

**The Story – Part 5**

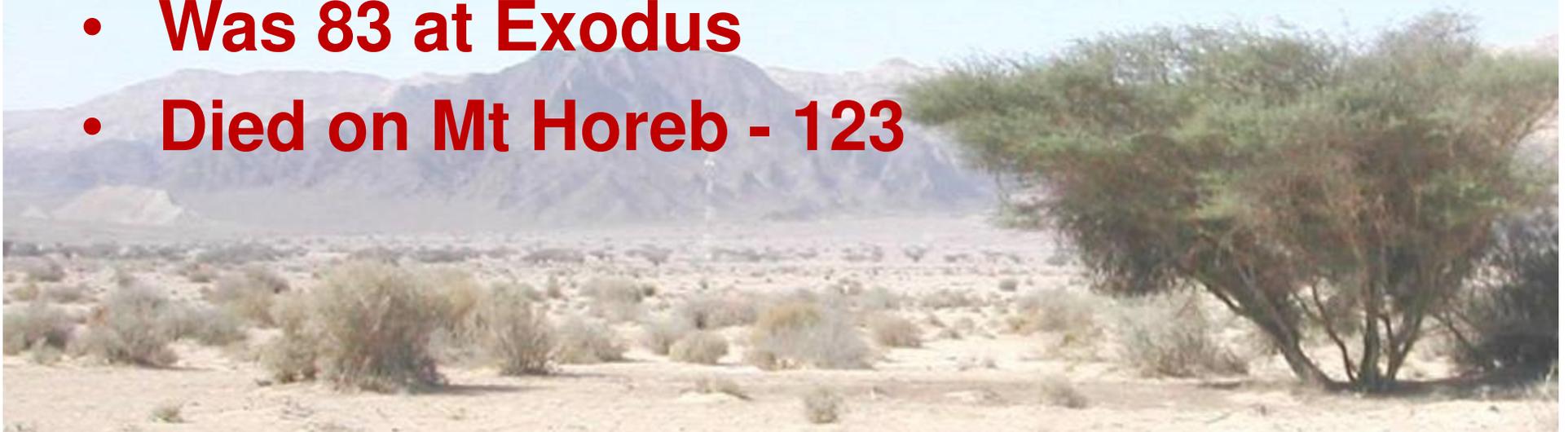
# Exodus

*The Book of Deliverance*

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# 1. Who are the following people:

- **Aaron –**
- **Moses' brother**
- **From the Tribe of Levi**
- **1<sup>st</sup> High Priest**
- **Name = teacher**
- **Allowed Calf to be built**
- **Was 83 at Exodus**
- **Died on Mt Horeb - 123**



# 1. Who are the following people:

- **Miriam –**
- **Moses' sister**
- **Followed Moses in the basket**
- **Arranged for Moses' mom to nurse**
- **Name = rebellion**



# 1. Who are the following people:

- **I Am –**
- **God**
- **Name He gave to Moses – Burning Bush**
- **I AM is the ultimate statement of self-sufficiency, self-existence, and immediate presence**



- **On the following continuum [time line] what happened (they are all B.C.): (Be specific)**
- **1526 -**
- **Moses was born**
- **1446 –**
- **10 Plagues**
- **1446-1406 –**
- **Exodus & Wandering in the desert**
- **Red Sea Crossing**



### 3. What Do the following mean

- **Holy -**
- **Set Apart**
- **Usually refers to being set apart for God**
- **Redeemed-**
- **Rescue from bondage**
- **Price is paid for being set free**



### 3. What Do the following mean

- **Passover -**
- **Feast that commemorates and celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> plague**
- **Parallels Jesus life and mission of redemption**
- **Exodus-**
- **A mass departure of people**
- **Greek = departure**



4. How is Moses NOT qualified to do what God called him to do? [The Lower Story]

- **He is only a man**
- **A fugitive**
- **He married an foreign woman**
- **He had sinned – killed a man**
- **He tried hard not to do what God asked**



5. How did God qualify him to accomplish what he did? [The Upper Story]

- **God heard all of his excuses and answered each**
- **The burning bush experience**
- **God's promise**



