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2. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.
3. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."
4. When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."
5. "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."
6. Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.
7. The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.
8. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.
9. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.
10. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."
11. 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."
13. Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"
14. God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' "
15. God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.
16. "Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt.
17. And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.'
18. "The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.'
19. But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him.
20. So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go.
21. "And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed.
22. Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians." (KJV)

Introduction:
I. Seventy (70) souls went into Egypt including Jacob and his direct descendants.
   A. Relatives by marriage increased the entrance number to well over seventy (70).
II. Four hundred years later, the Israelites had grown to two million people and found themselves slaves in Egypt.
   A. Exodus 1:5, The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all; Joseph was already in Egypt. (KJV)
   B. Genesis 15:13, Then the LORD said to him (Abram), "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. (KJV)
   C. Exodus 12:40-41, Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years. At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the Lord’s divisions left Egypt. (KJV)
III. In our lesson today we learn of God’s calling Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and back to Canaan.
   A. To what has God called you?
IV. Moses was now approximately eighty (80) years of age.
   A. What had happened in his life during these eighty (80) years?
B. The Israelites had been made slaves because the Egyptians perceived them to be a threat on account of their increasing numbers.

1. How do people perceive us?

2. Jesus asked, “Who do men say that I am?”

3. Robert Burns wrote, “O, would some power the giftie give us to see ourselves as others see us?”

C. To reduce their population increase, the male children were to be killed at birth.

1. Midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, were called upon along with all other midwives to obey the command, “Throw every boy that is born into the Nile.”

2. In the case of Moses, Shiphrah and Puah refused to obey the king’s decree.

D. In this situation Moses was born, was placed in a basket, was discovered by Pharoah’s daughter, and was reared as her son.

1. Moses’ mother was employed to be his nurse.

E. Moses, at age forty (40), saw the suffering of his people, killed a cruel Egyptian taskmaster, and fled for his life to Midian.

F. Upon his arrival in Midian, he met seven daughters of Reuel, a priest.

1. He befriended them, protected them from other shepherds who attempted to drive them away from the well.

G. Moses married one of Reuel’s daughters (Zipporah) and worked as a shepherd in the employ of his father-in-law.
Commentary:

Exodus 3:1, Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. (KJV)

I. Was Moses’ father-in-law Reuel or Jethro?

A. Exodus 2:18, When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked the, “Why have you returned so early today?” (KJV)

1. Numbers 10:29, Now Moses said to Hobab son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place about which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us and we will treat you well, for the LORD has promised good things to Israel. (KJV)

   a. Midian was a son of Abraham by Keturah.

   b. The land of Midian was situated east of the Jordan River and extended through the Arabian desert.

B. Moses had been in Midian forty (40) years as of Exodus 3:1.

C. Jethro may have been a relative/son of Reuel who became priest at the death of Reuel.

D. The original translated “father-in-law” can include any male relative by marriage.

E. Of course, Reuel and Jethro could be two (2) names for the same person.

II. Moses had worked as a humble shepherd for his father-in-law for forty (40) years.

A. What if Moses had continued as a shepherd for the rest of his life?
1. What are you going to do with the rest of your life?

B. As Moses tended the sheep, he made his way to the back of the wilderness and came to the mountain of God to Horeb.

C. Hebrews viewed the east as before them, the west behind them, the south on the right hand, and the north on the left hand.

   1. The far side of the desert was the backside (west) of the desert.

D. The mountain of God, Horeb, is also known as Sinai.

   1. Horeb applies to the central group of mountains in the southern part of the Arabian Peninsula.

   2. Sinai was one peak in that range also known as Horeb.

E. Transfiguration:

   1. Luke 9:28, And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. (KJV)

      a. The Transfiguration mount was not Sinai or Horeb.

   2. What are some of your mountain top experiences?

Exodus 3:2-3, There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” (KJV)

I. The angel of God appeared to Moses out of a burning bush.

   A. The fire did not consume the bush.
B. This was so unusual that Moses approached the bush to investigate.

II. If this had been some natural occurrence, Moses would certainly have known what it was after forty (40) years as a shepherd in that area.

Exodus 3:4-5, When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” (KJV)

I. Jehovah spoke to Moses out of the burning bush.

II. God designated that place as holy ground. Moses was to respectfully remove his shoes and not to approach the bush.

III. The double use of “Moses, Moses” indicates that this was an urgent and important event.

A. 1 Samuel 3:10, The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” (KJV)

B. Acts 9:4, And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? (KJV)

IV. “Jehovah saw ... God called ...” Yahweh/Elohim saw man, called man, and, in this case, man favorably responded to the call.

