

God's Revealing

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I. Vs. 1-6 God Revealed Himself & His Character to Moses

Read Vs. 1-6

1. God Calls Moses at Mt. Horeb - A Holy Place

- God meets Moses at Mt. Horeb where He promised Moses that He would one day return and worship in freedom
- Mt. Horeb will later be identified as Mt. Sinai

2. God Calls Moses By Name

- God calls Moses by name, twice (Repetition of Endearment)
- God revealed His intimate and personal nature toward Moses.
- God revealed to Moses He is a Holy God, set apart from all the other false gods of humanity.
- He is to be revered, respected, and worshiped.

3. God Reveals That He Is A Faithful God

- Vs. 6 I am the God of your father Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob
 - I am the God that the Hebrew Midwives feared
 - I am the God that your parents trusted when you were put in the Nile
 - I am the God that your people are hoping will hear their cries of oppression.
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II. Vs. 7-12 God Revealed His Plan & Purpose for Moses

Read Vs. 7-12

1. God Tells Moses That He Has Seen the Affliction of His People

- Vs. 7 *"I have surely seen the affliction of my people"*
- Vs. 7 *"I am aware of their sufferings..."*
- Vs. 8 *"I have come down to deliver them..."*
- Vs. 9 *"I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them."*

2. God Tells Moses That He's Going to Use Moses As His Agent

- Vs. 10 *"I will send you to Pharaoh so that you may bring out My people."*
 - Vs. 12 *"I will be with you, and I will give you a sign that I am with you...."*
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III. Vs. 13-15 God Revealed His Name to Moses

Read Vs. 13-15

1. God Tells Moses He is I AM

- *"Tell them I Am has sent you..."*
- *"Tell them I am the Lord..."*
- *"The God of your fathers"*
- *"The God of Abraham"*
- *"The God of Isaac"*
- *"The God of Jacob"*

2. God Tells Moses This Will Be His Name for the Ages

- Vs. 15 *"This is My name forever..."*
- *"This is My memorial name..."*
- *"This is the name your fathers knew, but you have forgotten over 400 yrs"*

IV. Vs. 16-22 God Reveals His Plan for Israel & Egypt

God Reveals 5 Things About His Plan for Israel & Egypt

Read Vs. 16-22

1. First Thing God Reveals About His Plan: He Has Heard the Cries of Israel

Vs. 16 *“Go and gather all the elders of Israel together, and say to them, The Lord, the God of YOUR fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has **appeared** to me saying, “I am indeed **concerned** about you and what has been done to you in Egypt.”*

Tell Them These Two Things:

1. Tell The Elders “ I Have Appeared to You”

- Can you imagine what that had the potential of sounding like?
- What do you mean “appeared”?
- We’ve never had a God appear to us.
- The Egyptian gods all around us have never appeared.
- The most we’ve seen are these egotistical Pharaohs calling themselves gods.

2. Tell The Elders “ I Am Indeed Concerned About You”

- **Read Exodus 2:23-25**
 - Their cries for help **rose up** to God
 - God **heard their cries** for help
 - God **remembered His covenant** w/ Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
 - God **took notice** of them.
 - Implication of God noticing is directly tied to action on God’s part.
 - God does not take notice of us from a distance.
 - God is intimately aware of our circumstances and He is with us in our struggles
 - He is outside of Creation, but authors Himself into the story of redemption.
 - Love is always an action by God, not merely an emotion
 - **John 3:16** *“God so loved the world that He **GAVE**...”*
 - Romans God **DEMONSTRATES** His love in this way, that while we were yet sinners...”
 - **Eph.2** *“Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **MADE US ALIVE** with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions...”*
 - When we cry out God remembers the New Covenant He made with us through Christ.
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2. Second Thing God Reveals About His Plan: He Will Take Israel to His Promised Land

Vs. 17. *“So I said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and Perrizzite and the Hive and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey.”*

- The promise to bless Israel with the land was directly connected to the covenant God made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- Covenants are not the same as contracts, but this was part of the terms of the covenant.
- God cannot keep just some of the terms and only some of the promises.
- As a covenant-keeper God keeps every term of His Covenants

Numbers 13:25-27, 14:5-8

- Although the spies lacked faith, they confirmed that the Land was indeed amazing.
- They didn’t trust that God would keep His promise to give them the Land.

