

PROMISES, PROMISES...

God as
Promise
Giver
&
Promise
Keeper

Session 5 • The Mosaic Covenant



- I. The chosen nature of Moses previous to the covenant being established.
 - A. *Exodus 2:5-11.*
 1. The Egyptian connection—he was named Moses because he was “drawn from the water.”
 2. The stripping of decades in the text—Moses, now grown up, continues his Hebrew bias.
 - B. The Israelites groaned—*Exodus 2:23-24.*
 1. The text references the prior covenant, associated with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
 2. The linkage is vital as God continues God’s covenantal activity amidst his own chosen people.
 3. God “took notice of them”—God “looked upon the Israelites.”
- II. The divine theophany—*Exodus 3:1-15.*
 - A. God reveals God’s self to the one chosen, Moses.
 1. The burning bush—God conceals and reveals—*Exodus 3:1-6.*
 2. And Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

3. God observing and explaining to Moses God's awareness of the suffering of the people—*Exodus 3:7-12*.
- B. Moses speaks from fear, including everything from hiddenness to direct objection.
1. Who are you? Who shall I say sent me?
 2. I AM WHO I AM. I SHALL BE WHO I SHALL BE.
 3. God's covenant acts through Moses as executor of God's will.

III. The Exodus event—*Exodus 14*.

- A. The Exodus event follows the plagues on the Egyptian Pharaoh.
1. Ten plagues of various natures indicated in Exodus 7-12: blood, frogs, gnats, flies, disease, boils, thunder and hail, locusts, dense darkness, the killing of the firstborn (Passover).
 2. Passover (Exodus) is now a memorial of the Lord's deliverance of the people from Egypt.
 3. In the text, the killing of the firstborn (child, animal) of the Egyptians (*Exodus 12*) is the precursor to the release of the Hebrews.
 4. Vivid instructions are given as to how to celebrate the Passover toward the future in anticipation of the Exodus event—*Exodus 12*. *This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord.—Exodus 12:14.*
- B. Israel's deliverance—*Exodus 14:5-30*.
1. Just when it appears Pharaoh's will is finally broken, he regroups—*Exodus 14:5*.
 2. The people doubted the covenant promise of rescue—*Exodus 14:10-12*.
 3. Moses, the deliverer, staff in hand, parts the Red Sea and then collapses the Red Sea—*Exodus 14:21-29*.
 4. The event aroused faith, even amidst the previous doubting, always doubting, people of Israel—*Exodus 14:30*.

