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A SEASON OF PURIFICATION

When God prepared Moses for his call it started as a baby. He was saved from a certain death by God. Pharaoh's daughter raised him, but she was not his savior. God was. His mother was able to be his nurse. That was a set up by God also. As any Jewish mother, she taught her son "who he was" and "who he belonged" to. There is no doubt in my mind that Moses was trained about God's covenant as a child of Jehovah.

Years earlier, God had spoken to Abraham that there would be a season that his people would be in a land that they did not know. They would be there for over four hundred years. [Genesis 15:13-14.] Since the people of the bible had no written form of communication like we have, the words of God's covenant and oral traditions were spoken and passed down to every generation. They learned that as a sign of the covenant that every male was to be circumcised. They were taught the things of Jehovah God that Abraham had learned and passed on to his son and his son passed it on to his children. The family remembered who they were through this method. They knew they were chosen by God.

Without a doubt Moses learned of his miraculous salvation as an infant from his mother and sister. Perhaps he even heard that after many years God's people would have a deliverer that would remove them from Egypt. Knowing this, Moses may have thought of himself as the deliverer. After all, he was a prince and had insight that the Hebrew slaves did not have. Yes, he was to be that deliverer, but Moses got ahead of God by killing an Egyptian and fearing for his life, he ran from Egypt.

God, who knows all things, knew where Moses was, and shows up forty years later. He speaks to Moses from a burning bush and calls him to himself. He told him that he had been chosen to be the deliverer of God's chosen people and was sending him back to Egypt. It was now the right time.

During the 40 years that Moses was in hiding God humbled him. He was no longer the "prince of Egypt," and he was separated from his covenant family. I am sure that he had plenty of time to reflect on his life. When God spoke to him about his call, he was afraid. [Exodus 3:6.] He did not believe anyone would listen to him. Those 40 years changed him. He had been in the purification process. And yes, he obeyed, went to Egypt, and he became that deliverer he was called to be, but it was in God's timing.

God is purifying his bride by allowing the fiery trials in our lives to "get rid of the world." We are often "called back" to the place where we failed and given another chance to do what is right. As we go through this process it is often painful, like it must have been for Moses. We will not be the same person after the purification takes place. We will either allow God to do a work in us and humble ourselves before him, or we will become hardened. It is our choice. God does not demand that we surrender to the process. He calls us to it and the choice is ours.

If you read the prophetic word God gave me today, you will see that the fiery process is not going to be easy. It was not easy for Moses to go back to Egypt, but he surrendered his will to God. That is what we must do. Like Moses, we know that God will be with us and will bring us through the process as we yield to him. After this purification process, we are ready to be the bride without spot or blemish standing ready to meet our soon coming bridegroom. Oh, what a day that will be. It will be well worth the purification process!