

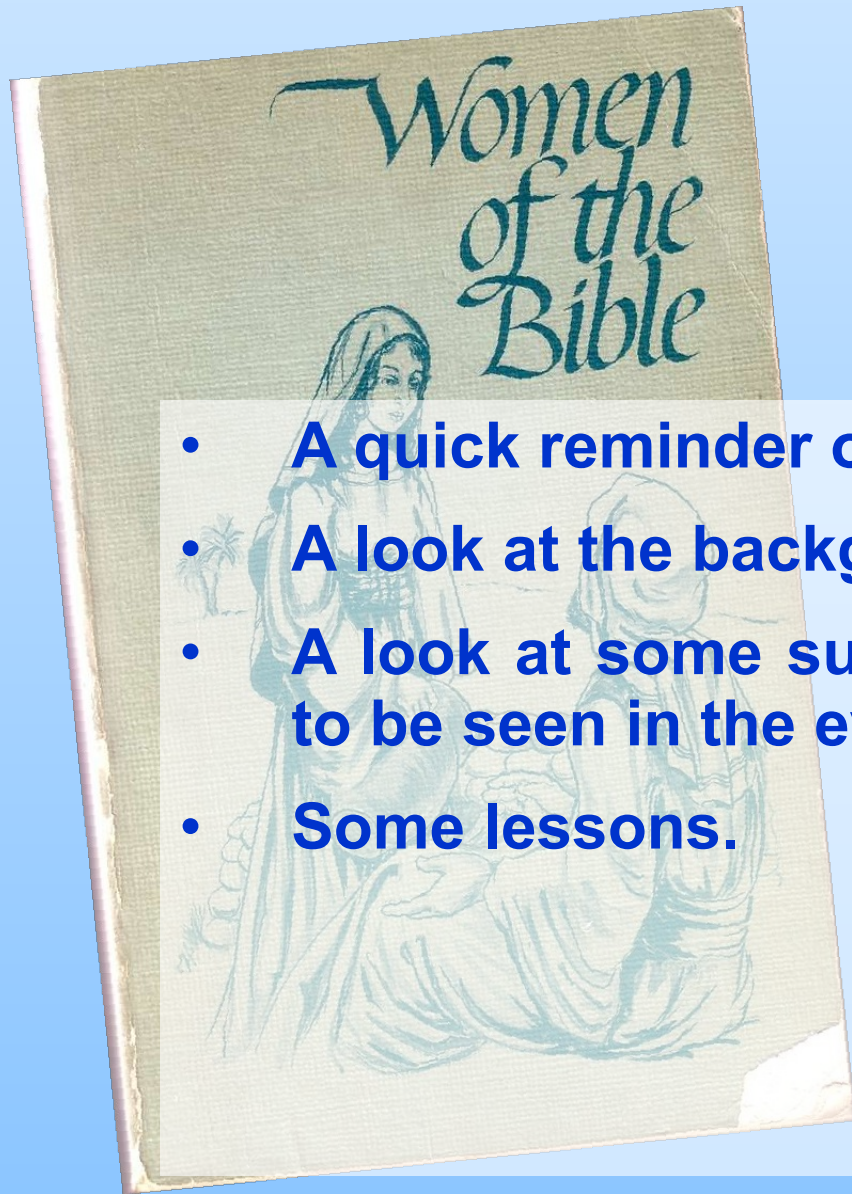
A Character Study of Miriam

Reading: Exodus 2:1-10

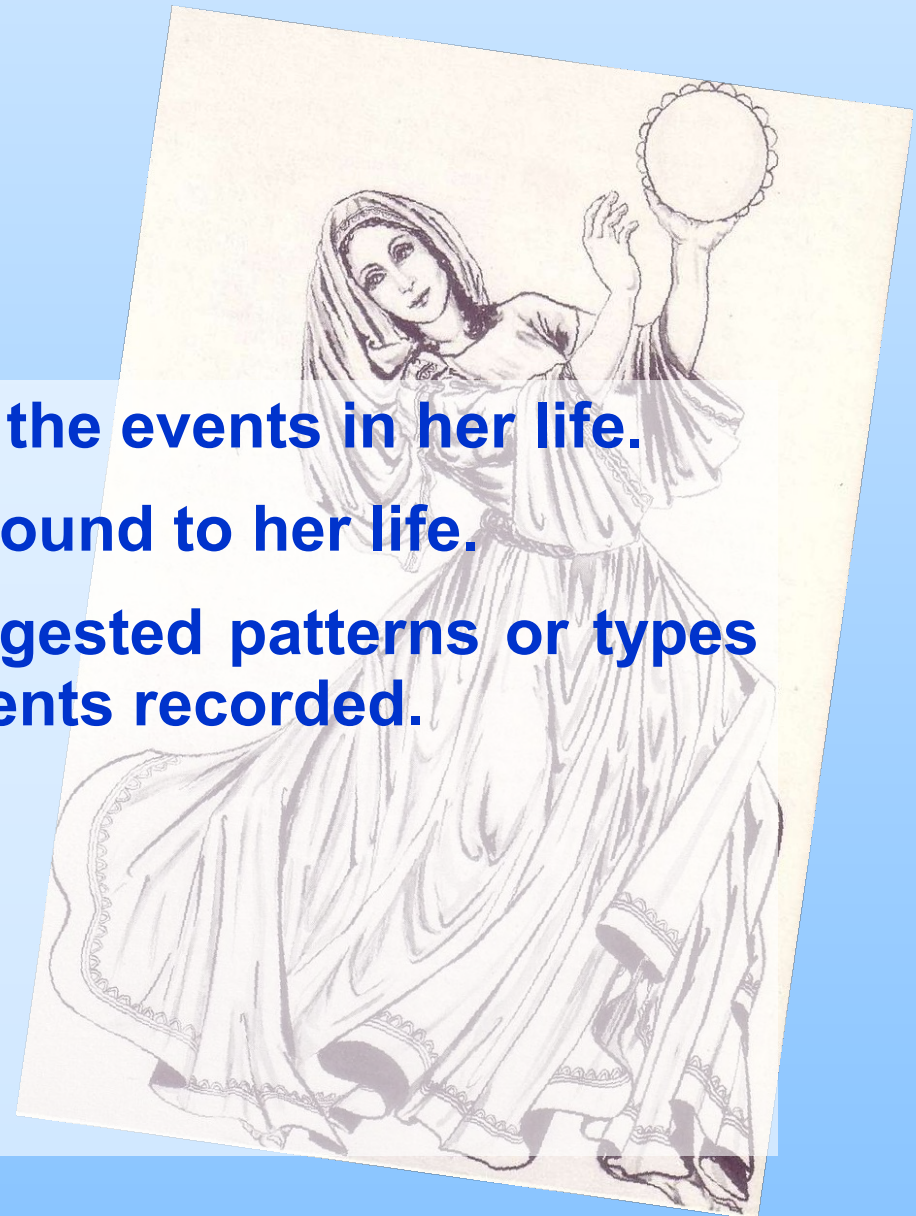
Wednesday, 29th April 2009

Laindon Bible Class

A Character Study of Miriam



- A quick reminder of the events in her life.
- A look at the background to her life.
- A look at some suggested patterns or types to be seen in the events recorded.
