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# Moses and Covenant Obedience

Four hundred years have passed since we left Abraham marveling at God's covenant promises.

Remember what God spoke to Abraham: Genesis 15:13-16

## **Exodus 1:6-10**

- God's plan for humanity, first expressed to Adam in the command to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, was beginning to be fulfilled through the people of Israel.

## **Exodus 1:11-22**

Birth of Moses! – Exodus 2:1-10

Taking matters into our own hands! – Exodus 2:11-14

Moses flees – Exodus 2:15-22

**Exodus 2:23-25** Years passed, and the king of Egypt died. But the Israelites continued to groan under their burden of slavery. They cried out for help, and their cry rose up to God. 24 God heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 25 He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act. NLT

## **Fast Forward to Sinai**

- Exodus 19:1-6
- The Giving of the 10 Commandments – **Exodus 20:1-21**

## **Prior to Entering the Promise Land**

- Deuteronomy chapters 1 – 4. Moses recounts the Journey
- Deuteronomy 4:9-14 Moses' plea to the people!

# Update to the Covenant of Grace made with Abraham

- **Exodus 23:20-31**

- First, God will give them a paradise, vs. 31
- Second, His people, vs. 26-30
- Finally, God will be present with them, ( initially this will be an angel bearing God's name, vs 20-21)
  - The rest of the book of Exodus, chapters 25–40, are almost entirely concerned with this presence. They lay out the design for the tabernacle, a kind of giant tent, God's portable home, to be set up in the middle of the Israelites each time they make camp.
  - At the very end of Exodus, this cloud comes and fills the Holy of Holies as God's presence is shown to be with his people in an even more dramatic way than he was with Abraham (Exodus 40:34–38).

- **These blessing are spelled out again in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28.**

# Covenants involved both Blessings and Curses

- These curses are spelled out in painstaking and terrifying detail in **Leviticus 26** and **Deuteronomy 28**.
  - Look at **Leviticus 26:14-16** "However, if you do not listen to me or obey all these commands, 15 and if you break my covenant by rejecting my decrees, treating my regulations with contempt, and refusing to obey my commands, 16 I will punish you.
- Covenant of works – God's **People**, in **Paradise**, with God **Present**.
  - The curses are simply the reversal of the blessings.
- **People**
  - Deuteronomy 28:18-19
  - Deuteronomy 28:58-62
    - 62 Though you become as numerous as the stars in the sky, few of you will be left because you would not listen to the Lord your God. NLT

- **Paradise or Place:**

- Deuteronomy 28:63-68

- **God's presence**

- Deuteronomy 28:63-64

- Torn from the land

- No peace and no place to rest

- Your life will constantly hang in the balance

- Not just abandoned, God will walk contrary to them:

- Leviticus 26:27-28 "But if in spite of this you will not listen to me, but walk contrary to me, 28 then I will walk contrary to you in fury, and I myself will discipline you sevenfold for your sins. ESV