

SESSION 3: MOSES

Moses replied, "Then show me Your glorious presence." Exodus 33:18

◀Moses wore many hats. In our study of the Israelite in Exodus 1, a baby boy was born during this time of great suffering. Read Exodus 2:1-10. What happens?

◀What two descriptions of Moses do you see?

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◀Exodus 2:1-15 represents forty years in Moses' life. But something happened which caused his life to change. Read Exodus 2:11-25. Describe what changed in Moses' life, and how his new life looks toward the end of chapter 2.

◀Moses ran away from everything he knew, and now he's deep in the desert, away from his people and the palace he grew up in. Was Moses useful during this new season of life? Is there indication that God blessed him?

◀In Exodus 2:23-25, something else happens which will drastically change Moses' life again. Describe what happened, and write out verse 25.

◀ Now Moses' life gets very interesting, and what happens next will help us understand the passage in Numbers 11:11. Exodus 3 is the pivotal point in which Moses encounters God. Describe what happens. (Try reading this passage in a different Bible version to get a new perspective)

◀ Write out some key words in Exodus 3.

◀ Many wonderful events happened in Moses' life as a result of encountering and obeying God. Miraculous signs and wonders. Leading God's chosen people out of Egypt to the Promised Land. Moses remained faithful and was passionate about following the LORD, God of Israel. If you are able, take time to finish reading the Book of Exodus.

◀ Read Numbers 11:11. What is Moses' complaint?

◀ The word translated as "afflicted" in the JINK is the Hebrew word ra'ah. This word is used eighty-three times in the Old Testament. In this verse, it appears in the Hiphil Perfect tense. "Hiphil" is a type of verb stem in the Hebrew language which expresses causative action. "Perfect tense" describes an action which occurred in the past yet is seen as perpetually completed. Moses is saying his affliction was caused by a single event (God placing him in charge of the Israelite), which created ongoing suffering and strife. By Numbers 11:11, Moses had had enough, and he was letting God know about it. Read Numbers 11:1-15. Even God's anger burned against these complaining people!

4Read Exodus 33:12-17. What is Moses saying? What is the LORD saying?

◀Write out Exodus 33:14.

◀This passage in Exodus 33 occurred one year before Numbers 11, and demonstrates the relationship and intimacy Moses had with the LORD. As a result of this relationship, Moses gets to do something very few were able to do. Read Exodus 33:18 and write it out.

◀Read Exodus 33:19 – 34:9. Write down the order of events. Did it happen as the LORD said it would?

◀ Read Exodus 33:22, 34:4, and 34:8. Where do we find Moses in these verses?

◀ Where do we find the LORD in Exodus 34:5?

◀ We have seen Moses go from a hidden Hebrew baby, to a prince in an Egyptian palace, to a shepherd in the desert, and finally to leading a new nation. And this same Moses, who had been through the wilderness with God both literally and figuratively, described himself as “afflicted by God.” Re-read Exodus 34:6-8, and spend some time meditating on this passage, imagining this scene between Moses and the LORD.

◀ Finally, do as Moses did in Exodus 34:8, and write out a prayer of worship and praise to the LORD, the I AM.

