

The Beginning of Ancient Israel

The Reform Line of Moses

Darkness: Caused by Mystery of Iniquity: **Captivity in Egypt**

Darkness Always Precedes a Reform Line

- **Act 7:6-7**

“There was a state of moral debasement and corruption similar to the condition of Sodom just prior to its destruction, and to the idolatry and spiritual darkness that prevailed in Egypt in the days of Moses.”
{4SP, 190.4}

Mystery of Iniquity: Mixing of Seed

“The Lord suffered His people Israel to go into bondage in Egypt because they did not walk in His ways but dishonored Him by their continual transgressions. Here, subjected to oppression and hard servitude, they could not keep God’s Sabbath, and by their long mingling with a nation of idolaters their faith became confused and corrupted. Association with the ungodly and unbelieving will have the same influence upon those who believe the present truth unless they keep the Lord ever before them so that His Spirit shall be their shield. . . .” {CTr, 109.2}

(1A) - Time of the End: Fulfilment of a Prophecy:

Birth of Moses

Prophecy of Joseph

- **Gen 50:24, 25**

Birth of Moses

- **Act 7:17-21**

“The king and his counselors had hoped to subdue the Israelites with hard labor, and thus decrease their numbers and crush out their independent spirit. Failing to accomplish their purpose, they proceeded to more cruel measures. Orders were issued to the women whose employment gave them opportunity for executing the command, to destroy the Hebrew male children at their birth. Satan was the mover in this matter. He knew that a deliverer was to be raised up among the Israelites; and by leading the king to destroy their children he hoped to defeat the divine purpose. But the women feared God, and dared not execute the cruel mandate. The Lord approved their course, and prospered them. The king, angry at the failure of his design, made the command more urgent and extensive. The whole nation was called upon to hunt out and slaughter his helpless victims. ‘And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.’

“While this decree was in full force a son was born to Amram and Jochebed, devout Israelites of the tribe of Levi. The babe was ‘a goodly child;’ and the parents, believing that the time of Israel's release was drawing near, and that God would raise up a deliverer for His people, determined that their little one should

not be sacrificed. Faith in God strengthened their hearts, 'and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.' Hebrews 11:23." {PP, 242.1-2}

400 Years & 4th Generation

- Gen 15:13-16

430 Years

- Exo 12:40-41
- Gal 3:17

Increase of Knowledge (Unsealing of the Message): Moses understands his Work

Moses Begins in Childhood

"God had heard the mother's prayers; her faith had been rewarded. It was with deep gratitude that she entered upon her now safe and happy task. She faithfully improved her opportunity to educate her child for God. She felt confident that he had been preserved for some great work, and she knew that he must soon be given up to his royal mother, to be surrounded with influences that would tend to lead him away from God. All this rendered her more diligent and careful in his instruction than in that of her other children. She endeavoured to imbue his mind with the fear of God and the love of truth and justice, and earnestly prayed that he might be preserved from every corrupting influence. She showed him the folly and sin of idolatry, and early taught him to bow down and pray to the living God, who alone could hear him and help him in every emergency." {PP, 243.4}

"She kept the boy as long as she could, but was obliged to give him up when he was about twelve years old. From his humble cabin home he was taken to the royal palace, to the daughter of Pharaoh, "and he became her son." Yet even here he did not lose the impressions received in childhood. The lessons learned at his mother's side could not be forgotten. They were a shield from the pride, the infidelity, and the vice that flourished amid the splendor of the court.

"How far-reaching in its results was the influence of that one Hebrew woman, and she an exile and a slave! The whole future life of Moses, the great mission which he fulfilled as the leader of Israel, testifies to the importance of the work of the Christian mother. There is no other work that can equal this. To a very great extent the mother holds in her own hands the destiny of her children. She is dealing with developing minds and characters, working not alone for time, but for eternity. She is sowing seed that will spring up and bear fruit, either for good or for evil. She has not to paint a form of beauty upon canvas or to chisel it from marble, but to impress upon a human soul the image of the divine. Especially during their early years the responsibility rests upon her of forming the character of her children. The impressions now made upon their developing minds will remain with them all through life. Parents should direct the instruction and training of their children while very young, to the end that they may be Christians. They are placed in our care to be trained, not as heirs to the throne of an earthly empire, but as kings unto God, to reign through unending ages." {PP, 244.1-2}

