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Moses

Moses lived about 3500 years ago. When our white Saxon Israelite ancestors were slaves in Egypt they were increasing in numbers which caused concern to the Egyptians. Pharaoh, King of Egypt then issued an edict that the Israelites were to kill the male infants upon birth (Exodus 1:16).

Moses was born during these times, but upon his birth his mother hid him for three months and didn't kill him. When she could not hide him any longer she made a small raft and set Moses in it to float down the Nile River to where the daughter of Pharaoh was bathing. Upon seeing the tiny raft Pharaoh's daughter sent her handmaids to fetch it. When she saw Moses she was filled with compassion and took him home to raise as her child. Moses' name means "drawn out of water" because of what took place. (Exodus 2:10)

Being that he was an adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter Moses received a princely education in all the wisdom of Egypt which was unsurpassed in their civilization at that time. But actually it was God who was preparing Moses to be a great leader of his own people the Israelites. As Moses grew to be a man, one day he went to see the state of his own racial Israelites and saw one of them being beaten by an Egyptian. A confrontation arose and Moses killed the Egyptian. Upon finding out that this deed had been seen by another Israelite Moses decided to flee Egypt and went to the land of Midian on fear that he would have been killed in Egypt for killing the Egyptian. He stayed in Midian for 40 years (Acts 7:30).

It was at this time that Moses saw a bush burning but yet unconsumed by the fire. As he went to examine it, God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and told him that he (Moses) had been chosen by God to deliver the Israelite slaves from their bondage to the Egyptians. (Exodus chapter 3). By a great set of divine circumstances Moses was the tool used by God to set 10 miraculous plagues upon Egypt which were so horrendous that Egypt was forced to let the Israelites go free. (Exodus chapters 7 – 11)

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and into the desert where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, plus other national laws as Israel was now set up as a nation of their own. It was Moses who was Israel's organizer of their new nation and who, by the direction of God Himself, gave Israel civil and religious institutions based on God's laws.