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Exodus 1-3

“God Develops His Man”

Introduction

➤ tonight we are going to dive into the book of Exodus
The English title of the book of Exodus comes from the content, not the first word in the book as was true with the book of Genesis (“Beginnings” – you remember)

➤ **The first few words of the book of Exodus in Hebrew, translated into English, are “these are the names.”**

○ but of course that is terrible title of a book and really has nothing to do with the content

➤ So starting back with the Septuagint version, the Greek version of the Old Testament, or in other words when the Greeks started translating and reading the Old Testament, they picked the title based on the content which was “Exodus”

○ The story of Israel exiting the nation of Egypt

In fact, the very first word in the Hebrew version of what we call Exodus is “and”

➤ And the reason that is the word is because the book of Exodus is simply continuing the story we left off with two weeks ago in Genesis

○ When Genesis ended, the family of Jacob, 70 people strong moved to Egypt, to live in the best land of Egypt where they began to grow and multiple

➤ And now the book of Exodus is what happens next

The Book of Exodus can be divided into 3 sections

#1 – Exodus 1-4 – God Develops His Man

➤ It is the story of the background and calling of Moses

#2 – Exodus 5-24 – God Delivers His people

➤ By bringing them out of Egypt

By setting them apart in the wilderness

➤ By giving to them His law

#3 – Exodus 25-40 – God Dwells with His Saints

- The design of the tabernacle
 - And the building of the tabernacle
- And just a guess but I think, you might hear that outline a few times before we are done with this book

Well we begin tonight with God developing His Man

- This first section can divide up in 4 parts for you notes takers to write down...

Exodus Chapters 1-4

The Need for a Deliverer – Exodus 1:1-22

The Birth of the Deliverer – Exodus 2:1-10

The Preparation of the Deliverer – Exodus 2:11-25

The Calling of the Deliverer – Exodus 3:1-4:17

- And let's look at those one at a time tonight starting with

Exodus Chapters 1-4

The Need for a Deliverer – Exodus 1:1-7

Genesis as most of you remember is the book of beginnings

- It is the beginning of man, marriage and family
 - It is the beginning of government and nations
 - And specifically, it tells the story of one nation, the nation of Israel
 - You see the OT is getting us to Jesus, He was a Jew, from the tribe of Judah
- So after beginning with the story of the whole world, Genesis in chapter 12 begins to focus in on this special people group who would become the Jews
 - And when we got to chapter 50 of Genesis – 70 people enter Egypt because of Joseph to live in the best of the land, Goshen, up by the Nile Delta

Now just a quick word on the geography of Egypt, Egypt is surrounded by deserts – Picture Egypt 01

But in the middle of these deserts there is a valley 2 to 30 miles wide, the average is about 10 miles wide, it's 750 miles long, cut by the Nile, (**Nile river valley**) from its sources near the highlands of Lake Victoria in Africa through the east end of Sahara Desert, down to the Mediterranean – it has desert plateau on either side, about 1,000 feet above sea level

The valley is covered with a rich deposit of soil, making it ideal for growing food

- The Delta (**Nile River Delta picture**), a region in the shape a triangle, is the most fertile and that is the land Israel was given

It was also where the Jews could keep their livestock, a profession we were told in Genesis was seen as abominable to the Egyptians

- So God puts them there in the best of the land, where no one will bother them and the result is they multiply and grow for 400 years and stay separate from the Egyptian people

And in this good growth environment as the book of Exodus opens...

- Israel is no longer a single family of 70, but 12 tribes of almost 3 million when you put them all together

You will hear that number a lot as we teach through the next couple of books, the children of Israel number 2 to 3 million coming out of Egypt and into the wilderness – but this is something else critics of the Bible question – “oh countries weren’t that big back then, don’t you understand how impossible it would be to take care of 2 to 3 million people in the wilderness” (yes – that is why it is a God thing) – but they will say – it couldn’t be the large number, couple of thousand maybe?