Moses Kills an Egyptian

- Act 7:23-25

“The elders of Israel were taught by angels that the time for their deliverance was near, and that Moses was the man whom God would employ to accomplish this work. Angels instructed Moses also that Jehovah had chosen him to break the bondage of His people. He, supposing that they were to obtain their freedom by force of arms, expected to lead the Hebrew host against the armies of Egypt, and having this in view, he guarded his affections, lest in his attachment to his foster mother or to Pharaoh he would not be free to do the will of God.” {PP, 245.2}

Time with Jethro

“Moses had been learning much that he must unlearn. The influences that had surrounded him in Egypt- -the love of his foster mother, his own high position as the king's grandson, the dissipation on every hand, the refinement, the subtlety, and the mysticism of a false religion, the splendor of idolatrous worship, the solemn grandeur of architecture and sculpture--all had left deep impressions upon his developing mind and had molded, to some extent, his habits and character. **Time, change of surroundings, and communion with God** could remove these impressions. It would require on the part of Moses himself a struggle as for life to renounce error and accept truth, but God would be his helper when the conflict should be too severe for human strength.” {PP, 248.1}

“God transferred Moses from the courts of luxury, where his every wish was gratified, to a more private school. Here the Lord could commune with Moses, and so educate him that he would obtain a knowledge of the hardships, trials, and perils of the wilderness.” {YI, Dec 13, 1900 par.6}

Formalization of the Message:

Burning Bush

Message Formalized at the Burning Bush

- Exo 3:1-4; 15-18
- Exo 4:21

(1E) - First Message Empowered:

Circumcision

Type of the First angel's Message

- Exo 4:20, 24-26

Testing Begins

“Life or Death Testing Message” is The Test of Circumcision)

“On the way from Midian, Moses received a startling and terrible warning of the Lord's displeasure. **An angel appeared to him in a threatening manner**, as if he would immediately **destroy him**. No explanation was given; but **Moses remembered** that he had disregarded one of God's requirements; **yielding to the persuasion of his wife**, he had neglected to perform the rite of circumcision upon their youngest son. He had

failed to comply with the condition by which his child could be entitled to the blessings of God's covenant with Israel; and such a neglect on the part of their chosen leader could not but lessen the force of the divine precepts upon the people. Zipporah, fearing that her husband would be slain, performed the rite herself, and the angel then permitted Moses to pursue his journey. In his mission to Pharaoh, Moses was to be placed in a position of great peril; his life could be preserved only through the protection of holy angels. But **while living in neglect of a known duty, he would not be secure**; for he could not be shielded by the angels of God." {PP, 255.5}

Circumcision a Type of Baptism

- Col 2:10-13

Moses' Wife travels on an Ass to Egypt, but is turned back before reaching Egypt

- Exo 4:20

"Before reaching Egypt, however, he himself thought it best for their own safety to send them back to the home in Midian." {PP 255.3}

Foundations are laid: **Sabbath**

Sabbath Reinstated

- Exo 4:29-31
- Exo 5:1-5

"In their bondage the Israelites had to some extent lost the knowledge of God's law, and they had departed from its precepts. The Sabbath had been generally disregarded, and the exactions of their taskmasters made its observance apparently impossible. But Moses had shown his people that **obedience to God was the first condition of deliverance**; and the efforts made to restore **the observance of the Sabbath had come to the notice of their oppressors.**" {PP, 258.1}

Activity of the Enemies: **Pharaoh increases workload**

Pharaoh Responds to Sabbath Rest by Increasing their Workload

- Exo 5:5-12

"The king, thoroughly roused, suspected the Israelites of a design to revolt from his service. Disaffection was the result of idleness; he would see that no time was left them for dangerous scheming. And he at once adopted measures to tighten their bonds and crush out their independent spirit. The same day orders were issued that rendered their labor still more cruel and oppressive." {PP 258.2}

(2A) - Second Message Arrives **Serpents**

Type of the 2nd Angel's Message: Marking a Rejection of Truth

- **Exo 7:1-13**
- **2 Tim 3:8**

“The king demanded a miracle, in evidence of their divine commission... and Aaron now took the rod and cast it down before Pharaoh. It became a serpent. The monarch sent for his "wise men and the sorcerers," who "cast down every man his rod and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods." Then the king, more determined than before, declared his magicians equal in power with Moses and Aaron; he denounced the servants of the Lord as impostors, and felt himself secure in resisting their demands. Yet while he despised their message, he was restrained by divine power from doing them harm.

