

Chapters 2-3

Acts 7:27-38 shows us Stephen's expectation of Jesus as found in Exodus 2 and 3. Since Israel is called a "church" (7:38), it stands to reason that Moses was picturing Christ. John 5:39-47 make it clear that Jesus believed that Moses was writing primarily of Jesus. Luke 24:27 makes it equally as clear that Moses, the first prophet, spoke of Christ.

2:23

Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry different word here than **cried and it is a "groan."**

3:1

Now Moses was tending the flock a very splendid change of scenery in answer to the last verses of the previous chapter. He waited hundreds of years, and now—though we're decades away from it—the wheels are turning. Can you see these parallel lives taking place? Awful labor in Egypt, and shuffling through the sands of Midian both taking place.

3:8

So I have come down How did God do this? In the form of the angel of the Lord (verse 2). Otherwise, He is omnipresent.

3:16

Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The LORD God The Self-existent One, of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, He was to cite His source that would have greatly impressed the listeners...or infuriated them.'

3:18

Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, The intent is that they would not be back. This is a Hebraic understatement. After the fears of chapter 1 (siding with an invading army), this is understandable.

that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.' ¹⁹ **But I am sure that the king of Egypt ^gwill not let you go,** Psalm 106:8 shows us that God took the time that He did, and waited as long as He did in Egypt for His Name's sake. Psalm 105:25, meanwhile, shows us that the bondage was God's idea. It was a fixed fight so that He could show off His power. God is self-absorbed.

no, not even by a mighty hand. ²⁰ **So I will ^hstretch out My hand and strike Egypt with ⁱall My wonders which I will do in its midst; and ^jafter that he will let you go. ²¹ And ^kI will give**

^g Ex. 5:2

^h Ex. 6:6; 9:15

ⁱ Deut. 6:22; Neh. 9:10; Ps. 105:27; 135:9; Jer. 32:20; Acts 7:36

^j Ex. 11:1; 12:31-37

^k Ex. 11:3; 12:36; 1 Kin. 8:50; Ps. 105:37; 106:46; [Prov. 16:7]

this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. This would mean they would not, after generations of enslavement, be without riches. Not only that, but God wanted a beautiful tabernacle.