- So what do we say to that, how do we know?

Well after the book of Exodus and Leviticus comes the book of Numbers

- And it is called that because in chapter one God numbers all the men between the ages of 20 to 50 who were able to go to war

And when you add up the numbers it says there were **600,000 men between the ages of 20 and 50.**

- Well that is not 2-3 million? Yes that but is just men, age 20-50 about to serve in the military

Then you add in women that would have been 20 to 50, most likely a similar number – **600,000 women between**

20 and 50. you add in people under 20 years of age, men and women just the same percentage would be...

800,000 men and women under 20.

- and then you add in men and women over the age of 50
 - Moses lived to 120, so even if you just used the same number of men and women over 50 that were between 20 and 50, that's 1,200,000

1.2 million people over 50 years old.

Total... 3.2 million people in Israel in the wilderness.

- and that is why we say conservatively you are dealing with 2 to 3 million people traveling through the wilderness, could have been much, much, more if you just believe what the Bible is telling you which of course you know I do

The point is Genesis tells us how the children of Israel get to Egypt, God has promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that He will make them a great nation

- “And” as the first words of Exodus are, “And” as the book of Exodus opens up, the story continues – and what was promised in Genesis – God making this people a great nation, has come to pass – God has been faithful!

However this wasn't a blessing to the current Pharaoh – Exodus 1:8-16

- It is believed by historians that when Israel entered Egypt – Egypt was in their 16th dynasty of Pharaohs
 - What is interesting about that is one of the 16th Dynasty Pharaohs, living about 430 years before Exodus chapter one was a guy by the name of

16th Dynasty of Egyptian Pharaohs - Pharaoh Amenemhat II

- He is known in history as saving his people from a great famine – and of course anything great that anyone who worked for a Pharaoh did (win a war, save the nation from starvation) – the Pharaoh would take the credit, because it happened during his time in charge

You know like how Al Gore invented the internet – just because it happened when you were a senator, doesn't mean you did it – but that is another matter

- Well not long after Amenemhat II came a new dynasty of Pharaohs and they were very different

17th Dynasty of Pharaohs – The Hyksos Kings

- They were not Egyptian, some believe they were the forerunners of the Philistines that we will learn about later in our study through the Word
 - They came from the sea, won victories over the late 16th Dynasty Kings and took over the land of Egypt
- Now this timing may be hinted at in our text when Moses writes in verse 8, a King arose that did not know Joseph

Some bible critics use verse 8 to say the book of Exodus had to be written much later by someone who did not live in Egypt, because anyone who lived in Egypt would know that the ruler of Egypt is named Pharaoh, not king

- But there is a great answer to that
 - Moses knows that the ruler of Egypt is called Pharaoh, he will call him that over and over in this book
- But maybe Moses is giving us insight on the timing that there arose a king (a non-Egyptian ruler) who did not know Joseph
 - The 16th Dynasty of Pharaohs had been made rich by Joseph and so they were kind to his family

But the 17th Dynasty of Pharaohs had no love for the Jews, they hadn't been made rich by them, so they imprisoned them – We have monuments in Egypt that talk about the Hyksos Kings putting into bondage the group of foreigners they call the ones with the shepherd staffs – so obviously the Jewish people

- However, a few years before Moses was born there was a change in Dynasties again
 - The 18th Dynasty of Pharaohs were Egyptians, they exiled the foreign Hyksos kings and ruled their nation again as Egyptians

But they continued the oppression of the Jewish people because again their families had not been made rich by Joseph and his family as had the 16th Dynasty of Pharaohs had been

- And they had no love for foreigners, because they just kicked a bunch of them out – so they continued to oppress the nation of Israel as their numbers grew

And it is interesting to note the names of the Pharaohs from **The 18th Dynasty of Egypt**