- Some lessons.



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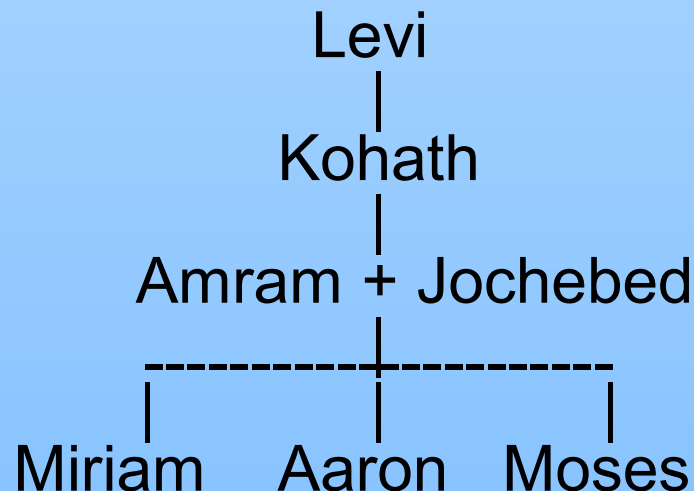
What we are told about Miriam

- 1. Exodus 2 – Miriam cares for a baby**
- 2. Exodus 15 – Rejoicing and praising God**
- 3. Numbers 12 – Challenges Moses and God**
- 4. Numbers 26:59/1Chronicles 6:18
– Miriam identified**
- 5. Micah 6:3-4 – Is one sent**

Who is Miriam?

