

Lesson 33

8.2 Moses

- We are entering another period called the Law Period. We saw in the last lesson how the Promise Period ended with God's intervention and the enslavement of the people of Israel in Egypt. Jacob's family, 75 people, went to Egypt, and even there God transformed that family into a nation, a nation so numerous that it frightened Pharaoh, who ordered the enslavement of God's people. It was a nation described in the Bible as bigger and stronger than the Egyptians.
- God made a people within another people, it's supernatural. A distinct and separate people, but who were enslaved by the Egyptians until the time that God determined, prophesied to Abraham, remember?

⇒ **Genesis 15:13~16**; God gave Abraham the promise of land and descendants but prophesied that the descendants would be pilgrims in a strange land and reduced to slavery; they would be afflicted for 400 years.

When the time of the people's enslavement in Egypt was at hand, God raised up a deliverer, Moses.

The birth of Moses

- We have seen that the people of Israel grew so much that the king of Egypt was very concerned and ordered them to be enslaved. But the more the Egyptians afflicted the people of Israel, the more they multiplied and spread ⇒ **Exodus 1:12**. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and ordered them to kill every baby that was born. But the midwives didn't, and God blessed them.

⇒ **Exodus 1:15~21**

- So, Pharaoh took more drastic action and ordered his people to kill all Hebrew children.

⇒ **Exodus 1:22**

From the very beginning, we see that Satan wanted to destroy the people of Israel. Pharaoh was a type, a figure, of the Antichrist.

⇒ **Exodus 2:1~10**; The birth of Moses.

- What happens? Moses is born. The parents believing, in a land where the guards are out to kill all the children, take the boy and put him in a basket (*hence the children's baskets being called Baby Moses Basket*) and throw him in the middle of the country's main river. When you see that, you don't even think about it. Would you have the courage to do that? Only if moved by the Holy Spirit. Pharaoh's daughter saves the basket with Moses, and God says, '*The deliverer of my people shall be raised as a prince in Pharaoh's house*'. Moses was then raised in Pharaoh's house by his own mother, who even earned a salary; she had the full support of the princess and Pharaoh. Moses was adopted by the princess and raised as a prince! Glory to Jesus for this.

The Call of God to Moses

- After a while the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel cried out for deliverance. God then remembers the covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

⇒ **Exodus 2:23~25**

- God calls Moses to lead the people out of Egypt. Before God called him, Moses spent 40 years in Egypt and 40 years in the desert, where he married Zipporah and had a son, Gershom. ⇒ **Exodus 3:1~22**

- **V.2**; ‘*the angel of the Lord*’; it is Jesus Christ Himself, here it is a Christophany.
- **V.5**; ‘*Take your sandals off your feet*’; before God, we must disarm ourselves completely.
- **V.6**; ‘*the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob*’; the name of God after the covenant with Abraham.
- **V.13~14**; *What is His name? what shall I say to them? ‘I AM WHO I AM ... I AM has sent me to you’*. This passage is so important that in the Hebrew language there is no verb ‘*to be*’, the verb ‘*to be*’ is only attributed to God. In Hebrew you don’t say ‘*I am someone*’, you say ‘*I someone*’.

⇒ **John 8:58~59**; Jesus, who was a Jew, said: ‘*I am*’. The Jews picked up stones to throw at him because to them it was blasphemy. Jesus could say it like that because ‘*He is what He is*’, but the Jews didn’t accept Him as the Messiah.

- When God called Moses, He told him everything that was going to happen. God always tells us in advance what is going to happen:
 - You will serve me on this mountain (**V.12**); Mount Horeb, where Moses was called by God (**V.1**).
 - I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless by a strong hand (**V.19**).
 - I will do miracles, and they will let you go (**V.20**).
 - When you leave, you will not leave empty-handed (**V.21**).
 - The Egyptians will be dispossessed (**V.22**).

- After Moses’ call, the following happened:

⇒ **Exodus 4:1~17**; Moses receives power from God; Aaron is chosen to help Moses.

⇒ **Exodus 5:1~5**; Moses and Aaron speak to the Pharaoh to free the people, and they do not receive an answer.

⇒ **Exodus 5:6~9**; The Pharaoh gives orders for the Israelites to be afflicted even more.

⇒ **Exodus 5:20~23**; The people complain to Moses.

⇒ **Exodus 6:1~8**; God confirms that He will deliver the people. God introduces Himself as Jehovah, which means: ‘**I AM THAT I AM**’ and ‘**I WILL BE THAT I WILL BE**’. The same name as ⇒ **Exodus 3:14**, the ‘**I AM**’.

⇒ **Exodus 6:28~30** and ⇒ **Exodus 7:1~7**; Moses speaks with Pharaoh once more.

⇒ **Exodus 7:8~13**; The rod of Aaron transformed into a serpent, and the magicians of Egypt are defeated.

⇒ **Exodus 7:14**; The heart of the Pharaoh is hardened, and once again he does not want to let the people go.

- The ten plagues of Egypt:
 - 1st: The waters turn to blood.
 - 2nd: The plague of frogs.
 - 3rd: The plague of lice.
 - 4th: The plague of flies.
 - 5th: The plague of animals.
 - 6th: The plague of ulcers.
 - 7th: The plague of hail.
 - 8th: The plague of locusts.
 - 9th: The plague of darkness.
 - 10th: The plague of the firstborn.
- Every time Moses spoke to Pharaoh and warned him of the plagues if he didn't let the people go, he said: 'I'll let the people go tomorrow,' his heart was hardened and he didn't let the people go, so the plagues happened. We must never postpone God's things for tomorrow.
- Many people harden their hearts and don't want God in their lives, and problems, 'plagues' almost always follow. With each plague, Pharaoh freed some of the people, some of the animals, and some of the possessions of the people. Satan is always fighting to keep our blessings and the people in our families from salvation. We must tell Satan in our prayers like Moses: *'Not a nail shall remain'*.
 - ⇒ **Exodus 10:24~26**
- The institution of the Passover and the people's exodus from Egypt:
 - ⇒ **Exodus 11:1~10**; Announcing that the first-born died.
 - ⇒ **Exodus 12:1~14**; The institution of the Passover.
 - ⇒ **Exodus 12:29~36**; The death of the first-born.
 - ⇒ **Exodus 12:37~42**; The Israelites leaving Egypt.
- God ordained that the first-born of every family in Egypt should die. Someone was killed also in the families of the Israelites! Instead of their first-born, a lamb died to fulfill God's command. It is the death of the 'substitute' that points to the 'Lamb of God', Jesus, who would die in the place of sinful man. Glory to God for His perfect plan!
- The crossing of the Red Sea:
 - ⇒ **Exodus 13:17~22**; God guides the people on their way; by day as a pillar of cloud to protect them from the sun, and by night as a pillar of fire to give them light.
 - ⇒ **Exodus 14:1~14**; The people are persecuted by the Egyptians.
 - ⇒ **Exodus 14:15~25**; The passage through the middle of the Red Sea: *'And the children of Israel passed through the midst of the sea on dry ground: and the waters were like a wall unto them on their right hand and on their left'*.
 - ⇒ **Exodus 14:26~31**; The Egyptians perish in the sea. *'And Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done against the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed in the LORD, and in Moses his servant'*.
 - ⇒ **Exodus 15:1~19**; The song of Moses.
 - ⇒ **Exodus 15:20~21**; Miriam dances after the Lord's great victory.