Ahmosé I – 1570-1546

Thutmose I – 1546 – 1518

Thutmose II – 1518-1508

Hatshepsut, Daughter of Thutmose I – 1518-1504

- who rules Egypt but does not have an heir
 - She is very powerful – she was the full royal child of Thutmose I and his royal wife, Thutmose II was her half brother from a lesser wife and he married his sister to have validity on his throne, but history shows she was power behind the throne – she is known as the first great female leader in History

Picture of Hatshepsut - most statues of her have an effeminate face but they all have goatees, so they are either speaking about her power like a man or she had severe facial hair problems – but her power could have been why this Hebrew boy was allowed to grow up in the Egyptian court and be in line to be Pharaoh

- As I said, she could not have children, and therefore no one to pass her reign onto, which means it would go to the child of her brother husband from another woman - so it shows an interest in Moses who she found in the river – and her power shows why it was allowed

It could be that she named the boy she drew out of the water with a play on words. "Moses" which means "drawn from the water" in Hebrew, but the Egyptian name "Mose" meant "son," and it was the title given to kings at that time. She may have used that name because she hoped he would become Pharaoh one day.

Thutmose III – Pharaoh who exiled Moses? – 1504-1450

- Thutmose the III was a son of Thutmose the II but not Hatshepsut, he was the son of a lesser wife, and did not come to power until after his stepmother's death, which was way after Thutmose II
 - So there was jealousy between him and Moses, who Hatshepsut wanted to rule and so he was looking for a reason to banish him, and Moses gave him one as we will see later in the story

Amenhotep II – Pharaoh of the Exodus??? – 1452-1415

- He has a son die in early childhood
 - Has a weak rule
 - Plus, if you go back 430 years, you have Pharaoh Amenemhat II, the Pharaoh of Joseph's day.

Now the Bible does not name any of these people, so we cannot speak for certain – But this is all very important because the other view is the Pharaoh of the Exodus is Ramses who lived almost 200 years later

- The only evidence is chapter one mentions the city of Ramses
 - And the argument goes, they wouldn't have named a city after a guy that wasn't born yet, which is true, but the name "Ramses" was fairly common name in Egypt because it is based on the sun god RA, where we get the term today Sun Rays
 - Now all the movies take this view, but there are some problems with Ramses being the Pharaoh of the Exodus

Liberal scholars don't care because in their mind the whole Bible story is just made up anyway – they think what really happened is slaves escaped and migrated, found a grave with a name Moses, made up the story, integrated into Canaanite culture, and then made everything up to give their people a history
But if the Exodus is in 12th century when Ramses was Pharaoh as the liberal scholars put it, we then have a

problem with a literal rendering of the Exodus and having the time frame work out

Problem with the late date for Exodus

The Bible states (Exodus 12:40) that the time frame of the captivity in Egypt was 430 years, true if the Exodus happened in 1446, not true if it happened 200 years later.

The City of Jericho was destroyed around 1400 BC

- so scholars that hold to the later date say, you can't trust the Bible because Jericho wasn't standing in 1200 BC at the time of the Exodus and that is true, but not if the Exodus happened in 1446

1446 is the traditional Jewish date for the Exodus

And if you go to the other side of the 40 year wandering in the wilderness

- Archeologist have discovered letters at **Tel el Amarna 01, 02 (both pictures together on one slide)** in Egypt from the people of Canaan asking Egypt for help against the invasion from a people they call the Habiru dated in **1400 BC** – approximately 40 years after the Exodus – perfect time frame once again

- So there is no reason to doubt the traditional date

So the 18th Dynasty of Pharaohs were the ones in charge at the time of the birth of Moses and they continued the oppression of the Jews in two ways

The Oppression of the Jews by the 18th Dynasty

#1 – They oppressed the adults

This nation of Jews that once simply enjoyed the best of the land of Egypt was made slaves and worked on some Egypt's vast building projects (Not the pyramids by the way)

- Moses makes sure the reader cannot miss the need for a deliver –the language is strong!