Numbers 26:59 59 And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and **she bare** unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and **Miriam their sister**.

1 Chronicles 6:1-3 1 The sons of **Levi**; Gershon, **Kohath**, and Merari. 2 And the sons of Kohath; **Amram**, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. 3 And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and **Miriam**. The sons also of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.



Nuneaton Bible Study Week 1993

The Chronology of Genesis

From Adam to Egypt

About 2,500 years

Gen 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land [that is] not their's, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years.

Acts 7:6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat [them] evil four hundred years.

Ishmael mocked Isaac **400 years** **Israel left Egypt**
(Gen 21:9) ←—————→ (Exod 40:12)

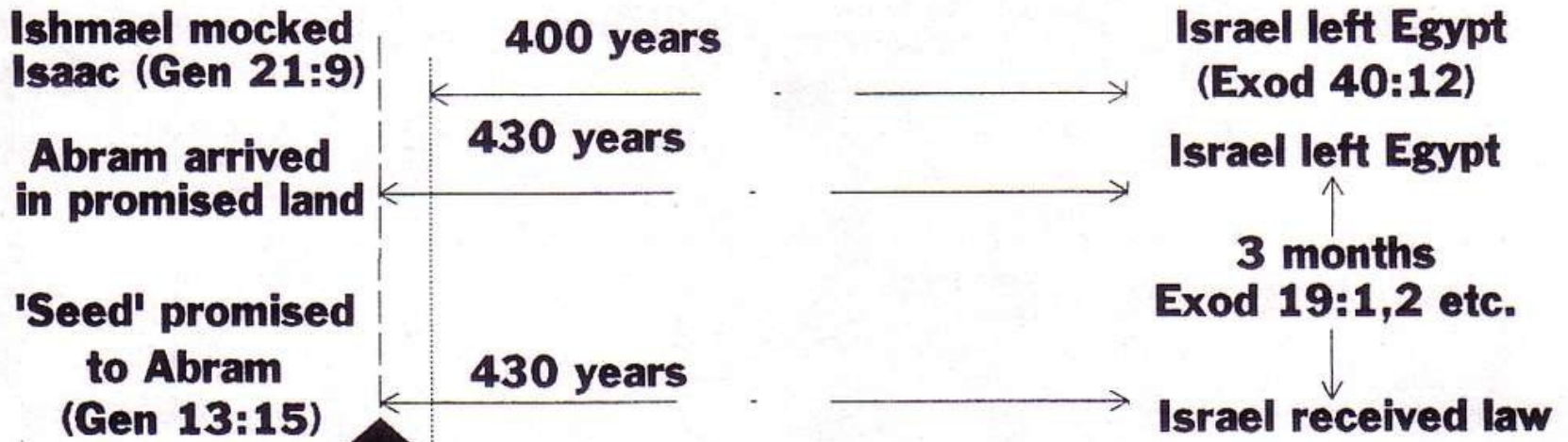
Exod 12:40 Now the sojournings of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt [was] four hundred and thirty years.

Abram arrived in land **430 years** **Israel left Egypt**
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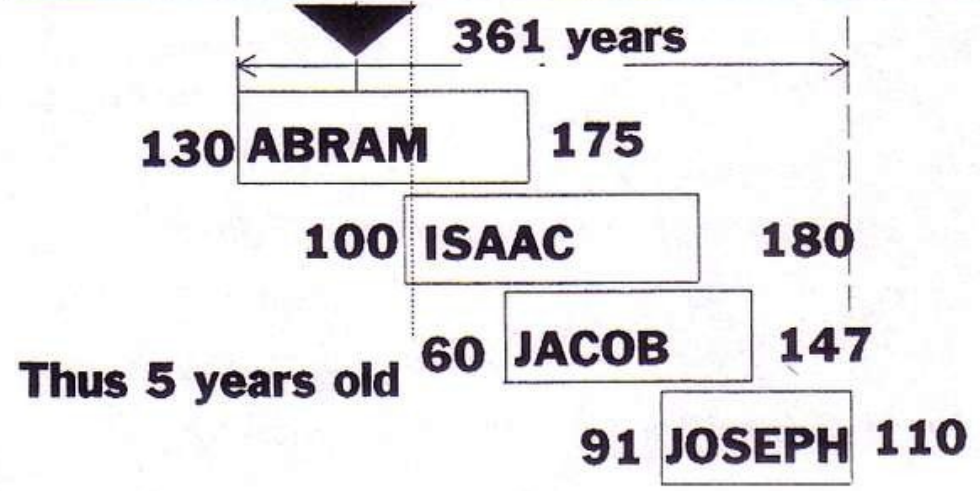
Gal 3:16 Now unto Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He said not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. 17 And this I say, [that] that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the