“The magicians did not really cause their rods to become serpents; but by magic, aided by the great deceiver, they were able to produce this appearance... he [Satan] produced a counterfeit.

“Pharaoh desired to justify his stubbornness in resisting the divine command, and hence he was seeking some pretext for disregarding the miracles that God had wrought through Moses. Satan gave him just what he wanted. By the work that he wrought through the magicians he made it appear to the Egyptians that Moses and Aaron were only magicians and sorcerers, and that the message they brought could not claim respect as coming from a superior being. Thus Satan's counterfeit accomplished its purpose of emboldening the Egyptians in their rebellion and causing Pharaoh to harden his heart against conviction.

“But the prince of evil had a still deeper object in manifesting his wonders through the magicians. He well knew that Moses, in breaking the yoke of bondage from off the children of Israel, pre-figured Christ, who was to break the reign of sin over the human family. He knew that when Christ should appear, mighty miracles would be wrought as an evidence to the world that God had sent Him... By counterfeiting the work of God through Moses, he hoped not only to prevent the deliverance of Israel, but to exert an influence through future ages to destroy faith in the miracles of Christ. Satan is constantly seeking to counterfeit the work of Christ... He leads men to account for the miracles of Christ by making them appear to be the result of human skill and power. In many minds he thus destroys faith in Christ as the Son of God, and leads them to reject the gracious offers of mercy through the plan of redemption.” {PP 263.2 to 264.4}

(2E) - Second Message Empowered: **10 Plagues**

Nine Plagues

Water into Blood	Exo 7:15-25
Frogs	Exo 8:1-15
Lice	Exo 8:16-19
Flies	Exo 8:20-32
Murrain on Animals	Exo 9:1-7
Boils	Exo 9:8-12
Hail	Exo 9:13-35
Locust	Exo 10:1-20
Darkness	Exo 10:21-29

“It was the hand of God, and no human influence or power possessed by Moses and Aaron, that wrought the miracles which they showed before Pharaoh. Those signs and wonders were designed to convince Pharaoh that the great ‘I AM’ had sent Moses, and that it was the duty of the king to let Israel go, that they might serve the living God.” {PP, 264.1}

“Still the heart of Pharaoh grew harder. And now the Lord sent a message to him, declaring, "I will at this time send all My plagues upon thy heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like Me in all the earth. . . . And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee My power." Not that God had given him an existence for this purpose, but His providence had overruled events to place him upon the throne at the very time appointed for Israel's deliverance. Though this haughty tyrant had by his crimes forfeited the mercy of God, yet his life had been preserved that through his stubbornness the Lord might manifest His wonders in the land of Egypt. The disposing of events is of God's providence. He could have placed upon the throne a more merciful king, who would not have dared to withstand the mighty manifestations of divine power. But in that case the Lord's purposes would not have been accomplished. His people were permitted to experience the grinding cruelty of the Egyptians, that they might not be deceived concerning the debasing influence of idolatry. In His dealing with Pharaoh, the Lord manifested His hatred of idolatry and His determination to punish cruelty and oppression.” {PP 267.4}

(3A) - Third Message Arrives: Judgment: 10th & last Plague

Final Judgment Is Known From The Beginning

- Exo 4:22-23

“When the demand for Israel's release had been first presented to the king of Egypt, the warning of the most terrible of the plagues had been given...