A. What are some responses a modern man makes to God’s call?
Exodus 3:6, Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. (KJV)

I. Deity, to this point, has been called:
   A. Jehovah
   B. God
   C. God of Moses’ father, Amran
   D. God of Abraham
   E. God of Isaac
   F. God of Jacob

II. Moses in fear and awesome wonder hid his face being afraid to look upon God!

III. God said, “I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” (KJV)

   A. At that time these patriarchs were dead, but still existed.
   B. Matthew 22:32, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. (KJV)

Exodus 3:7-8, The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. (KJV)
I. God ...
   A. Saw the affliction of his people in Egypt.
   B. Heard the cry of his people under cruel Egyptian taskmasters.
   C. Knew the sorrows of the Israelites.
   D. God sees, hears and knows our afflictions.

II. God was ...
   A. Determined to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians.
   B. Determined to bring them into a good, large land. A land flowing with milk and honey which is an ancient expression or a land rich in natural resources, plenty of water, and an abundance of fruit trees.

III. God was going to dispossess the then inhabitants of Canaan and give the land to Israel.
   A. Justify this and the nation’s expansionism.
   B. Canaanites was a term used to apply to “seven nations” living in the promised land and to one specific group within the “seven nations.”
      1. Canaanites were in the land 1900 B.C.
      2. Canaan was a son of Ham and a grandson of Noah.
   C. Hittites came later during the era 1800-1450 B.C., Genesis 23:10.
      1. Genesis 23:10, Ephron the Hittite was sitting among his people and he replied to Abraham in the hearing of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of his city. (KJV)
a. The name Hittite came from Hatti, another name for Anatolia, the capitol of Hattusha.

b. They populated Syria and Asia Minor.

C. Sarah was buried in the Cave of Machpelah.

D. Amorites constituted the largest of the nations listed here and were in the land of promise beginning circa 2300 B.C.

1. Numbers 21:26, Hesbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and had taken from him all his land as far as the Arnon. (KJV)

2. Genesis 10:15, Canaan was the father of Sidon, his firstborn, and of the Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, Gergashites, Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, Arvadites, Zemarites and Hamathites. (KJV)

a. Does might make right?

E. Perizzites:

1. No specific information is available as to the origin of these people.

2. Perizzites lived in Canaan as early as Abraham and Lot.

a. Genesis 13:7, And quarreling arose between Abram's herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. (KJV)

F. Hivites dwelt around Shechem, Gibeon, and the area about five (5) miles northwest of Jerusalem and were present in the promised land 2000 B.C.
1. Genesis 34:2, When Shechem son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of that area, saw her (Dinah) he took her and violated her. (KJV)
   
a. Simeon and Levi killed the males in Shechem’s family.

2. Joshua 9:3-7, However, when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, they resorted to a ruse; they went as a delegation whose donkeys were loaded with worn-out sacks and old wineskins, cracked and mended. The men put worn and patched sandals on their feet and wore old clothes. All the bread of their food supply was dry and moldy. Then they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and the men of Israel, “We have come from a distant country; make a treaty with us.” The men of Israel said to the Hivites, “But perhaps you live near us. How then can we make a treaty with you?” (KJV)

3. Joshua 11:19, Except for the Hivites living in Gibeon, not one city made a treaty of peace with the Israelites, who took them all in battle. (KJV)

G. Jebusites occupied Jerusalem or Jebus.

1. Joshua 15:63, Judah could not dislodge the Jebusites, who were living in Jerusalem to this day the Jebusites live there with the people of Judah. (KJV)
   
a. Jerusalem was located in and around Mount Zion, a well fortified location.

2. Judges 1:21, The Benjamites, however, failed to dislodge the Jebusites, who were living in Jerusalem; to
this day the Jebusites live there with the Benjamites. (KJV)

3. 2 Samuel 5:6, the king and his men marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. the Jebusites said to David, “You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off.” They thought, “David cannot get in here.” (KJV)

H. Gurgashites are also an obscure people.

1. They descended from Noah, Ham, Canaan and may be also known as Gadarenes.

   a. Mark 5:1-20 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the
country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel. (KJV)

2. Deuteronomy 7:1, When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations, the Hitties, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you. (KJV)

3. Joshua 24:11, Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as
did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands. (KJV)

Exodus 3:9-11, And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" (KJV)

I. God here called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and to the promised land.

II. Moses who forty years before had been eager to lead Israel to freedom now reveals his deep feeling of inadequacy for the task.

