

# Crowns: The Presence of Black Royalty in the Bible

## The Gathering The Black Edition

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# Exodus 1:1 – 16; 2:1-10



To say that Black people  
are royalty is an  
understatement.



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**350 years before the birth of Moses in  
Africa, Egypt was a thriving  
civilization filled with descendants of  
Ham, until Joseph's Hebrew relative  
arrived to avoid famine in their land.**



# Psalm 105:27



**Kings in Egypt  
were called Pharaohs.**



**The Egyptian kings represent the sun  
god and the earliest mentioning of  
Pharoah is in the history of Abraham  
(Genesis 12:10-20).**

**Winston's Original African Heritage Study Bible  
Encyclopedia Concordance, Compiled by James W. Peebles**



**All the kings of ancient Egypt were black. The Pharaoh who ruled when Moses was born into his African Kingdom issued a decree that all male Hebrew babies were to be killed.**

**(Exodus 1:15-22)**



**But the Hebrew women feared God and they weren't going along with this wicked scheme. While the Bible teaches in Romans 13:1-7 that we are to submit to the governing authorities, you know that in matters of morality, we must obey God rather than men.**

# Discussion:



**Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you felt that you must obey God rather than men or women? What was the situation and how did you handle it?**



**In Exodus 2:1-10, we are  
told of the birth of Moses.**



**When she could hide him no longer,  
she made a papyrus basket, the  
Hebrew can also mean “ark” as in  
the “ark” that is mentioned in  
Genesis 6:14.**



**According to the Jewish  
historian, Flavious Josephus,  
Pharoah's daughter's name was  
“Bathia/Thermuthis”.**



**This is one of the  
Hebrew babies.**



# I Samuel 17:26



# Genesis 17:10-12



**We are the children  
of Promise.**

**I Peter 1:9**



**But you are a chosen people, a royal  
priesthood, a holy nation, God's special  
possession, that you may declare the  
praises of him who called you out of  
darkness into the marvelous light.**



**This woman raised the greatest  
leader the Jews have ever  
known. She raised him in the  
palace of a black man.**



Pharoah's daughter had this Hebrew lad play the skin game or what we used to say as Black people in America, he was “passin” or “passing”.

**James H. Warden, Jr.**



**When Joseph was made second  
in command of the nation,  
he was given Asenath daughter  
of Potiphar, priest of On,  
to be his wife.**



**Moses, a Jew, was accepted as Egyptian  
royalty under the guise of being the son  
of the greatest African king's daughter.  
(Hebrew 11:24)**

**James H. Warren, Jr.**



**Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians (Hamites) and was powerful in speech and actions.**

**Acts 7:22**



# Exodus 2:11-24



**Moses married, Zipporah, who was  
the daughter of Jethro, a Midianite,  
descendants of the Ethiopians  
(Cushites).**

**Numbers 12:1**

# Discussion:



**Do you agree with the statement: “Once royalty always royalty”? Does one lose his or her royal status when one is no longer recognized as one or when one is no longer living in the royal palace or has the lifestyle of royalty?**



# King Solomon – I King 1:28 – 11:43



**Solomon, as you know,  
was the son of David by  
Bathsheba, a black woman.**



**At Solomon's birth,  
he was named Jedidiah, that is  
“Beloved of the Lord”.**

**II Samuel 12:24-25**



**If David was the  
greatest King of Israel,  
Solomon was the wisest.**



**The Lord told Solomon to ask  
for what he wanted the  
Lord to give him.**

**I Kings 3:5**



# I Kings 3:13



# II Chronicles 6:12-42



**When Solomon finished praying his prayer of dedication of the Temple, II Chronicles 7:1 makes clear that fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled it.**



**He is good;  
his love endures forever.**



**Solomon was a great  
builder, an astute  
administrator, he built a  
massive empire.**



**Solomon's wisdom  
is detailed in  
I Kings 4:29-34.**



**Solomon was renowned for not  
only his wisdom, but also for  
keeping a harem of 1,000 women.  
He had 700 wives and  
300 concubines.**

**I Kings 11:1ff**



The Bible says that Solomon spoke  
3,000 parables and his songs were  
1,005. Out of his 1,005 songs  
Solomon dedicated only one to  
a black Shulamite woman.

## The Song of Solomon



**Dark am I, yet lovely,  
daughters of Jerusalem,  
dark like the tents of Kedar,  
like the tent curtains  
of Solomon.**



# Song Of Solomon 7:1



**Say it loud,  
I'm black  
and I'm proud.**



**Solomon didn't care how  
dark she was, he said  
she was beautiful  
over 7 times in the text.**

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- **1:15, How beautiful you are, my darling!  
O how beautiful.**
  - **4:1, How beautiful you are, my darling!  
O how beautiful.**
  - **4:9, You have stolen my heart.**
  - **6:4, You are as beautiful as Tirzah, my darling,  
as lovely as Jerusalem.**
  - **7:1ff**



Even the friends, who are said to be  
the other wives and concubines  
recognize how beautiful she is.

**Song of Solomon 6:8-9**



**This is the kind of love that  
should go on between a husband  
and wife – mutual adoration,  
affirmation and appreciation.**

# Discussion:



**How do you feel about being Black? Are you secure or insecure about your skin tone? What makes you feel that way?**