

# Moses

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## I. History – into Egypt – Exodus 1:8

During the life of Joseph, the tribes of Israel were providentially led to Egypt. While there God continued to bless them with numerical growth. Four hundred years after their journey to Egypt, the sheer size of their population made the King (Pharaoh) of Egypt nervous. He felt that if an enemy were to become allies with Israel that Egypt could be overthrown from within. He devised a plan to reduce the population. He would have all of the male babies killed.

## II. In Egypt

### \*Born – 2:1-10

During this time, as Moses was a baby, his sister and mother hid him from the death squads. He was found by the daughter of Pharaoh and rescued him from death. He grew up in the household of Pharaoh.

## III. Moses the deliverer – 2:11

### \*Special call 3:3-4,14

After running ahead of the plan of God, Moses found himself hiding on the backside of the desert. After 40 years God’s plan came to fruition as Moses went back to Egypt to deliver his brethren from the oppression of Pharaoh. God singled him out for this task with a special “calling” to serve Him.

### \*Give it to God 4:20

Lessons were learned as Moses got a quick class in faith. As he experienced the hand of God on his life, he was able to confidentially move forward with God’s plan. His staff started as a “stick” but became the “rod of God” when Moses yielded his possession to God. God can always do more with our lives than we can.

\*A following 4:31

A vacuum of leadership allowed Moses to step up and quickly gain a following.

#### IV. The Passover – 12:1-13

After 9 previous plagues, God finally would bring to pass His deliverance. God hardened Pharaoh's heart (Romans 9:17-18) on each of the plagues in order to conquer each of the gods of Egypt. This conquest became the benchmark for power as Israel was constantly reminded to "remember" Egypt.

We know that the Passover lamb was a direct picture of Jesus (I Cor. 5:7). Not the *details* in this passage. If this experience is a picture of salvation, we must become aware of the detail. When it comes to the salvation of our souls, it would not be wise to "make up" religious ideas to solve the issue. THIS is time to follow GOD'S plan. Make sure you understand it. More details will be given later as we continue to draw a picture of salvation.

#### V. The last Passover – Luke 22, I Cor. 5:7

Since Jesus IS our Passover, it stands to reason that He should DIE on the Passover. This is when the lamb was to be slain. The importance given to the blood sacrifice as previously shown in Exodus 12, should be carefully considered here. Blood not only spilled but also "applied."

#### VI. Moses on the mountain – Matt. 17:1-3

On the Mount of Transfiguration Moses and Elijah appeared. Each one represented something. Moses represented the law while Elijah represented the prophets. As the scene unfolded, all that was left was Jesus. Neither the law nor the Prophets can allow us to approach God. The only approach is Jesus only (John 14:6).

#### VII. A repetitive practice – I Cor. 11:23-28

How fitting that we should memorialize the supreme sacrifice of Jesus. In doing so we may even be celebrating God's Passover.

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