III. Moses made excuses for declining to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

A. “Who are I, that I should go unto Pharaoh?” (3:11) (KJV)

B. “What shall I say, when they ask, ‘What is his (God’s) name?’ ” (KJV)

C. “They (Egyptians and Israelites) will not believe.” (4:1) (KJV)

D. “I am not eloquent,” (4:10) (KJV)

E. “Send someone else.” (4:13) (KJV)

F. God doesn’t require perfect people to do his will.
Exodus 3:12, 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.” (KJV)

I. God promised to be with Moses in all God told him to do ...and with us as well.

II. God assured Moses that he would worship and serve God on that very mountain when he had successfully led Israel out of captivity.

   A. Paul said, “I can do all things through him that strengtheneth me.” (KJV)

   B. Paul also said, “If God be for us, who can be against us?”

III. Moses required a second word of encouragement from God after reaching Egypt.

   A. Exodus 6:9-12, Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage. Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country.” But Moses said to the Lord, “If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering (stuttering) lips?” (KJV)

      1. Aaron was appointed spokesman.

      2. Why didn’t God just cure Moses?

         a. Some believe Moses stuttered.

   B. We all need continuing encouragement from God and each other!

      1. How can we provide encouragement to each other?
Exodus 3:13-15, Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation. (KJV)

I. God’s memorial name is “Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” (KJV)

A. Matthew 22:32, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. (KJV)

B. By this name, God would be known from generation to generation.

II. God said to Moses, “I AM THAT I AM has sent you.” (This speaks of God’s eternal existence.)

A. “I will be who or what I will be.” Fields.

B. “I will be what I will be.” Tyndale.

C. “I am who I am.” Dovay.

D. “I am the Being.” Septuaqint.

E. “I am because I am.” American Standar.

F. “I will be what I will be.” Moffatt.

G. “I am who I am.” Revised Standard.
III. No new name was revealed to Moses on this occasion. “The God who is” sent him to deliver Israel.

**Exodus 3:16-17**, "Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.'" (KJV)

I. Moses was ordered to return to Egypt, gather the elders of the Israelites, and announce to them what God had commanded to be done!

II. God promised to deliver Israel from their misery in Egypt and to bring them into the promised land, the land of their fathers’ sojournings, a land flowing with milk and honey.

III. God was fully aware of the needs of his people then, and he is fully aware of our needs now!

IV. As no television nor radio was available, God delivered his message to two (2) million Israelites through their elders.

A. This is the first mention of Israelite elders!

**Exodus 3:18-20**, "The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.' But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go." (KJV)
I. Moses was directed to tell the elders of Israel what had happened and what God had said.

   A. The elders would communicate this information to all Israel numbering some two million people.

II. Moses and the elders were to go to the King of Egypt and request permission for all Israel to go three days journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to God.

   A. God told Moses that Pharaoh would not let Israel go unless he was forced to do so.

   B. God promised to strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that God would perform.

   C. After that Pharaoh would let Israel go free.

III. God was not misrepresenting his intentions to totally free Israel from Egyptian bondage by asking Pharaoh for a three day trip into the wilderness.

   A. God was showing that Pharaoh was obstinate and would have to be forced to free Israel in view of the fact that he would not even allow Israel permission for a three day worship retreat.

IV. In due time, Pharaoh would indeed let Israel go!

Exodus 3:21-22, "And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians." (KJV)
I. God promised to make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward Israel so that they would not leave Egypt empty-handed.

   A. As slaves, Israel had worked for nothing.

   B. At least they would not leave Egypt totally “empty-handed”.

      1. *Genesis 15:14*, But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. (KJV)

II. Every Israelite woman was to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver, gold and clothing with which Israelite sons and daughters were to be dressed.

   A. These were gifts.

   B. Israel had not promised to repay the Egyptians.

III. In this way Israel was to plunder the Egyptians.

**Conclusion:**

I. God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and to bring them to the land of promise.

II. God called Elisha.

   A. *1 Kings 19:19-21*, So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother good-by,” he said, “and then I will come with you.” “Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?” So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it
to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant. (KJV)

III. God called Jonah to preach repentance to Ninevah.

IV. God calls us to follow his Son from earth to heaven.
   A. Matthew 11:28-30, Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (KJV)

V. From what things in your life do you need to be delivered? Israel needed to be delivered from Egyptian bondage.

VI. Moses experienced a monumental change in his life.
   A. What was the greatest change of direction you have experienced in your life?

