



## MAY THE LORD RICHLY BLESS ALL MOMS THIS MOTHER'S DAY.

We thank God for our mothers: who cared for us when we were helpless, who comforted us when we were hurt, whose love and care we often took for granted.



**Song Leader:** Braam Le Roux  
**Opening Prayer:** Jan Roberts  
**Closing Prayer:** Chris du Preez  
**Servers:** Mike, Braam, Jan and Chris

**Scripture Reading:** Braam Le Roux  
**Lord's Table:** Mike Baisley  
**Attendance last Sunday:** 43

### JOCHEBED – A STORY OF A MOTHER'S LOVE AND FAITH

The story of Jochebed, Moses' mother, is primarily found in the Book of Exodus, specifically in chapters 2 and 6. While her name is not mentioned in Exodus 2, the actions and details of the narrative in verses 1 - 10 highlight her role in protecting Moses from Pharaoh's decree to kill male Hebrew infants. Her name is explicitly stated in Exodus 6: 20. Additionally, her lineage is mentioned in Numbers 26: 59.

A new pharaoh in Egypt came to power who was under no obligation to honour Joseph's deeds in Egypt and keep the special arrangement with the Israelites. He was worried about the Hebrews outnumbering and overtaking the Egyptians, so he made them slaves. He also commanded the Hebrew midwives to kill Hebrew baby boys when they were born, but they did not listen. Then Pharaoh gave another decree in Exodus 1, *"Every Hebrew boy that is born, you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."*

A Levite woman, Jochebed, gave birth to a son and hid him for 3 months. Exodus 2 tells us that when she could hide him no longer, she coated a papyrus basket with tar and pitch, placed the baby in it, then she set it in the reeds along the bank of the Nile. Jochebed's daughter, Miriam, watched to see what would happen as Pharaoh's daughter went down to bath. When Pharaoh's daughter saw the basket, her servant's retrieved it for her and inside she found the baby crying and knowing he was a Hebrew child she felt sorry for him. Miriam then spoke up and asked her if she would like her to fetch a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby; she agreed and Jochebed returned with her daughter to nurse her own baby. Pharaoh's daughter paid Jochebed to nurse and raise the baby until he was old enough to come live with her. She then adopted him as her son and named him Moses.

Jochebed was determined to find a way to save her son, and God blessed her plan. Not only was her son saved from death, but she was also able to nurse and raise him until he was old enough to go live with Pharaoh's daughter. Her son, Moses, went on to free the Hebrew people from Egypt, leading them in the desert toward the Promised Land according to God's plan.

Godly mothers seek the welfare of her children before herself. She "watches over the ways of her household" with love (Prov. 31: 27). Blessed is the family whose mother wraps her children in the security of warm affection and constant care (Titus 2: 4).

"Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her."

*Proverbs 31: 28*

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### SUNDAY TIMES:

**BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00**

**WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00**

**11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

**Preacher:** Johan Smulders

**Sermon Topic:** "The Lord has risen"

**Scripture reading:** Matthew 28: 1 - 10

**Text:** Matthew 16: 21

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

We are at present studying the book of Romans, with Johan facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word.

### SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S

#### CLASS – 9 am

If you have any questions about this class, please speak to Shana.

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

### WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May - 10 AM

All ladies are encouraged to join in the study. This week the lesson will focus on Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist.

### THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

#### East Cape Bible College

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 18H00 – 19H00  
 20 Keam Rd

**Topic: - The first two centuries.**

Presenter: Johan Smulders

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those in need of God's intervention. Many of our loved ones are fighting great and painful battles of one kind or the other, some personal and some public. Please add to your prayer list David Crossley who is not well and Moyra Le Roux who has had a very bad reaction following an operation. We thank our Lord for prayers He has so faithfully answered.

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

We wish Anle Roberts a very Happy Birthday for tomorrow, Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May. Anle, may your day be filled with many special moments and the year ahead be blessed with good health and joy.

### THANK YOU!

Our sincere gratitude to Braam who has spent many hours these past two weeks on the maintenance of our Keam Rd building.

### Romans Chapter 3.

1. As Paul continues to write this great letter, he is about to conclude his teaching on the important question that troubled the early church. The Jew/Gentile issue was important and highly controversial.
2. The Jews, who considered themselves God's chosen nation and they were, did not want to give up their advantage.
3. After all, they had received the law from Moses and God had always spoken to them through the prophets. How could they now be put into the same category as the Gentiles? There was no love lost between these two groups and that has continued over time.
4. Now Paul, who had been a radical Jew, was writing to the Christians and explained to them that they were being judged in the same way under the New Covenant, whether they were Jew or Gentile.
5. Paul makes a similar argument in Galatians 3. He also writes that he confronted Peter "face to face" on the issue of Jewish/Gentile relationships under the New Covenant, in Galatians 2: 11 - 16. Peter however, was only prepared to accept Gentiles after his vision, as recorded in Acts 10.
6. It is human nature to find someone to blame when you feel you are being treated unjustly and so the Jews blamed God.
7. Paul is very strong in chapter two in declaring that God is righteous and judges righteously (2: 1 - 6). After all, the Jews, who had the advantage of the law, had actually been a disgrace and brought dishonour on themselves and so on God. They believed that being a Jew and being circumcised was all that was necessary, however when Jesus came he was very critical of the Jewish nation. Over the years the Old Testament prophets had brought the same message from God.
8. Paul now deals with the whole human race and argues that all have sinned and fall short of the promises of God. It is circumcision of the heart that is needed. Birth right has no power and only a rebirth brings salvation (see John 3: 5 - 8 and Acts 2: 37, 38).
9. The exciting news is that righteousness from God is now revealed in a new way, it comes through faith and the sacrifice that Jesus had made on behalf of all – both Jew and Gentile.
10. The terms grace and atonement are introduced. The coming of the Messiah takes away the privileged position that the Jews had enjoyed and offers forgiveness of sin and salvation to all.
11. Faith is the victory! Faith in Jesus and not faith by observing the law!