'Seed' promised to Abram **430 years** **Israel received law**
(Gen 13:15) ←—————→

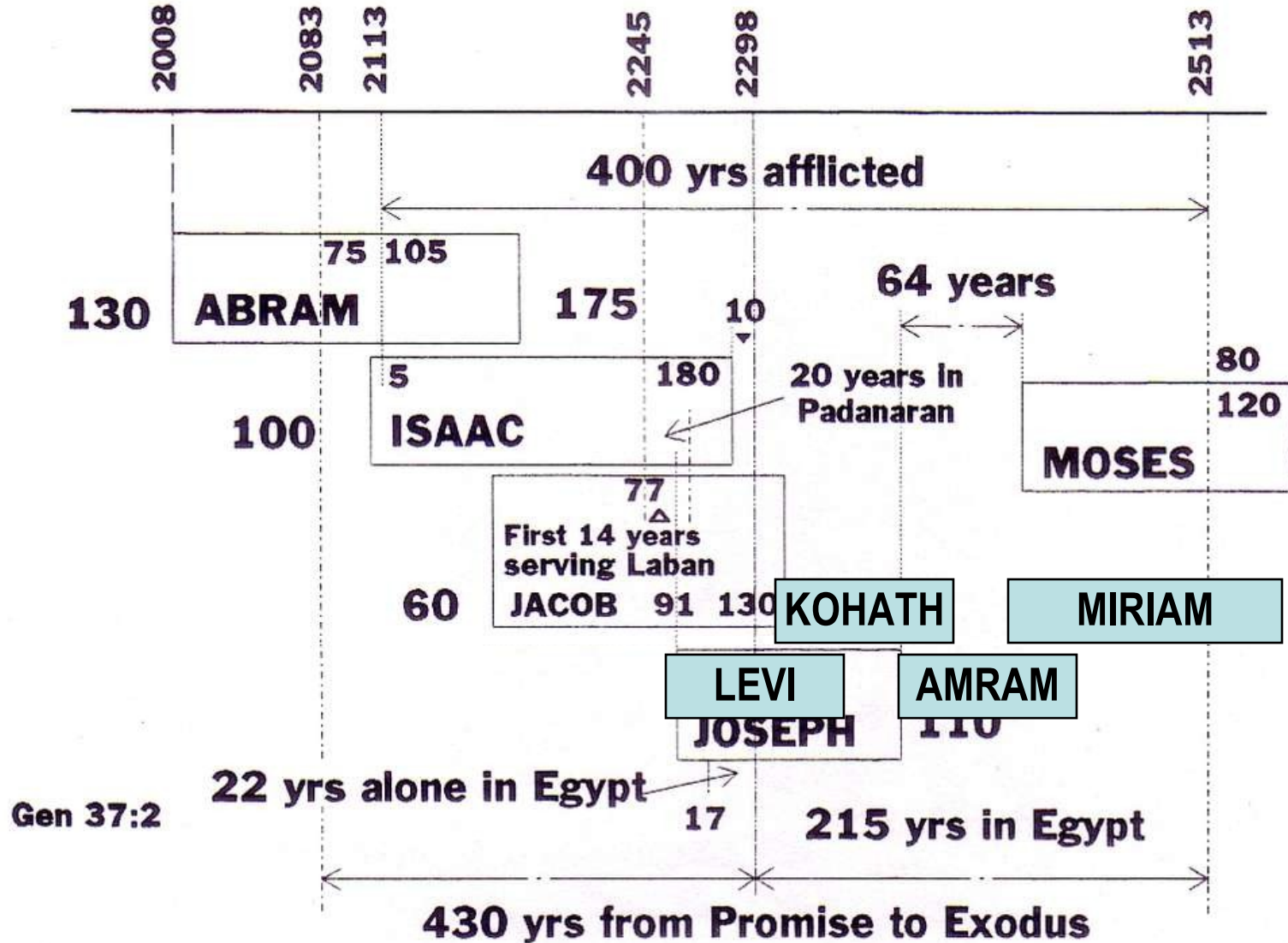
Linking the time periods to the people



ABRAHAM PROBABLY 75 yrs old when entered the Promised Land



From Abraham to Moses



Gen 37:2

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Exodus 2 ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the **maid**⁵⁹⁵⁹ went and called the child's mother.