But something interesting happens – instead of crushing them, **verse 12 says, they multiplied**

- And this is always the way it seems to be
 - God's people work best under adverse conditions
- It is true of the church today
 - When everything is going good, we all have own little Kingdoms, very little co-operation
 - But once tragedy strikes all of a sudden we remember how to work together and love one another
- God's people operate best under adverse conditions
 - And I mention it just to give you insight into your life – we wonder why do I face this trial, why do I have to experience this thing?
 - God knows the depth and purity that is developed in the fire in your life, it has always been that way!

**Pharaoh goes after the adults, when that doesn't work,
The Oppression of the Jews by the 18th Dynasty**

#1 – They oppressed the adults

#2 – They oppressed the kids

- Pharaoh develops a plan to have all the male babies destroyed at birth
 - Sad what was happening but I want you to see it was there is a greater enemy at work even behind the Pharaoh of Egypt, Satan Himself

I bring this up because we need to be aware of Satan devices as Paul says in Ephesians 6 - And first device the enemy of our soul has is he goes after you and me

- and as we learn to walk closely to the Lord, as we learn to have victory – you need to know that the battle is not done in your family

Because if the enemy cannot get you, friends, he wants your children

- We see it today – the battle is on for the minds and hearts of our kids

Schools pumping the most ridiculous things to Kindergarteners and why?

- Because the enemy wants our kids – he lost you, but if he can win the next generation, then the eventual victory is his, at least with your family

Why are you saying this????

- because we need to know, that we might take action
 - parents those kids have been placed in your lives because God wants to do a work in them
- We can pretend like there is no battle, there is no devil, he does not have a plan for your kids or we can wake up and get on our knees
 - Do not be ignorant of Satan's devices
 - This is the way Satan works, it has always been this way – it is the way it was with Pharaoh

He went after the kids, and the plan would have worked except for the first example of civil disobedience in the Bible – Exodus 1:17-22

- Pharaoh tells the midwives, and these are probably two representatives not that there were only 2 midwives for 2-3 million people but Pharaoh tells the heads to kill the baby boys, and they tell Pharaoh that the Hebrew woman give birth too fast for them to get there

Now in their defense – it may have been true, maybe they told the women we are going to be late so we can tell Pharaoh this, it may have been true

- But most likely they are lying

Now this causes problems for some people

- was it right when Rehab lied about the spies being in her house?

Was it right when the family hiding Corrie Ten Boom lied to the German officers about Jews living in their attic?

When I was in Bible college this would come up a time or two – and there would be those students who would take the approach – “if they just would have told the truth – God would have intervened – they didn't need to lie or sin – you know like some Star Wars Jedi trick – go home and rethink your life – they are up stairs but you don't have to do anything about it?

- And of course God could have done that

However, I believe the Bible teaches that it is okay to disobey an evil law when you have a higher law to stand on

- Romans 13:1 teaches – that we are to be in subject to the authorities God placed us under
 - However we also see in Acts 5:9 – that the disciples are told they need to obey God rather than man
- Obviously, whatever these women did, verse 20, God blessed them for it – not for lying, but for fearing the Lord

Anyway – Egypt is a mess – the Pharaoh is killing babies, oppressing people who have been in bondage for years now and the point is we see the need for a deliverer

- Israel was once blessed in the land of Egypt
 - They were given the best of the land to enjoy
- But now they are being used as slaves, their children are under attack
 - And in these times as the need has now arisen, God raises up a deliverer

Exodus Chapters 1-4

The Need for a Deliverer – Exodus 1:1-22

The Birth of the Deliverer – Exodus 2:1-10

- This should remind us of the greatness of God and His ability to handle anything we have to face

Think through what happens – Pharaoh wants to kill the male children by water

- So God brings Moses into the world – it is interesting to note that technically Moses' mom obeyed, putting Moses into the Nile, just not the way the Pharaoh intended

