

2427d AM, 3137 JP, 1577 BC

161. Ramesses Miamun reigned in Egypt for sixty-six years and two months. {*Manetho, 1:103} {*Josephus, Apion, l. 1. c. 15. (94) 1:201} The latter part of the surname seems to have been derived from the first part of the name Amenophis. His son after him as well as several of his predecessors were called by this name. The former part was from the word Mou which with the Egyptians signifies water, [L18] as Josephus {*Josephus, Apion, l. 1. c. 32. (286) 1:279} and Clement {*Clement, Stromateis, l. 1. c. 23. 2:335} and Suidas (in Mwu) affirmed. The school of writers called mythologists, who relate everything in the form of fables, gave him the name of Neptune, the feigned god of the waters. {See note on 2533 AM. <<261>>} This is that new king, who did not know Joseph. He was born after Joseph's death and had no recollection of the great benefits Egypt had received through him. By his policy the Egyptians, frightened at the number and strength of the Israelites in the land, subjected them to heavy and cruel bondage. In addition to tilling the ground, they forced them to also build the king's citadels and storehouses and the treasure cities of Pithom and Raamses or Ramesis. {#Ex 1:8-14 Ac 7:18,19} The latter took its name, as Mercator thinks, from Ramesses, the founder of it, and the other perhaps from his queen.

2430b AM, 3140 JP, 1574 BC

162. Aaron was born three years before his brother Moses, eighty-three years before the departure of the Israelites from Egypt. {#Ex 7:7}

2431b AM, 3141 JP, 1573 BC

163. The ungodly king could not prevail with Shiphrah and Pua, the two principal midwives of the Hebrew women, to force them to kill all the male children of the Hebrews. Therefore he proclaimed a barbarous edict to destroy them all by drowning them in the river. {#Ex 1:15-22 Ac 7:19,20} This edict was made sometime between the birth of Aaron and the birth of Moses.

2433 AM, 3143 JP, 1571 BC

164. Forty-eight years after the death of her father Levi, Jochebed bore Moses to Amram, her nephew and husband. Moses was eighty years old when he first spoke to Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go. {#Ex 7:7} Forty years later Moses died in the twelfth month when he was one hundred and twenty years old. {#De 31:2 34:7}

165. Because Moses was an attractive child, as Justin mentioned him to have been, his parents hid him three months in their house. {Justin, Trogus, l. 36. c. 2.} They disregarded the king's edict. {#Ex 2:2 Ac 7:20 Heb 11:23}

166. He was discovered through the diligent inquiry made by the king's searchers and their bad neighbours, the Egyptians. The parents put him in a basket of bulrushes, daubed over with slime and pitch, and placed this in the reeds by the side of the river. His sister Miriam or Mary {#Nu 26:59 1Ch 6:3} stood nearby to see what would become of him. He was found there by Pharaoh's daughter. (Josephus called her Thermutis, as did Epiphanius, and others. {*Josephus, Antiq., l. 2. c. 9. s. 5. (224) 4:261} {Epiphanius, Panarion}) She gave him to be nursed, as it happened, to his own mother Jochebed! Afterward she adopted him as her son and had him brought up and instructed in all the science and learning of the Egyptians. {#Ex 2:5-10 Ac 7:21,22}