 6:1–3).

4. Amram and Jochebed's marriage violated God's law at that time.

❌ False — Their marriage was before the Law of Moses, so it did not violate any command (Exodus 6:20).

##### Discussion:

Why is it important to understand the difference between pre-law customs and Mosaic law?

How do we balance cultural context with God's unchanging moral principles today?

5. Jochebed placed Moses in an ark made of bulrushes and set it in the Nile River.

✅ True (Exodus 2:3)

##### Discussion:

What do you think was going through Jochebed's heart as she placed Moses in that basket?

How does this act demonstrate both faith and surrender to God's providence?

##### Jochebed Made an Ark of Bulrushes:

To protect Moses, Jochebed crafted a small basket (ark) of bulrushes, coated it with tar and pitch, and placed it among the reeds by the Nile River (Exodus 2:3).

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6. Jochebed's name means "Mother of Moses."  
☒ False — Her name means "Yahweh is glory."

Discussion:

How is Jochebed's name a reflection of her life and character?

What does it mean for "the Lord to be our glory" in our daily walk of faith?

Jochebed's Name Means "The Lord Is Glory":

Her name (Yokheved in Hebrew) beautifully means "Yahweh is glory" or "The Lord is my glory" — fitting for a woman of great courage and faith.

Amram means "exalted people"

7. Jochebed obeyed Pharaoh's order to kill all the male Hebrew babies.  
☒ False — She defied Pharaoh's command and hid her baby (Exodus 2:2–3).

Discussion:

What does Jochebed's courage teach us about obeying God rather than men (Acts 5:29)?

How can we show the same courage in today's world when faith and culture conflict?

Defied Pharaoh's Command:

Jochebed courageously defied Pharaoh's decree to kill all male Hebrew infants by hiding her baby, Moses (Exodus 2:2–3; Hebrews 11:23).

8. Pharaoh's daughter found Moses and allowed Jochebed to nurse him.  
☒ True (Exodus 2:5–9)

Discussion:

How does this story show God's providence and ability to turn circumstances for good?

In what ways has God surprised you by providing in unexpected ways?

Pharaoh's Daughter Found and Raised Moses:

Through God's providence, Pharaoh's daughter found Moses — and Jochebed was later hired to nurse and care for her own child (Exodus 2:5–9).

9. By faith, they were not afraid of the king's command.  
☒ True (Hebrews 11:23)

Discussion:

How did faith shape Amram and Jochebed's decisions?

What situations in our own lives require the same kind of fearless trust in God?

Demonstrated Great Faith:

Hebrews 11:23 commends their faith — they were "not afraid of the king's command" and trusted God's plan for their son.

10. Amram and Jochebed's children played key roles in God's plan to deliver Israel.  
☒ True — Moses led, Aaron served as high priest, and Miriam was a prophetess.

Discussion:

What does this reveal about how God works through families?

How might our own faithfulness influence generations after us?

Their Family Played a Key Role in God's Deliverance:

Through their children — Moses (leader), Aaron (priest), and Miriam (prophetess) — God delivered Israel from Egypt and established His covenant nation.

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# Conclusion

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