He is found by Pharaoh's daughter as she baths in the Nile

- By the way there is one place in all of the river Nile that is not infested with crocodiles and it is up in the land of Goshen where the Jews lived, near **Heliopolis – Map of Egypt** (Edit by having an arrow point to Heliopolis toward the top of the map)

So that is where Moses' sister places him and that is why he is found, we have records that Egyptian royalty would go there to bathe, it was not far from the royal cities, and the royals would want to bathe in non crocodile infested waters

- But anyway the daughter of the one who wants to kill these babies, finds little Moses who will eventually devastate the nation of Egypt and he is brought up in the Egyptian's royal family

More than that – when this child needs someone to nurse him, it is his own mother who is chosen and she gets paid by Pharaoh to nurse this baby who will grow up the royal house and eventually be the very one Pharaoh fears

- God is so awesome right – and we could spend all night telling stories of how God works everything out, how God uses the world to fund His Work, and accomplish His plan

But it should be enough for us to know, His ways are beyond our ways, His ways are past our finding out

- If we were going to raise up a deliver, who was going to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt and then write the first five books of the Bible, we would have him training in some foreign land – Babylon – and as the conquering army comes, he declares himself to the Jews....
 - But God has him trained in Egypt, in the Pharaoh's house at Egypt's expense – that's God

Moses' mom got to nurse him, with a paycheck from Pharaoh, and don't you know she did far more than just feed him - I bet she was rehearsing every Bible story she knew, every truth about God, whispering in his little ears

- No doubt this lady was praying over him, interceding for him

And it worked gang, for as we are about to read, 40 years later, after all the brainwashing of the Egyptian world, when the chips are down, Moses sides with the people of God

And that couldn't have been an easy decision - The 18th Dynasty of Pharaoh would eventually include King Tut

- And the wealth, he was just buried with, not that he has access to, but just buried with you can go and see in a museum – **King Tut's treasure picture**
 - And it's mind blowing
 - And yet Moses sided with God and God's people
- And I just remind you of that

You who are Moms and Dad or grandparents

- you have the ability to hide things in your kids hearts that 40 years of the world system will not be able to stand against
 - but you have to do it
- you nursery workers, children's ministry volunteers, don't think your ministry doesn't matter
 - it is easy for people to listen to me and have what I say go in one ear and out the other
- but there is something about the heart of a child – you teach those kids the Word, you pray over those kids
 - and if they can't understand yet, as Moses would have been age wise, you whisper in their ear and pray it in their hearts – you have no idea how God may use that

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The Birth of the Deliverer – Exodus 2:1-10

The Preparation of the Deliverer – Exodus 2:11-25

Between verses 10 and 11 of chapter 2 is 40 years and Exodus does not tell us what happens

- what life was like as a young Jewish boy in Egypt in the house of the King – we do know from history
 - they have found tops, play swords from this time
 - horseback riding and archery were favorite pass times of the 18 Dynasty
- We even know a little bit about normal hairstyles – girls would let their hair loose or braided into pig tails

The young princes would have had their head shaved except for two thick locks on either side of the head

- Moses could have very looked like a Hebrew coolio, but you know – **Picture of Coolio**
 - But by the time they were teenagers, princes of Egypt were given to education – making Moses’ authorship of the Torah even more likely – his contemporaries were all slaves, but he could read and write, for the Bible tells us

“Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.” – Acts 7:22

- Mighty in Word – of all his Egyptian education, other than the skills he learned, his writings aren’t tainted with the weird stuff he would have been taught in school
 - we have records that they taught during the 18th Dynasty of Pharaohs that the best way to deal with an open wound was to put worm blood and donkey dung in your cut – if you know anything that is crazy
 - and yet you will not find any of that in the Word

Moses was mighty in Deed

- Josephus records an Ethiopian invasion in the days of Moses and he was the army’s general that had great victory - but by the time of the burning bush - that is all gone

