

In the course of those many days, the king of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the children of Israel, and God understood.

Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to God's mountain, to Horeb. Yahweh's angel appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the middle of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. Moses said, "I will go now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."

When Yahweh saw that he came over to see, God called to him out of the middle of the bush, and said, "Moses! Moses!" He said, "Here I am." He said, "Don't come close. Take off your sandals, for the place you are standing on is holy ground." Moreover he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Yahweh said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey; to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to me. Moreover I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them."

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When forty years were fulfilled, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight. As he came close to see, the voice of the Lord came to him,

'I am the God of your fathers: the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'.

Moses trembled and dared not look. The Lord said to him,

'Take off your sandals, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their groaning. I have come down to deliver them. Now come, I will send you into Egypt.'

This Moses whom they refused, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?'—God has sent him as both a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

Acts 7:30-35

Please read the above text and answer the below questions along with completing the boxes on the right in preparation for class. Give priority to the text.

1. How has 80 year old Moses been prepared to lead Israel for the next 40 years?

New Testament references

e.g. Hebrews 11:3

2. How are Moses and Jesus' origin stories similar?

Approx. year of text

e.g. 1980 A.D.

3. Why is the below statement so important to Moses? To the gospel? (see Matthew 22:31-32)  
"I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

4. What is God's relationship with Abraham, Isaac & Jacob?

5. How does God first call to Moses? (see Genesis 22:11, 1 Samuel 3:10, Acts 9:4)

6. The word "holy" is used in Exodus 3:5, how is it used and how should it be understood? (see Genesis 2:3)