“The judgment of which Egypt had first been warned, was to be the last visited. God is long-suffering and plenteous in mercy. He has a tender care for the beings formed in His image. If the loss of their harvests and their flocks and herds had brought Egypt to repentance, the children would not have been smitten; but the nation had stubbornly resisted the divine command, and now the final blow was about to fall.” {PP 273.1-2}

Close of Empowerment of 2nd Angel

- Exo 11:1

Gentiles Give Their Financial Support

- Exo 11:2-3

Passover: Two Classes made manifest –Sealed or Dead

- Exo 11:4-8

Rejection of Truth

- Exo 11:9, 10

Number 7: Feast of Unleavened Bread

Number 7: Feast of Unleavened Bread Lasts 7days

“The Passover was followed by the seven days' feast of unleavened bread. On the second day of the feast, the first fruits of the year's harvest, a sheaf of barley, was presented before the Lord. All the ceremonies of the feast were types of the work of Christ. The deliverance of Israel from Egypt was an object lesson of redemption, which the Passover was intended to keep in memory. The slain lamb, the unleavened bread, the sheaf of first fruits, represented the Saviour.” {DA 77.1}

Disappointment: Red Sea

- Exo 14:10-12

“The history of ancient Israel is a striking illustration of the past experience of the Adventist body. God led His people in the advent movement, even as He led the children of Israel from Egypt. In **the great disappointment** their faith was tested as was that of the **Hebrews at the Red Sea.**” {GC 457.2}

(4A = 1) - The Fourth Angel Arrives: Sabbath Test – through the Manna

Test: Manna – Double on the Lord's Preparation Day

- Exo 16:4-5
- Exo 16:22-30

“Before the law was given from Sinai, God wrought a miracle each week to impress the people with the sanctity of the Sabbath. He rained manna from heaven for their food, and each day they gathered this manna, but on the sixth day they gathered twice as much as usual, according to the directions of Moses. . . .” {CTr 110.2}

Tarrying Time

- Exo 19:10, 11

“God purposed to make the occasion of speaking His law a scene of awful grandeur, in keeping with its exalted character. The people were to be impressed that everything connected with the service of God must be regarded with the greatest reverence... During these intervening days all were to occupy the time in solemn preparation to appear before God. Their person and their clothing must be freed from impurity. And as Moses should point out their sins, they were to devote themselves to humiliation, fasting, and prayer, that their hearts might be cleansed from iniquity.

“The preparations were made, according to the command; and in obedience to a further injunction, Moses directed that a barrier be placed about the mount, that neither man nor beast might intrude upon the sacred precinct. If any ventured so much as to touch it, the penalty was instant death.” {PP 303.5 to 304.1}

[\(4A = 2\) – Pentecost:](#)
Receiving of the Law at Mt. Sinai

Entering Into Covenant

“Again, in Lev. 23:15, 16, we have the time of the feast of weeks, or, as it is called, the Pentecost, which he fiftieth day. This was the anniversary of the Lord's descent on mount Sinai at the giving of the law; and was fulfilled, as we learn from Acts 2:1-4, when the Holy Spirit descended as a rushing mighty wind, and as cloven tongues of fire.” {Aug 22, 1844 SSS, TRMC 4.1}

- **Lev 23:15-21**

“Fifty days from the offering of first fruits, came the Pentecost, called also the feast of harvest and the feast of weeks. As an expression of gratitude for the grain prepared as food, **two loaves baked with leaven were presented before God**. The Pentecost occupied but one day, which was devoted to religious service.” {PP 540.1}

- **Exo 19: 18,19**

“On the morning of the third day, as the eyes of all the people were turned toward the mount, its summit was covered with a thick cloud, which grew more black and dense, sweeping downward until the entire mountain was wrapped in darkness and awful mystery. Then a sound as of a trumpet was heard, summoning the people to meet with God; and Moses led them forth to the base of the mountain. From the thick darkness flashed vivid lightnings, while peals of thunder echoed and re-echoed among the surrounding heights. ‘And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.’ ‘The glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount’ in the sight of the assembled multitude. And ‘the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder.’ So terrible were the tokens of Jehovah's presence that the hosts of Israel shook with fear, and fell upon their faces before the Lord. Even Moses exclaimed, ‘I exceedingly fear and quake.’ Heb 12:21.” {PP 304.2}

“Thus the children of Israel were denominated as a special people. By a most solemn covenant they were pledged to be true to God. Then the people were bidden to prepare themselves to hear the law. On the morning of the third day the voice of God was heard. Speaking out of the thick darkness that enshrouded Him, as He stood upon the mount, surrounded by a retinue of angels, the Lord made known His law.” {FE 506.4}

