

# THE STORY OF MOSES

Aunt Hattie's Bible Stories

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## CHAPTER SIX

### MOSES JOURNEYS TO EGYPT

The Lord came again to Moses and told him to return to Egypt that all the men who tried to kill him were dead. How kind it was of God to quiet all Moses' fears of hurt to his body and to send him on his way with the promise of a safe journey!

God also said to Moses, *"Now, when you return to Egypt, perform all those wonders, which I showed to you, before Pharaoh; but I will harden his heart, and he will not let the people go.*

*"And you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, my first-born son."*

What did God mean when He called Israel His firstborn son?

I think He meant that the Israelites had gone down into Egypt as a family, but that in the years since then they had become a nation. Then, too, the first-born son in a family had special rights and blessings; the Israelites had a very special place with their Father, God, for they were His first-born family.

God went on to say that Moses should tell Pharaoh to let this nation go that the people might serve God, and that if he refused to let them go, God would slay Pharaoh's first-born son.

Moses prepared for the return to Egypt. He took his wife and two sons and put them on an ass and with the rod of God in his hand he led the Way.

Do you remember in the story of Abraham, that God made an agreement with him which He called a covenant? It was to be between God and His people, Israel, throughout the generations.

Now Moses had married a Gentile wife.

Probably she did not think this old covenant was important and Moses had yielded to her wishes and the covenant had not been kept. As they went on their journey one day they came to an inn where the Lord met Moses and threatened to kill him.

Moses' wife Zipporah must have had a troubled conscience, for at once she knew what was wrong. If she had refused to obey then God would have slain her husband. Now they were permitted to go on their way.

You see, Moses was called to deliver his people under God's direction; therefore, he must be in full obedience to God's commands.

Moses was facing a long hard task, one full of dangers and hardships of every kind. It is thought that it was about this time in the journey that Zipporah, his wife, decided to take the children and return to her father. Later on we find them coming to Moses.

God talked to Aaron over in Goshen land and told him to go out into the wilderness to meet Moses. They met on a mountain and talked together. Moses told Aaron all that the Lord had said to him and about the signs God had given to him.

I think they must have had a wonderful visit, don't you?

Aaron would have all the news of the family, and Israel the nation, to tell Moses. They must have had a long talk about the hard bondage, the cruel taskmasters and the new king Pharaoh, also of the hope of a speedy deliverance.

In our next story we will find out how God led Israel out of the land and what a dreadful time the people of Israel had.

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