A Chosen People

God Prepared A Deliverer

Exodus 2:23-25

²³ A long time passed, and the Egyptian king died. The Israelites were still groaning because of their hard work. They cried out, and their cry to be rescued from the hard work rose up to God.
²⁴ God heard their cry of grief, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
²⁵ God looked at the Israelites, and God understood.¹

Acts 7:20-36

²⁰ That's when Moses was born. He was highly favored by God, and for three months his parents cared for him in their home. ²¹ After he was abandoned, Pharaoh's daughter adopted and cared for him as though he were her own son. ²² Moses learned everything Egyptian wisdom had to offer, and he was a man of powerful words and deeds.

²³ "When Moses was 40 years old, he decided to visit his family, the Israelites. ²⁴ He saw one of them being wronged so he came to his rescue and evened the score by killing the Egyptian. ²⁵ He expected his own kin to understand that God was using him to rescue them, but they didn't. ²⁶ The next day he came upon some Israelites who were caught up in an argument. He tried to make peace between them by saying, 'You are brothers! Why are you harming each other?' ²⁷ The one who started the fight against his neighbor pushed Moses aside and said, *'Who appointed you as our leader and judge?* ²⁸ Are you planning to kill me like you killed that Egyptian yesterday?' ²⁹ When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he lived as an immigrant and had two sons.

³⁰ "Forty years later, an angel appeared to Moses in the flame of a burning bush in the wilderness near Mount Sinai. ³¹ Enthralled by the sight, Moses approached to get a closer look and he heard the Lord's voice: ³² 'I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.' Trembling with fear, Moses didn't dare to investigate any further. ³³ The Lord continued, 'Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. ³⁴ I have clearly seen the oppression my people have experienced in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning. I have come down to rescue them. Come! I am sending you to Egypt.'

³⁵ "This is the same Moses whom they rejected when they asked, 'Who appointed you as our leader and judge?' This is the Moses whom God sent as leader and deliverer. God did this with the help of the angel who appeared before him in the bush.²

¹ <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Ex 2:23–25.

² <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Ac 7:19–35.

³⁶ This man led them out after he performed wonders and signs in Egypt at the Red Sea and for forty years in the wilderness.³

GOD USED MOSES TO DELIVER THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.

Exodus 11:1-8

11 The LORD said to Moses, "I'll bring one more disaster on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he'll let you go from here. In fact, when he lets you go, he'll eagerly chase you out of here. ² Tell every man to ask his neighbor and every woman to ask her neighbor for all their silver and gold jewelry." ³ The LORD made sure that the Egyptians were kind to the Hebrew people. In addition, Pharaoh's officials and the Egyptian people even came to honor Moses as a great and important man in the land.

⁴ Moses said, "This is what the LORD says: At midnight I'll go throughout Egypt. ⁵ Every oldest child in the land of Egypt will die, from the oldest child of Pharaoh who sits on his throne to the oldest child of the servant woman by the millstones, and all the first offspring of the animals. ⁶ Then a terrible cry of agony will echo through the whole land of Egypt unlike any heard before or that ever will be again. ⁷ But as for the Israelites, not even a dog will growl at them, at the people, or at their animals. By this, you will know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. ⁸ Then all your officials will come down to me, bow to me, and say, 'Get out, you and all your followers!' After that I'll leave." Then Moses, furious, left Pharaoh. ⁴

Hebrews 11:28

²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, in order that the destroyer could not touch their firstborn children. ⁵

Hebrews 11:29

²⁹ By faith they crossed the Red Sea as if they were on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried it, they were drowned. ⁶

³ <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Ac 7:36.

⁴ <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Ex 11:1–8.

⁵ <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Heb 11:28.

⁶ <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Heb 11:29.

A Nation Formed By Covenant.

Exodus 19:3-6

³ while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him from the mountain, "This is what you should say to Jacob's household and declare to the Israelites: ⁴ You saw what I did to the Egyptians, and how I lifted you up on eagles' wings and brought you to me. ⁵ So now, if you faithfully obey me and stay true to my covenant, you will be my most precious possession out of all the peoples, since the whole earth belongs to me. ⁶ You will be a kingdom of priests for me and a holy nation. These are the words you should say to the Israelites." ⁷

Exodus 19:7-8

⁷ So Moses came down, called together the people's elders, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ The people all responded with one voice: "Everything that the LORD has said we will do." Moses reported to the LORD what the people said. ⁸

Exodus 25:8-9

⁸They should make me a sanctuary so I can be present among them. ⁹You should follow the blueprints that I will show you for the dwelling and for all its equipment. ⁹

Application

Isaiah 53:4-7; John 1:29

1 Corinthians 5:7; and 1 John 3: 16

Conclusion

2 Peter 3:8-9

⁸ Don't let it escape your notice, dear friends, that with the Lord a single day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a single day. ⁹ The Lord isn't slow to keep his promise, as some think of slowness, but he is patient toward you, not wanting anyone to perish but all to change their hearts and lives.¹⁰

⁷ <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Ex 19:2–6.

⁸ <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Ex 19:7–8.

⁹ <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Ex 25:8–9.

¹⁰ <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), 2 Pe 3:8–9.

2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God.¹¹

Hebrews 12:22-24

²² But you have drawn near to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, to countless angels in a festival gathering, ²³ to the assembly of the God's firstborn children who are registered in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous who have been made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks better than Abel's blood. ¹²

¹¹ <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), 2 Co 5:20–21.

¹² <u>Common English Bible</u> (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Heb 12:22–24.