VII. From what does our world need to be delivered?

VIII. What, like the burning bush, gets your attention?

IX. “The Pharaoh who sought Moses’ life died, but the government policy of oppressing the Hebrews did not change,” Smith wrote.

X. Having fled from Egypt some forty (40) years previously, Moses, “in the course of his duties of tending Jethro’s flock, Moses came into the region of Horeb, the mountain of God.” (see Smith).
   A. It was here that God’s silence of four (4) centuries was broken. (see Smith).

1. Genesis 46:2-4, And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, "Jacob! Jacob!" "Here I am," he replied. "I am God, the God of your father," he said. "Do not be
afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph's own hand will close your eyes." (KJV)

B. “The angel of Yahweh appeared to Moses in flames of fire from within a bush” and “God promised to bring his people out of Egypt and to bring them into a land flowing with milk and honey,” Smith wrote.

1. Moses was commanded to lead the people out of Egypt!

C. Moses was to tell the elders of Israel that God had appeared to him and that God would bring them out of Egypt.

1. God would smite Egypt with wonders, the Israelites would plunder the Egyptians.

XI. Moses and we must, in spite of any reservations we may have, fully obey God’s commands!

A. If we do this, God will with a mighty outstretched hand lead us through this wilderness life, across our Jordan of death into the celestial, eternal Promised Land flowing with milk and honey!

B. Amen!
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Questions

1. How many people, including Jacob and his direct descendants, went into Egypt? Who were these individuals?

2. How long had the Israelites remained in Egypt? By the end of this time, to how many had the Israelites grown?

3. Into what three major divisions can Moses’ life be divided?

4. Who was Moses’ father-in-law, Reuel or Jethro? Give reasons for your answer. Who was his wife?
5. How desperate had the Israelites’ condition in Egypt become?

6. What is the difference, if any, between Horeb and Sinai?

7. ____________________ viewed the ______ __________ as before them, the _______ _________________ as be hind them, the _______________________________ on the right hand, and the _______________________ on the left hand.

8. What strange thing did Moses see?

9. What did Moses do and what did God say? (Exodus 3:4-8) ________
10. What is the name of God? ________________________________

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11. Who were the:

(1) Egyptians? ________________________________

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(2) Canaanites? ________________________________

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(3) Hittites? ________________________________

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(4) Amorites? ________________________________

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(5) Perizzites? ________________________________

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(6) Hivites? ________________________________

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(7) Jebusites? ________________________________

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12. God saw: ________________________________

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Heard: ________________________________

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Knew: __________________________________________________________

Determined: ____________________________________________________

13. Can attacking and dispossessing the people living in Canaan be justified? If so, how? ____________________________________________

14. What excuses did Moses make for not immediately complying with God’s directive? Which one(s) did God accept? ________________

15. What excuses have you made for not obeying God? Which one(s) did God accept? ________________________________
16. We all need continuing encouragement from God and each other. How can we better encourage each other?

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17. What was Moses directed to tell Israel’s elders?

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18. ___________________________ was fully aware of the ___________________________ of his ___________________________ and he is ___________________________ of our ___________________________!

19. From what things in your life do you need to be delivered?

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20. Moses experienced a monumental change in his life. What monumental changes have you experienced in your life? ________________

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21. The burning bush got Moses’ attention. What gets your attention? ________________

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22. Was Moses using subterfuge in requesting permission to go three (3) days journey into the wilderness to worship? If Pharaoh had permitted Israel to go three (3) days journey into the wilderness, would they have afterward returned to Egypt? Explain your answer. ________________

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23. Before leaving Egypt what did the Israelites ask their Egyptian neighbors? ________________

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What response did they receive to their request?

Was it wrong for Israel to plunder the Egyptians? Explain your answer.

Where did Israel get the wealth with which to build the tabernacle?

24. Moses had to decide to lead Israel or to remain a shepherd. What crucial decisions have you made in life? What were the results of these decisions?
25. ___________________ and _______________ must, in spite of any ___________________ we may have, _______________ __________’s __________________________! If we do this, _______________ will with a ___________ ______________ hand lead us through this _______________ ______________, across our _________________ of __________________ into the ________________, ________________ ______________ ______________ __ ___________ with ______________________ and ________________! Amen!