

## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Unfolding Story of the Kingdom of God

## The Kingdom of God

*“God’s people in God’s place under God’s rule and blessing”*

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Kingdom Promised (to Abraham):

- His people – seed of Abraham
- His place – the land of Canaan
- His blessing – His favor and presence

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Exodus 1 & 2: *things look bleak...*

- Israel is in Egypt suffering under slavery and Pharaoh’s decree of genocide
- Moses is a fugitive in Midian
- God is seemingly silent (400 years)

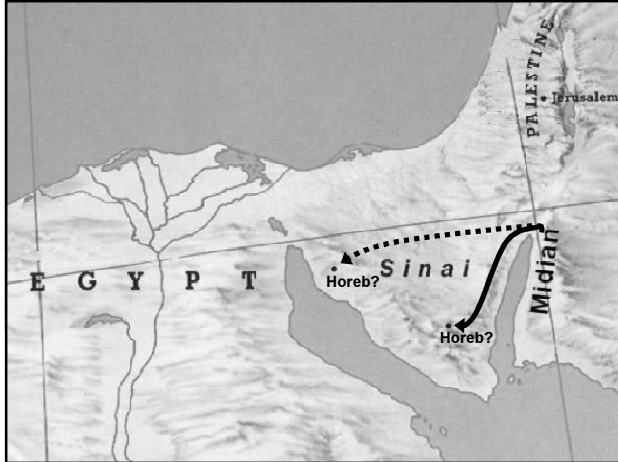
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God’s Response (2:23-25)

- *heard* their groaning
- *remembered* His covenant
- *saw* their affliction
- *knew* them

## The Call of Moses

➤ *Exodus 3:1 – 4:23*



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### Relation to the Kingdom Promises

#### 1. The Basis of God's Actions

##### ➤ *His covenant with Abraham*

- He identified Himself as “the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob”
- He referred to the sons of Israel as “My people”

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#### 2. The Goal of God's Actions

- *To bring them to a good land*
  - essential part of the kingdom promise given to Abraham
  - spacious land flowing with milk and honey speaks of God's blessing

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#### 3. The Result of God's Actions

##### ➤ *the manifestation of God's presence*

- “blazing fire” – communicates God's unapproachable splendor and holiness
- God would dwell with His people in a limited, restricted manner

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#### 4. A New Aspect of God's Actions

- *the act of redemption/deliverance*
  - God's kingdom will be established by His act of delivering His people
  - God will accomplish this deliverance through His chosen deliverer

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### The Coming Deliverer: Jesus

- ❑ This act of deliverance is but a shadow of God's ultimate deliverance in Christ
- ❑ The Exodus is a partial fulfillment of God's kingdom promise that points to the ultimate fulfillment through Christ

## **The Call of Moses**

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### **The Coming Deliverer: Jesus**

- **Basis: God's covenant with Abraham**
- **Goal: To bring us to a good land**
- **Result: God's presence with us**
- **Means: His chosen deliverer – His Son**