God was wanting to deliverer His people

- And God was wanting to use Moses to accomplish this task
 - But before God could use Moses there had to be preparation

Moses life can be divided into 3 distinct categories

- The first 40 years becoming a somebody
 - And we see that at the end of that time he thinks he is the deliverer
- The next 40 years becoming a nobody
 - Learning that God didn’t need him, that he wasn’t all he thought he was and this part is essential
- Last 40 years seeing God use a nobody to do something great

In this section Moses tries to become the deliverer his way and he fails

- Moses gives the excuse Thutmose III has been looking for to get rid of Moses and clears the way for himself to truly have the power of the throne
 - And so Moses escapes to Midian

So Moses is now in what is known today as Saudi Arabia

- There by a well he meets seven girls who are being harassed by local shepherds, but Moses steps in, again he has been a military leader for years, I'm sure these shepherds were no big deal for Moses

But through this encounter he meets Reuel, who is a priest in Midian whose name means “friend of God”

- Reuel is a descendant of Abraham through his third wife he took after Sarah died, Keturah
 - And Reuel gives his “daughter” verse 20-21 says Zipporah to be Moses' wife

Now an important word on that, when we get to chapter 3 here in just a minute, it will say that Moses' father in law's name is Jethro, yet chapter 2 it says it is Reuel

- And to make matters worse in Judges 4:11 it will say his name was Hobab

“Hobab, the father-in-law of Moses...” – Judges 4:11

- So which is it? Is this an example of multiple contradictions in the Bible? No, of course not!

Numbers 10:29 gives us great insight when it says,

“Hobab was the son of Reuel.” - Numbers 10:29 Reuel was Zipporah's (Moses' wife) grandfather

- There is no distinction in Hebrew between the words Father and Grandfather which is why in English the text says what it does in Exodus 2:18.
 - The chief patriarch of a family, which Reuel would have been as grandpa, was the one to arrangement marriages for his family as is the indication of Exodus chapter 2.

“Hobab the son of Reuel” was Moses’ Father in law as we understand ‘a father-in-law’ today. Hobab was his proper name - But that leaves Jethro?

- **“Jethro”** as hard as it is to believe if you have seen “The Beverly Hillbillies” actually is **a title that means “His excellence.”** - So just a little bit of trivia for you to get

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The Call of the Deliverer – Exodus 3:1-4:17 (read chap 3)

Moses heads out with the sheep around Mount Horeb, which is another name for Mount Sinai and on this trip he sees a bush burning, but this bush is strange, because it is not being consumed, and it speaks, and it is intelligent, it knows Moses’ name

- God begins to speak to Him, and tells him that He is going to use Him to deliver God’s people
 - And Moses does not respond the way Isaiah will
 - Here I am send me

No Moses asks God five questions

- And we will see two of them tonight and leave the rest as we move into chapter 4 next week

Moses Asks 5 Questions of God

#1 – Who am I??? – Exodus 3:11

- God lays out this plan of what He is going to do

And remember although Moses may have had some sense earlier in his life that he was the man - That was now gone

- The Lord had brought Moses to place in his life where he realized that delivering God’s people was not going to be some walk in the park - He was now 80, what in the world was God thinking – you are 40 years late God!!! - Who am I????

But this is the place we must come to - God wants to do a work in our lives, but He wants to be the one that gets the glory

- and so often I see in scripture that God will allow us to see how desperate our situation is before He steps in
 - so that we know – this is the Lord, there is no way it would work without Him

I think of Joshua and the great wall of Jericho – Israel coming into the promise land – they are going to take down these nations. But before they come against Jericho God gives them a battle plan. Walk around the city in complete silence, then on the seventh day, walk around the city 7 times, quiet. – Then give a shout. Good plan. – Why did God do it that way. I believe so that when they walked around the city they realize how impossible this was going to be. Maybe they thought in the wilderness, we are pretty good fighters, we can take them. That was all gone after they walked around those walls

- God did that with Joshua
 - He did that with Moses

And He does that with you and me

- He often gets us to see the impossibility of the situation, so that we are clear
 - If this is resolved, if this is taken care of, if that guy gets saved, if this bill gets paid - It has to be the Lord

God tells Moses His plan

- and Moses responds by saying – Who am I?
 - but then notice God’s response...

