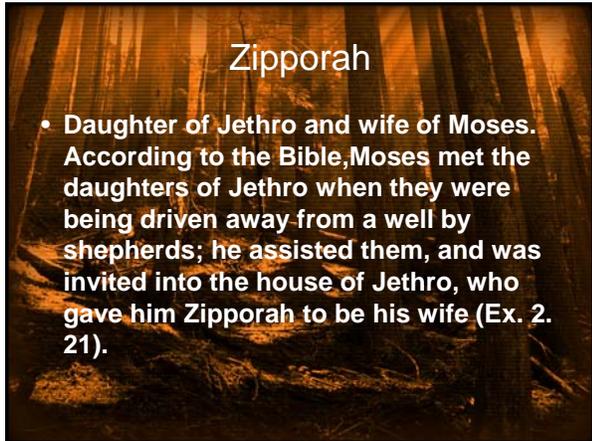


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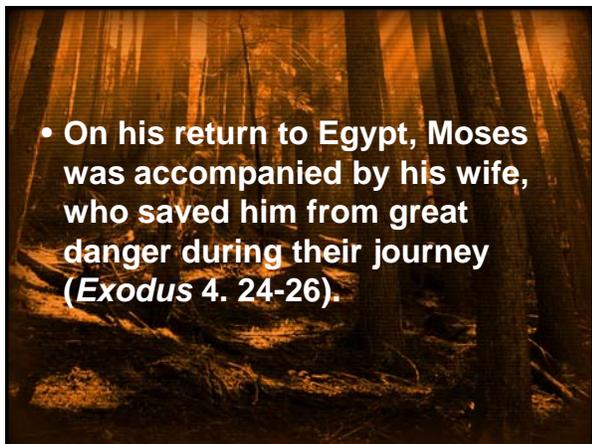
Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of his marriage to the Ethiopian woman. Who is she?

- A. Zipporah**
- B. A second wife**

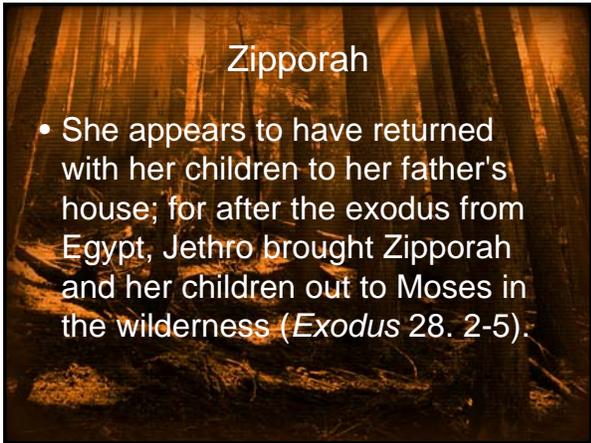


Zipporah

- Daughter of Jethro and wife of Moses. According to the Bible, Moses met the daughters of Jethro when they were being driven away from a well by shepherds; he assisted them, and was invited into the house of Jethro, who gave him Zipporah to be his wife (Ex. 2. 21).**

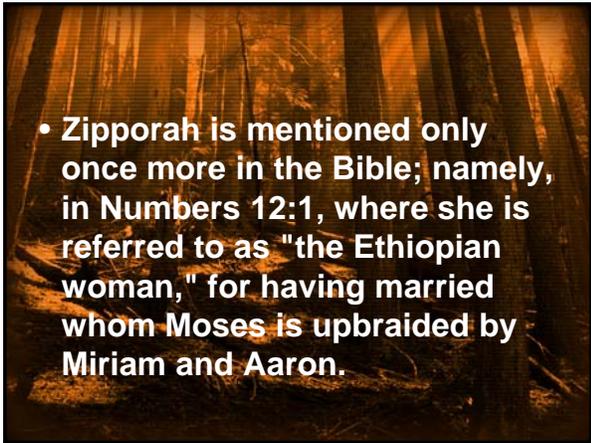


- On his return to Egypt, Moses was accompanied by his wife, who saved him from great danger during their journey (Exodus 4. 24-26).**

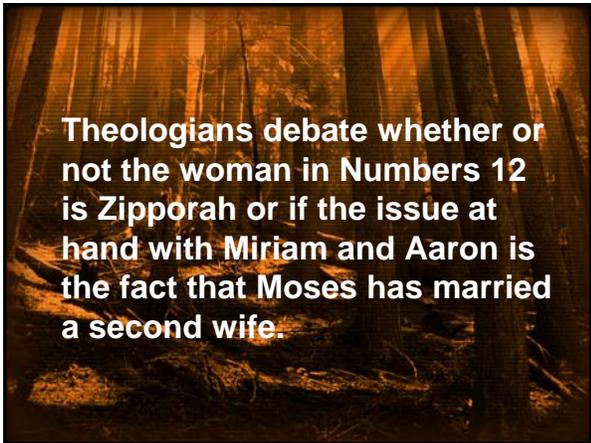


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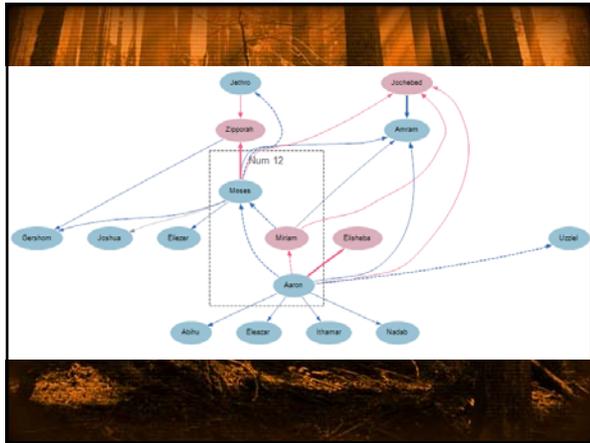
- She appears to have returned with her children to her father's house; for after the exodus from Egypt, Jethro brought Zipporah and her children out to Moses in the wilderness (*Exodus 28. 2-5*).



- Zipporah is mentioned only once more in the Bible; namely, in Numbers 12:1, where she is referred to as "the Ethiopian woman," for having married whom Moses is upbraided by Miriam and Aaron.



Theologians debate whether or not the woman in Numbers 12 is Zipporah or if the issue at hand with Miriam and Aaron is the fact that Moses has married a second wife.



In latter years, Theologians have tended to agree that the woman of Numbers 12 is not Zipporah but a second woman that Moses married. The rebellion that Miriam and Aaron display is due to the second wife

God Defends Moses

1. Miriam is struck with leprosy
2. Aaron observes and repents
3. Moses prays for Miriam
4. God heals but requires 7 days of isolation
5. They journey from Hazeroth to Kadesh-barnea