“Never since man was created had there been witnessed such a manifestation of divine power as when the law was proclaimed from Sinai... Amid the most terrific convulsions of nature the voice of God, like a trumpet, was heard from the cloud. The mountain was shaken from base to summit, and the hosts of Israel, pale and trembling with terror, lay upon their faces upon the earth. He whose voice then shook the earth has declared, “Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.” Heb 12:26.” {PP 340.1}

Same Day as 10 Commandments are Spoken, Exo Ch.21-23 are spoke to Moses

- **Exo 20:18-21**

- **Exo Ch. 21-23**

- **Exo 24:3-4a**

Ratification of the Covenant (Before the two Tables are Given)

- Exo 24:4b-8

“Then followed **the ratification of the covenant**. An altar was built at the foot of the mountain, and beside it twelve pillars were set up, "according to the twelve tribes of Israel," as a testimony to **their acceptance of the covenant**. Sacrifices were then presented by young men chosen for the service.

“Having sprinkled the altar with the blood of the offerings, Moses "took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people." Thus the conditions of the covenant were solemnly repeated, and all were at liberty to choose whether or not they would comply with them. They had at the first promised to obey the voice of God; but they had since heard His law proclaimed; and its principles had been particularized, that they might know how much this covenant involved. Again the people answered with one accord, "All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient." "When Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood, . . . and sprinkled both the book and all the people, saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you." Heb 9:19, 20." **{PP 312.1-2}**

10 Commandments = Covenant

- Deu 4:13
- Deu 5:2,3
- Deu 8:18
- Deu 9:9, 11, 15

Tarrying Time

6 + 40 Days to receive the Law = Establish the Covenant

- Exo 24:1,2, 9-18

“During this **period of waiting**, there was time for them to meditate upon the law of God which they had heard, and to prepare their hearts to receive the further revelations that He might make to them. They had none too much time for this work; and had they been thus seeking a clearer understanding of God's requirements, and humbling their hearts before Him, they would have been shielded from temptation. But they did not do this, and they soon became careless, inattentive, and lawless. Especially was this the case with the mixed multitude. **They were impatient** to be on their way to the Land of Promise--the land flowing with milk and honey. It was only on condition of obedience that the goodly land was promised them, but they had lost sight of this. There were some who suggested a return to Egypt, but **whether forward to Canaan or backward to Egypt, the masses of the people were determined to wait no longer** for Moses.” **{PP 315.2}**

(4A = 3) – Judgment:

Golden Calf

- Exo 32:26-28

“Only a few days had passed since the Hebrews had made a solemn covenant with God to obey His voice...

“Moses in the mount was warned of the apostasy in the camp and was directed to return without delay... God might have checked the movement at the outset; but He suffered it to come to this height that He might teach all a lesson in His punishment of treason and apostasy.

“God's covenant with His people had been disannulled... Their sins had already forfeited the favor of God, and justice called for their destruction. The Lord therefore proposed to destroy them, and make of Moses a mighty nation.” **{PP 317.3 to 318.1}**

“As they drew near the encampment, they beheld the people shouting and dancing around their idol... Moses was overwhelmed... and though he had been warned of what was taking place, he was unprepared for that dreadful exhibition... To show his abhorrence of their crime, he threw down the tables of stone, and they were broken in the sight of all the people, thus signifying that as they had broken their covenant with God, so God had broken His covenant with them.” **{PP 320.1}**

“By terrible severity the evil must be put away. Standing in the gate of the camp, Moses called to the people, "Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me." Those who had not joined in the apostasy were to take their position at the right of Moses; those who were guilty but repentant, at the left. The command was obeyed. It was found that **the tribe of Levi had taken no part in the idolatrous worship**. From among other tribes there were great numbers who, although they had sinned, now signified their repentance. But a large company, mostly of the mixed multitude that instigated the making of the calf, stubbornly persisted in their rebellion. In the name of "the Lord God of Israel," Moses now commanded those upon his right hand, who had kept themselves clear of idolatry, to gird on their swords and slay all who persisted in rebellion... but all who repented and humbled themselves were spared.” **{PP 324.1}**