



2.08 THE GREAT DELIVERANCE - I



EXODUS 1: 6-12 ; 2 ; 3 ; 4

Moses was a man chosen by God to help deliver God's people from slavery in the land of Egypt. The king of Egypt was Pharaoh, and he was evil toward the Hebrew people. He had chosen to make them slaves and to keep them from growing stronger. He commanded that all Hebrew baby boys were to be thrown into the river and killed so that the Egyptian people would always rule over them. The Hebrews would be their slaves.

At this time, when Moses was born, his Hebrew mother put him in a basket and sent him down the river to where one of Pharaoh's daughters would find him. She rescued him and called the baby boy her own child. God had delivered Moses for a great purpose.

Moses grew up in the palace of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, but he always knew he was really a Hebrew and not an Egyptian. He grew to love his people and didn't like how they were slaves and mistreated. He wanted to deliver them from slavery.

One day, when he saw how badly the king's guards treated his people, he became very angry. He thought surely he could save God's people by his own strength and power, so he tried to save one slave from being beaten very badly by one of the Egyptian soldiers. When he tried to stop the Egyptian soldier, Moses accidentally killed the soldier. People then found out what Moses had done. Afraid of being punished by Pharaoh, the king, he quickly ran away to the desert to escape. For forty years, Moses lived in the desert taking care of farm animals as a shepherd. During those many years, God's people constantly cried out to God to save them from their suffering and slavery. They called on the name of God to come and rescue them. God heard them and had already made a plan for their rescue.

One day, as Moses was tending his animals, he saw something strange happening to a bush in the distance. Oh wow! There were flames coming from it! The bush was on fire, but still, it wasn't burning the bush up. It was as if the bush remained normal, yet was on fire with a bright, powerful light. The fire was coming from the bush in a miraculous way. Moses said to himself, "I must turn here and go to see what this fire is about."

He went closer to look when a loud voice spoke, saying, "Moses." Moses was afraid and took a step back. The voice was coming from the bush. "I have heard the cries of My people." This was the voice of God. God spoke to Moses, saying, "I have seen their tears and have come down to save them. Go and tell the King to set My people free."

At first, Moses didn't want to go back to Egypt, for he was afraid and felt unable to be the person to deliver the Hebrew people. But God spoke directly to him and said, "I will certainly be with you and shall show Pharaoh mighty signs to reveal I am the Highest God and all-powerful." Moses asked what name he should use when he told the people about this message. God then said, "Tell them I AM WHO I AM has sent you. The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has sent you!" Moses then prepared himself to return to Egypt and to relay the message from God to "Let My people go!" God had heard the cries of His people. God had seen their suffering. God had chosen Moses. God was going to deliver His people.

God hears His people when they call to Him. He is a rescuer and deliverer.

Key Scripture Psalm 34:17 "The Lord hears His people when they call to Him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles."

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) Long ago, many of God's people were living as slaves in Egypt. The king made them work extra hard. The people continued to have children and their families multiplied. The king was worried about this, so he ordered all baby boys born to these people to be killed.
- 2) Moses' mother rescued him by putting him as a baby in a basket so that Pharaoh's daughter would find him. She decided to keep him as her son, and he grew up in Pharaoh's palace.
- 3) As Moses grew older, he knew he was one of God's people, the Hebrew slaves. Moses became angry when he saw an Egyptian hurting one of his people. Moses tried to help in his own strength, but he did the wrong thing and had to run away into the desert.
- 4) Moses lived in the desert for forty years. He took care of farm animals. The people he left began to call on God to help them get away from the king and go to a different land. God heard their prayers and made a plan to rescue them.
- 5) Many years later, while Moses was caring for sheep in the desert, he saw a bush that was on fire but was not burning up. God spoke to Moses from the bush and told him that He had heard the cries of His people. God called Moses to go back to Egypt and tell the people that His name was, "I AM WHO I AM, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." But to especially tell Pharaoh, "Let My people go!"

QUESTIONS:

- 1) When Moses was growing up, who became his mother and where did he live?
- 2) Why did Moses have to leave Egypt?
- 3) Where did Moses then live for 40 years and what was he doing?
- 4) What did Moses see in the desert and who spoke to him?
- 5) What did God tell Moses His name was?
- 6) What did God tell Moses to do?

ANSWERS:

- 1) He grew up with Pharaoh's daughter as his mother while living in Pharaoh's palace.
- 2) Because he accidentally killed an Egyptian guard who was beating a Hebrew slave.
- 3) He lived in the desert working as a shepherd taking care of animals.
- 4) Moses saw a burning bush and God spoke to him.
- 5) God told Moses that His name was I AM WHO I AM the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- 6) To deliver God's people from Pharaoh the king of Egypt, to say "Let God's people go!"

Moses was born during a dangerous time, but God protected him and had a special purpose for his life. Moses grew up in Pharaoh's palace, ran away to the desert, and lived as a shepherd for forty years. But God had not forgotten His people. He heard their cries and called Moses from the burning bush. God told Moses to return to Egypt and promised to be with him. God hears His people when they call to Him. He is our Rescuer and Deliverer.

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