“I will be with you”

- it is interesting to me this was the same thing God told Joshua right after the Battle plan
 - you want me to do what??? – walk around the city?
- God says “Do not be afraid – why – I will be with you”

God is trying to teach Moses whom He loves and Joshua who He is going to use greatly, and me and you whom He loves and desires to use

- “It is not going to be about you!!!”
 - It is not about who you are, but about who I am

This is what God says to Moses and Moses then turns around and asks the next most logical question

- it’s not about who am I, okay but then who are you?

#2 – Who are you??? – Exodus 3:13

- you see Moses asks who are you – what is your name?

Now Moses knows it is God he is speaking to

- but understand this Bible students
 - God is a title, not a name
 - It is like King or Pharaoh, or prince – well prince was named prince, formally anyway – God rest his soul
 - But God is a title
- And there are many things called God in scripture

And so Moses wants to know what God's name is

- and understand why this is so important
 - Moses is not getting information for conversation – “I don't want to call you bro, what is your name???”

It is not for conversation, but for revelation

- You see in Moses' day a child was not named whatever the parents thought sounded best, that is how we do it

A name in Biblical times was tied into the personality of the person

- And this is what Moses is getting at - you have told me it is not about me, it's about You
 - so who are You, what am I dealing with, what is your name, what is your nature

And notice God's answer to Moses' second question

- God says tell them “I am”
 - What is your name God??? - I am...
- At this point I see Moses saying....
 - I am what????? You are what???

I see Moses doing this because I am looking at this phrase in the English language

- And if God came to me and said, my name is I am, - I would be confused
 - But I don't think Moses was – being spoken to in his own tongue, I think Moses must have been taken back by the revelation God was giving him

YHVH – the tetragrammaton – the four letters

In Hebrew - Yod, He, Waw, He

- Most of you know – Jewish tradition is you were would never pronounce the name of God

You would simply say, “The name” when you came to the tetragammonon in the scripture

- When they would copy it, they would take a bath, there are places where the name of God appears over 30 times in one chapter – that is one clean scribe
 - And when they would copy it, they would only copy the consonants so no one would be able to pronounce it

And there is much debate on what YHVH means

- But there is no greater answer than what is before you in English
 - “I am, that I am”
 - God’s name and God’s nature is He is whatever He needs to be, whatever His people need Him to be

And all thorough the OT, God combines His name YHVH or Jehovah, with another word, telling His people that is what I am for you

7 compounds of the YHVH in the OT

Jehovah Nissi – The Lord my Banner (Ex 17:15)

Jehovah Raah – The Lord my Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Jehovah Rapha – The Lord who heals (Ex 15:26)

Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is here (Ez 48:35)

Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord our righteousness (Jer 23:6)

Jehovah Jireh – The Lord will provide (Gen 22:14)

Jehovah Shalom – The Lord our peace (Judges 6:24)

Then there is the 8th (the New Beginning) compound name for God, first seen in the NT – “Jesus” – Jehovah is salvation

Moses wants to know who it is He is dealing with, what His nature is all about

- and the answer from God is “I am everything you will ever need”
 - Jesus fills in the definitions in His life and Ministry – I am the light, the door, the good shepherd, bread of life, resurrection, and the life

Isn't that encouraging for you and I face today?

- God is everything we will ever need
 - Well we will look at the other three questions and chapters 4-8 leading up to the 10 plagues next week
 - That is plenty for tonight
- Amen? Amen!