



EXODUS 8

IN 5 MINUTES

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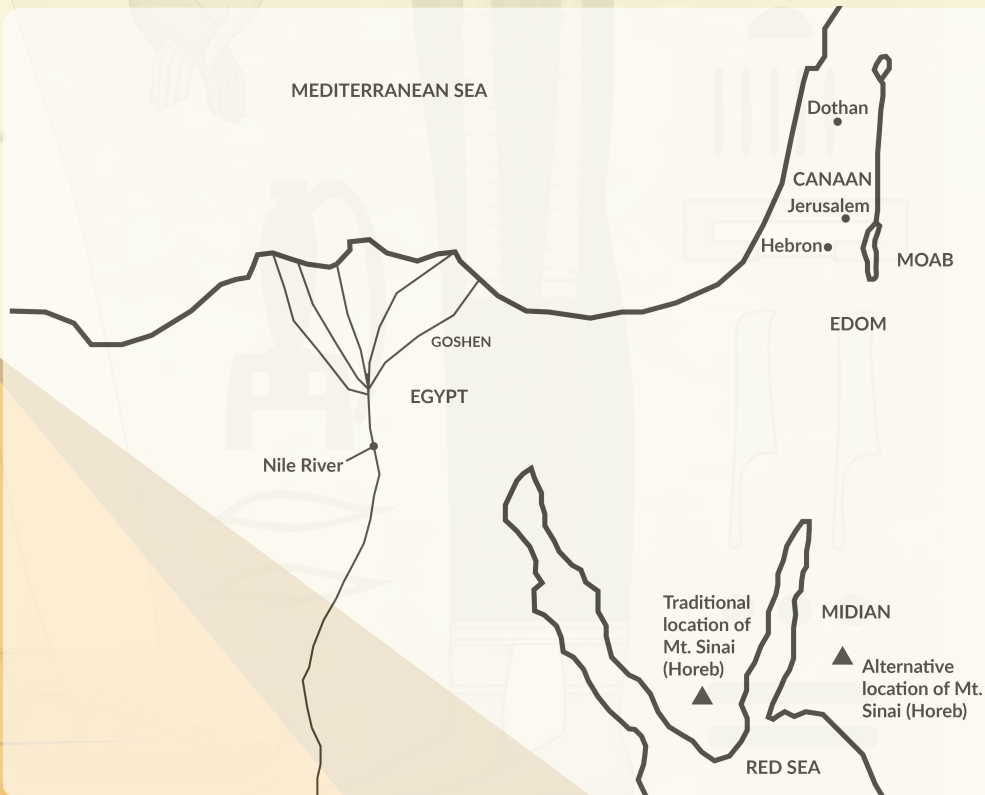
- Moses was born around 1591 B.C. and left Egypt at 40 years old (Acts 7:23).
- According to Exodus 7:7, Moses was 80 years old when he stood before Pharaoh as the representative of God.

Characters:

- **Israelites (Hebrews)** – The terms “Israelites” and “Hebrews” are used synonymously. They refer to the descendants of Jacob’s family that grew into a large nation. During this period of history, the Israelites were enslaved by the Egyptians.
- **Moses** – A Hebrew who grew up in the house of Pharaoh. He fled Egypt in Exodus 2 and went to live in Midian. God called him back to Egypt to deliver the Israelites from slavery.
- **Aaron** – Moses’ brother. The son of Amram and Jochebed.
- **Pharaoh** – The king of Egypt who defied the commands of the Lord.

Where:

- The events recorded in Exodus 8 happened in Egypt.
- The Israelites lived in the land of Goshen, a region of Egypt.



Outline:

- THE SECOND PLAGUE: FROGS (8:1-15):

- + Moses was told to return to Pharaoh and command him to let God's people go.
- + He was told if he refused God would send a plague of frogs.
- + Pharaoh's heart was still hard, so Aaron stretched out his staff over the waters and "frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt."
- + But Pharaoh's magicians were able to convince Pharaoh they had similar powers with their secret arts.
- + Pharaoh called Moses and asked him to plead with the Lord to take away the frogs.
- + He agreed to let the people go when the frogs were gone.
- + The next day, the frogs all died.
- + The Egyptians gathered them together in piles and the whole country stank.
- + Pharaoh hardened his heart and didn't keep his promise to let the Israelites go.

- THE THIRD PLAGUE: GNATS (8:16-19):

- + God told Aaron to strike the dust of the ground with his staff.
- + When he did, the dust became gnats, and they filled the land of Egypt.
- + Pharaoh's magicians tried to recreate the miracle, but they couldn't.
- + They told Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God."
- + But Pharaoh hardened his heart and wouldn't listen to them.
- + Gnats covered every man and animal in Egypt.

- THE FOURTH PLAGUE: FLIES (8:20-35):

- + God, through Moses, commanded Pharaoh to let His people go, or else He would send a plague of flies on the Egyptians.
- + As a sign of His sovereignty, God told Pharaoh the flies would only affect his people in Egypt, the Israelites wouldn't be bothered by the flies.
- + The next day, God sent a massive swarm of flies that covered the Egyptians, their houses, their animals, and the ground on which they walked.
- + The flies "ruined" the land.
- + Pharaoh told Moses he would let the people go into the wilderness to sacrifice if God would take away the flies.
- + God removed every fly from the land of Egypt, but Pharaoh hardened his heart and did not let the people go.

Application:

- Reading about plagues like these makes me appreciate how finely tuned and balanced our world is.
- Can you imagine what the world would be like if the ecosystem didn't keep the fly and gnat populations in check?
- Can you imagine how terrible the world would be if the conditions of the earth permitted mosquito birth rates to multiply exponentially?
- The world is habitable because of its Creator and the harmony He designed into it.
- Next time you read a biology textbook or watch a nature documentary, give thanks to God for the checks and balances He put in our world.