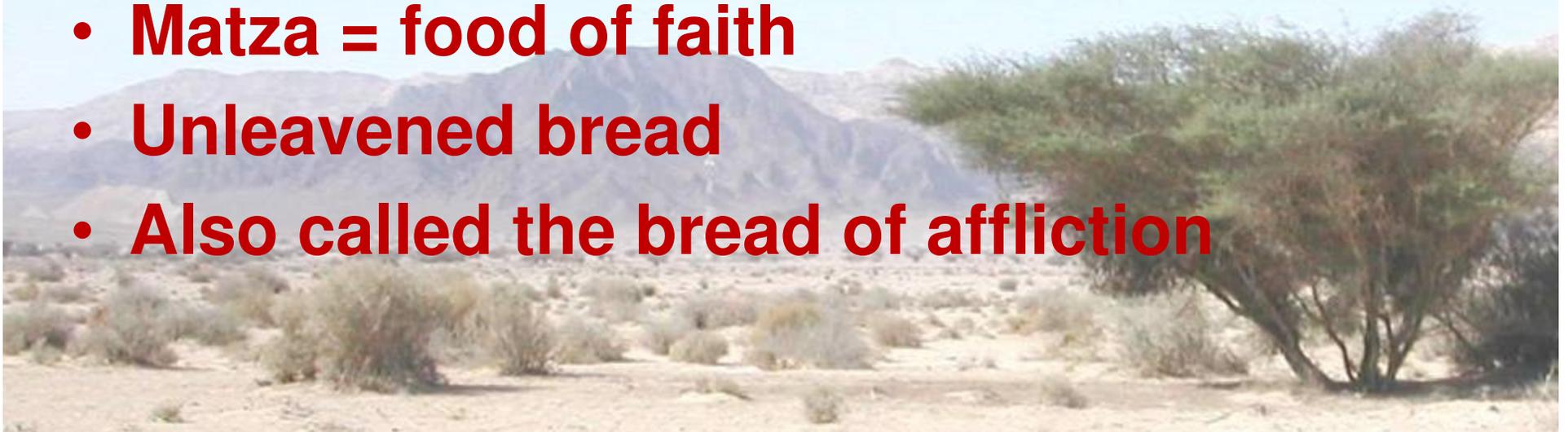
What do the following elements of the Seder Meal represent:

- **Maror –**
- **Bitter herb eaten at Passover**
- **Maror = bitter**
- **Reminder of the bitterness of the slavery of forefathers in Egypt**
- **Charoset –**
- **A mixture of apples, pears, nuts and wine, which resembles the mortar and brick made by the Jews when they toiled for Pharaoh**
- **Maror dipped into it**



What do the following elements of the Seder Meal represent:

- **Karpas –**
- **A vegetable that is used to allude to the backbreaking work of the Jews as slaves**
- **Usually parsley**
- **Usually dipped in saltwater**
- **Matzah bread –**
- **Matza = food of faith**
- **Unleavened bread**
- **Also called the bread of affliction**



7. How does 1 Corinthians 5. 7 relate to the Passover story?

- **“Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”**
- Put off the old – put on the new
- Get ready to be redeemed



8. How did God lead His people: By Day – By Night?

- **By Day**
- **A pillar of clouds**
- **By Night**
- **A pillar of Fire**



9. What were the complaints of the people after leaving Egypt?

- **I'm hungry**
- **I'm thirsty**
- **You brought us out here to die**



10. What is the Upper Story message this week?

- **God has a plan**
- **It is a plan that will succeed**
- **We need to trust Him**
- **We might not understand the plan – faith**
- **God is working even when we cannot see anything happening**



How should this impact our Lower Story?

- **Trust**
- **Faith**
- **Prepare**



## Genesis

Begins with all of humanity in view

Eventually focuses upon one man — Abraham & his family

Abraham has two siblings — Nahor and Haran

He is called to leave his home and travel to a foreign land

## Exodus

Begins with all of the Israelites in view

Eventually focuses upon one man — Moses & his family

Moses has two siblings — Aaron and Miriam

He is forced to flee his home and travel to a foreign land

# Exodus 1:1-5

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*“<sup>1</sup> Now these are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob; they came each one with his household: <sup>2</sup> Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; <sup>3</sup> Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; <sup>4</sup> Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. <sup>5</sup> All the persons who came from the loins of Jacob were seventy in number, but Joseph was already in Egypt.”*

## Exodus 1:6-7

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*“6 Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died,<sup>7</sup> but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.”*

## Exodus 1:8-11

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*“<sup>8</sup> Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. <sup>9</sup> “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. <sup>10</sup> Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.” <sup>11</sup> So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.”*

