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JESUS' PRE-INCARNATION MANIFESTATIONS

PART 11 – MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

Exodus Chapter 3 tells of God's call and commission to Moses as he tended the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian.

Moses had taken the flock to the back side (east side) of Mount Horeb, also known to us as Mount Sinai. It is often called the mountain of God.

He saw a remarkable sight of a bush on fire, but it was not burning up. Verse 2 says, ***“The angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire”*** from within the middle of the burning bush. The LORD called out to Moses, and they had an extensive conversation and gave Moses instructions.

Moses saw God in the bush. This was a manifestation of Jesus (God) appearing in the flesh. It was not a vision. It was important that God did this so that Moses would have no doubt about his calling.

God had taught him how to live in the wilderness while he spent 40 years tending Jethro's flocks. This prepared him to spend another 40 years with Israel in the wilderness.

The fact that this burning bush appearance of Jesus happened at Mount Sinai (Horeb) was also significant. As Moses led Israel out of Egypt, Mt. Sinai was the first mountain they encountered. It was there that God gave them water from the rock on his mountain. It was there that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments as well as the book of the law and the building instructions for the Tabernacle. It was the mountain of God's presence.

To this day, Muslims hold it as a holy mountain. It is on their land, and they have fenced it off so nobody can get to it.

Today we do not have to seek a mountain location for God's presence. By the Holy Spirit and the indwelling life of Christ within us we have His presence every day no matter where we may be. We are so blessed!