MAID Strong's : 5959 - עַלְמָה - 'almâ

a *lass* (as *veiled* or private) :- damsel, maid, virgin.

Genesis 24 ⁴³ Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the **virgin**⁵⁹⁵⁹ cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

Proverbs 30 ¹⁹ The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a **maid**⁵⁹⁵⁹.

Isaiah 7 ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a **virgin**⁵⁹⁵⁹ shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

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Exodus 2:1-8 ¹ And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took *to wife* a daughter of Levi. ² And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he *was a goodly*²⁸⁹⁶ *child*, she hid him three months.

Strong's : 2896 - טוב - .tôb - *good*

Used in KJV: good 361 - better 72 - well 20 - goodness 16 - goodly 9
best 8 - merry 7 - fair 7 - prosperity 6 - precious 4 - fine 3 - wealth 3
beautiful 2 - fairer 2 - favour 2 - glad 2 - misc 35 [Total : 559]

from [<H2895>](#) (towb); *good* (as an adjective) in the widest sense; used likewise as a noun, both in the masculine and the feminine, the singular and the plural (*good*, a *good* or *good* thing, a *good* man or woman; the *good*, *goods* or *good* things, *good* men or women), also as an adverb (*well*) :- beautiful, best, better, bountiful, cheerful, at ease, × fair (word), (be in) favour, fine, glad, good (deed, -lier, -liest, -ly, -ness, -s), graciously, joyful, kindly, kindness, liketh (best), loving, merry, × most, pleasant, + pleaseth, pleasure, precious, prosperity, ready, sweet, wealth, welfare, (be) well ([-favoured]).

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Hebrews 11:23 ²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was a proper*⁷⁹¹ child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

Strong's : 791 - ἀστεῖος - asteios - *handsome*

from **astu** (a city); *urbane*, i.e. (by implication) *handsome* :- fair.

Used in KJV: fair 1 - proper 1 - [Total Count: 2]

Acts 7 ¹⁹ The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they **cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.** ²⁰ In which time Moses was born, and was ²**exceeding**²³¹⁶ **fair**⁷⁹¹, and nourished up in his father's house three months. ²¹ And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

² Or, *fair to God*

Strong's : 2316 - θεός - theos - a deity

Used in KJV: God 1320 - god 13 - godly 3 - misc 7 [Total: 1343]

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Numbers 9 ¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt.

Numbers 12 ¹ And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

Matthew 10 ³⁶ And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. .

Numbers 12 ² And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it. ³ (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

Psalms 76 ⁹ When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth.

4 And the LORD spake suddenly ⁶⁵⁹⁷

'Suddenly' - Strong's 6597 - פתאום : pit'ōm

or pith'om, pith-ome'; from H6621 (petha'); *instantly*

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Numbers 9 ⁹ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed. ¹⁰ And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam *became* leprous, **white as snow**: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, *she was* leprous.

¹¹ And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and **wherein we have sinned**. ¹² Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb. ¹³ And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

¹⁴ And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and **after that let her be received in again**. ¹⁵ And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.

MOSES **JESUS CHRIST**

MIRIAM

JEWS

<< 1. Resented Moses
Gentile Bride >>

GENTILE WIFE

SAINTS

2. Challenged actions of God's chosen servant

REJECTED JESUS

3. Became a leper - living death

SIN SEPARATES FROM GOD'S PEOPLE

4. became an outcast from God's people

AARON

THE LAW COULD NOT SAVE

5. Moses God's appointed leader mediates for Miriam

6. Miriam healed and joined God's people on his terms

**A Living
Parable of
Salvation**

**SALVATION ONLY THRO'
GOD'S APPOINTED SON**

**REPENT & OBEY
TO JOIN GOD'S PEOPLE**

Miriam's rebellion

A pattern for how God punishes his people

1st Century Jews

- **Reject God's servant**
 - **Rejected Christ and Apostles**
- **Severely reprovved**
 - **Severely reprimanded**
- **God withdraw his presence**
 - **Holy Spirit withdrawn**
- **Thrust out.**
 - **Jews thrust out of land and regarded as unclean by nations.**
- **A change of heart allowed her back through God's provided Mediator**
 - **Jews to be accepted back when change heart**