3. Third Thing God Reveals About His Plan: Israel Will Embrace The Call To Worship Yahweh

Vs. 18 *“And they will **pay heed** to what you say; and you and the elders of Israel will go to the king of Egypt, and you will say to him, the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, **has met with us**. So now, please, let us go a three days journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.*

- Pay Heed = Literally “Hear your words”
- The Elders will believe everything that I have told you to say.
- **Read Exodus 4:27 - 5:3**
- The people believed when they heard that God was concerned..... Pharaoh rejected their request just as God promised.

Two Things to Highlight Here About Israel & The Elders

1. Elders Now Embrace The Truth That God Has Met With Them

- This is no longer just a “Moses thing”
- When they petition to Pharaoh they say *“God has met with us....”*
- No Egyptian God has ever met with any Egyptian.
- This will become a foreshadow to God meeting with His people
- **Cloud by day, pillar of fire by night**
- *“Tent of Meeting”* where God will come to meet with His people
- Eventually Solomon will build a permanent temple for God to dwell
- Ultimately we know God will never dwell in structures made by human hands
- God now dwells in us upon salvation.

2. Notice That This is the First Reference to Sacrificing to God.

- This becomes a foreshadow to the Mosaic Law
- *“Let us go a 3 days journey so we may sacrifice”*
- The sacrificial system will become an integral part of worshipping God
- The cross became the final sacrifice and we will worship God.
- We worship/sacrifice to God through the lens of the cross where He sacrificed for us.

4. Fourth Thing God Reveals About His Plan: Pharaoh Will Not Listen Without Compulsion

Vs. 19-20 *“But I know that the king of Egypt **will not permit you to go**, except under **compulsion**. So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go.”*

- **Read Exodus 6:1, 7:3-5, 9:13-16, 10:1-2**
- God is revealing that Pharaoh WILL NOT listen without compulsion
- God will use the signs and wonders for more than just letting Israel go
- Purpose of signs & wonders will cause Pharaoh, all of Egypt, all of Israel, and all the Earth to know that God is Almighty.

Jesus’s miracles always served as confirmation that He is who He says He is. Yes- they were often acts of compassion. But they served as evidence

5. Fifth Thing God Reveals About His Plan: He Will Grant Israel Favor In the Sight of Egypt

Vs. 21-22 *“And I will grant this people **favor** in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed. But every woman shall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will **plunder** the Egyptians.”*

- **Read 10:7** Part way through plagues some in Egypt desire to end the resistance.
- **Read 11:8** Moses tells Pharaoh servants will plead for Israel to leave.
- **Read 12:31-36** God granted Israel favor in the sight of Egypt and Israel plundered Egypt just as God promised.

***** Not only does God promise to deliver them from slavery
Not only does God promise to take them to a new land He's preparing for them
God also promises that they will be equipped with material resources on their way out.

..... Do we not also have amazing parallels in the New Covenant?
God rescues us from slavery to sin.
God promises us a new eternity in His Kingdom
We are blessed now in this life in many ways.
Jesus offers us life and life more abundant.
God has promised to care for us, to never leave us or forsake us.
And He lavishes all His goodness on us.

Summary:

1. Initially God revealed Himself to Moses. He revealed that He is a holy God and He is to be revered.
 - God hears each one of our cries for help.
 - God has revealed Himself to us through the person of Christ
 - God has shown us that He knows us personally.
2. God Revealed His plan for Moses and how He intended to use Moses for His greater purposes.
 - God does not simply save us for our own benefit alone.
 - God reveals to us that He has a plan for our lives.
 - God desires to partner with us as He reconciles lost souls back to Himself.
 - He calls us to be His hands & feet to carry the Gospel message.
3. God Revealed His Plan for Israel and Egypt.
 - We might say these nations foreshadow what God will eventually do in end times.
 - We (Body of Christ) will one day be delivered from this world which is slavery to sin.
 - We are destined for an eternal Promise Land.
 - Conversely, God will cause every nation, tribe, and tongue to witness His favor on us.

Colossians 1:13 *“For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*