## Exodus 1:12-14

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*“<sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites <sup>13</sup> and worked them ruthlessly. <sup>14</sup> They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.”*

# Suspicious against Israelites

- Foreigners
- Shepherds
- Goshen
- Religious differences

## Exodus 1:15-16

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*“<sup>15</sup> The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, <sup>16</sup> “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.”*”

## Exodus 1:17-21

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*<sup>17</sup> The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup> Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?” <sup>19</sup> The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.” <sup>20</sup> So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.*

# Exodus 1:22

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*“22 Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”*”

## Exodus 2

*“<sup>1</sup> Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup> and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup> But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.”*

*“5 Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. 6 She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said. 7 Then his sister asked Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?” 8 “Yes, go,” she answered. So the girl went and got the baby’s mother. 9 Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.” So the woman took the baby and nursed him. 10 When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.”*”

*Exodus 2 --- “The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.<sup>24</sup> God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob.”*

*Exodus 3 --- “<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</sup> And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.<sup>10</sup> 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?””*

*What We Can Learn From Moses*

**God does not call the  
equipped**

**He**

**EQUIPS**

**the called**

# Moses

❖ **80 Years old**

❖ **Resume`**

❖ **Ex-Prince and Shepherd**

❖ **Warrant for arrest waiting in Egypt -  
Murder**

❖ **Credentials ????**

## Moses

Born of simple  
parents

The pharaoh issues  
a decree to kill all  
male children

Moses would grow  
up to be the  
deliverer of his  
people

## Jesus

Born of simple  
parents

Herod issues a  
decree to kill all  
young children in  
Bethlehem

Jesus would grow  
up to be the  
Deliverer of all men

**What is the Lord looking for**

**God demonstrates and reveals thru  
Scripture that He does not hire a  
head-hunter to look for the person  
with the most degrees or the best  
pedigree or the most money or  
position.**

**He look at our hearts  
not our resume'**

# *Why Does God Act This Way?*

- Dependence
- Faith
- Communication
- As Revelation 2. 17 says:

*“ 17 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.”*

# *What We Can Learn From Moses*

**God has a systematic way of dealing  
with**

**competition**

# Commandment # 1

*“Thou shalt have no other gods before me”*



## How God Deals with Competition

| Plague               | Egyptian god defeated by plague       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Nile turned to blood | Hapi & Isis, goddess of Nile          |
| Frogs                | Haget, goddess of fertility-frog head |
| Gnats                | Set, god of the desert                |
| Flies                | Uatchit, represented by a fly         |
| Death of livestock   | Hathor/Apis, cow, bull                |
| Boils                | Sekhmet, goddess of disease           |
| Hail                 | Nut, sky goddess                      |
| Locusts              | Osiris, god of crops and fertility    |
| Darkness             | Re, the sun god                       |
| Death of firstborn   | Min, god of reproduction              |

# What Are Our gods ???

## The god of work

Everything and anything is sacrificed on the altar of the next promotion or the next rung of the corporate ladder

# What Are Our gods ???

## The god of self-sufficiency

It denies the need for new manna  
each and every day

# What Are Our gods ???

The god of legalism

A demand to always be right

# What Are Our gods ???

The god of pride

Requires that I always get what is  
due me

My wife owes me....

My boss owes me....

My kids owe me....

# What Are Our gods ???

The god of addiction/s

Alcohol

Smoking

Sex

Gambling

Work

# What Are Our gods ???

The god of the Vending Machine

God exists to cater to my personal  
wants and preferences

# What Are Our gods ???

The god of 9 - 1 - 1

✌️ God who dispatches a wrecker  
when I get in trouble

What Are Our gods ???

# Beware

The one living and true God is jealous and will deal harshly with all other gods and the people who worship them!

*GOD'S  
"TELL"  
IS OUR  
HOPE!*

**TELL = ANYTHING THAT TELLS OR GIVES  
INFORMATION ABOUT INTENTIONS**

# What is God's "Tell"?

Without Abraham, Joseph, Moses  
we would not know that  
the Upper Story  
has been planned for a long time

God has demonstrated  
Patience - forgiveness - long-suffering

He has shown to what lengths He will go to get us  
back – to restore the relationship



From what do  
we need to be  
delivered?

Too  
Many People  
Are Merely  
Test-Driving  
Christianity



What will it take for the Lord to get our attention?