

Last week: Moses is born in a time when Pharaoh (6)
a new one who did not know about Joseph's Egypt

- saving works - 400 years earlier, gave command to
destroy all new born Hebrew baby boys. They were
to be thrown in the Nile. God however protected Moses
and he was subsequently adopted by Pharaoh's daughter.
He was raised as an Egyptian from the age of about 5 years
until he was 40 years old. At the age of 40 he felt the urge
to rescue his people, the Hebrews (a.k.a. Israelites) from
their captivity and so he killed an Egyptian task master
who was abusing a slave. The plan backfires as "his"
people do not want him to rule over them and now the
Egyptians are also seeking to kill him: Rabbit hole: The first
time Moses came to his people to rescue them from captivity
they rejected him and pronounced that they would not have
him rule over them. Moses was subsequently hunted to be
put to death. The second time he comes (chapter 12) he
will be recognized by his people and he will deliver
them from their captivity.

The first time Jesus came
to His people Israel to rescue them from their captivity to
sin they rejected Him and pronounced that they would
not have Him rule over them. He is subsequently hunted
and put to death. The second time He comes, He will be
recognized by His people and He will deliver them from
their captivity - from their sin nature: (see printout Zechariah).

So after Moses has spent 40 years in Midian, married
a Gentile woman (hint: Jesus takes a Gentile bride - the church) and
has two sons by her. After he has been in the wilderness tending
flocks for 40 years he comes across God who speaks to him
from a burning bush and tells him that the time has come
to set the Israelites free from their captivity.

Exodus 3: 10-12: Throughout Gods dealing with Israel, both
He and Moses will use the terms "My army" and "Your and yours".

As the children of Israel cry out to the LORD they are "His"
people, as we see here. But as they often will grumble, complain,
and not heed God's instructions, He calls them "your", as in

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Moses people. Same goes vice versa: When Moses approaches Pharaoh he will say, "let my people go". But soon their continued griping, moaning, and complaining will lead him to say to God, "Your people". Much like Jacob (when he is a heel catcher-swindler) and Israel (when he acts like a man who wrestles a blessing out of God!). Of course when God makes the changes in His using of the possessive forms of the personal pronouns He is never condemning: Jacob was still Israel in God's sight even when he was acting like Jacob. Israel were still His people even when He referred to them as Moses people when they were molding a calf out of Gold to replace Him as God. David was still a man after God's own heart even though he would kill an innocent man to commit adultery. And you and I are still children of God (covered by the Blood) even when we act as children of the devil. God may chastize, rebuke, punish, or set us back when we sin as long as we don't do it to make Him. As long as it happens because this old sin nature continues to battle with our new bodies in Christ.

Exodus 3:13-15 The "I AM" is introduced. This is crucial for our understanding of who God is! He has no Name because He can not be defined. He just is Who He is and that is the One and Only True God. But, it is understandable that Moses would ask His name. After all, all the false Gods that came in to being worshipped had a name and all stemmed from the time of the Tower of Babel when Satan first fully tried to take God's place in this world officially. gods of Victory, gods of fertility, gods of prosperity... and on and on, all had names to identify their supposed powers. And since God is the eternal, unchanging, self-existent One, infinite and glorious in every way, and above and beyond all of His created beings He can only be described as "I AM". We know that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are the 3 persons of the God Head, yet they are One. Our human minds and language can never grasp how Three are One much less how Jesus said, "If you've seen Me you have seen the Father" (John 14:9) or when He says, "The Father and I are One". Yet He said, He

Would ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit and constantly sought the Father, in all things, during His earthly Ministry. (8)

- If you had a picture of a Zoo with all its animals, and all their colors on a day when it has just rained, whereas a rainbow now covers the sky, and were to describe every little detail to a blind man who has never had any knowledge of what animals look like, nor understand colors and do so so accurately that the blind man would paint a picture that is the exact same as the picture that you described down to the last little detail then you would be able to understand $1/10,000$ th of Who God is. Thank Goodness that God gives us some of His, life saving, attributes. These are the IA's of the New Testament with their Old Testament Counterparts. (See Printout).

Exodus 3:16-21 Moses is obviously worried and perplexed about this command of God to deliver the, by now, 2-4 million Israelites out of Egypt. But God tells him, step by step how it is going to come to pass. He also tells him that He will be controlling everything even though there will be some set backs. I will bring your people out. This time they will heed your voice. I will be with you when you go to Pharaoh and ask him to let the Israelites go on a 3 day Journey to sacrifice to their LORD. But Pharaoh won't let that happen right away even though he sees I am in this whole thing. Then I will strike Egypt with all My wonders and then he will let you go. And not only that, but when he finally lets all of My people go, I am going to steer the peoples minds and hearts to you so that they will not only let you go but also load you up with every last thing that you need for the journey. It will be like taking what you want without hesitation.

God is giving Moses a play by play so that when it happens that he will understand that God said it would be so. He does this so that Moses is not discouraged at any point along the way. This is why God gave us the Complete Plan. This way when we see the world calling evil good and good evil we will know that God foresaw it because He told us.