

THE STORY
Deliverance
Exodus 1-18
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The book of Exodus can be broken down into three parts:

Domination in Egypt	Chapters 1-12
Liberation from Egypt	Chapters 13-18
Revelation	Chapters 19-40

DOMINATION IN EGYPT

Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. 9 "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. 10 Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."

Exodus 1:8-10 NIV

Pharaoh's daughter names him Moses which means 'drawn out of the water.'

God is going to use an 80 year old failure.

One day Moses sees a burning bush that is not being consumed.

MOSES SENT

So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." Exodus 3:10 NIV

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

Exodus 3:11-12 NIV

Moses reply? But what if they don't believe me?

3 ways to convince them:

1. Throw down your staff and it will be a snake
2. Your hand in cloak - leprosy - clean again
3. Water from Nile will become blood on the ground

God will never give you a job without enabling you to do it.

GREAT CONFRONTATION

Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.'"

2 Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go." Exodus 5:1-2 NIV

Plague #1 Water of the Nile turn to blood. Nile god Osiris

Plague #2 Frogs, the goddess Heka

Plague #3 Dust turned to lice or gnats.

Plague #4 Flies - Might have been scarab beetles their symbol of eternal life.

Plague #5 Diseased livestock - Apis god of bulls and Mnevis god of cows

Plague #6 Boils - Moses throws dust in the air and where it lands becomes boils

Plague #7 Hail and fire rain. Power over sky god Nut

Plague #8 Locust swarm destroyed everything green

Plague #9 Darkness over the land

Plague #10 Death of the firstborn

LIBERATION

The next morning 2 million plus people of the Jewish nation receive gold, silver and fabric from their neighbors and leave Egypt.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

Exodus 14:21-22 NIV

When you feel inadequate, put your trust in God.

1. God delivers from slavery to freedom
2. God delivers from despair to hope
3. God delivers from death to life

PASSOVER

Paul writes in I Corinthians 5:7:

"For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."