



The Best is yet to Come



When the little boy was old enough, he was given back to Pharaoh's daughter, the princess. That must have been difficult for Jochebed, but she just kept trusting God. The princess named the boy Moses, and she raised him as her own. He grew up among the Egyptians, one of God's people growing up among strangers. But God had a rescue plan in mind for his people who had been treated so wickedly, who had been in slavery for so long, who were in such desperation for deliverance.

One day, when Moses was about forty years old, he went out from Pharaoh's house to see how things were going with the Jews, the people of God. Moses saw an Egyptian slave master beating a Hebrew man, quickly looking this way and that and seeing no one, Moses killed the Egyptian. He thought for sure the people would understand that God had sent him to rescue them, but they didn't.

The next day, he tried to stop two Jewish men from fighting, but the angry one said, "Who made you our ruler and judge?" At the same time, Pharaoh found out about the murder Moses had committed and tried to kill him.

So Moses ran away. It wasn't time for him to be the deliverer just yet.

But when Moses was eighty, he came back, and he came back in POWER!

Oh, you should have seen his boldness. You should have seen the amazing things he did. Moses, along with his brother Aaron, stood before the Pharaoh. "God says, 'LET MY PEOPLE GO!'" But the Pharaoh wouldn't budge.

"Let my people go, or I'll turn the river into blood."

But Pharaoh refused to believe God's word, and so Moses, by God's power, turned the Nile River to blood!

"Let my people go, or I'll send frogs over your entire land."

But Pharaoh refused to believe God's word, and so Moses, by God's power, caused frogs to come up on the land. Frogs were everywhere, in their beds, in their ovens, in their cupboards, hiding in their sandals, and popping up out of every conceivable place.

"Let my people go, or I'll send many more plagues."

But Pharaoh refused to believe God's word, and so Moses, by God's power, caused gnats to cover the land, and flies, and the Egyptians' animals all died, and painful sores broke out on all their bodies, and hail fell from the sky destroying crops, and grasshoppers covered the land and ate the rest of the crops, and darkness fell on the land for three days so that no one could see even their hand in front of their face.

"Let my people go, or I'll kill all your children like you tried to kill mine."

The final plague was announced. But we will have to talk about that tomorrow.

Don't worry.

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