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Chapter 1: The Oppression of the Israelites

A long time ago, the Israelites lived in Egypt. At first, they were happy and safe because of Joseph, who helped Egypt during a famine. But as time passed, a new Pharaoh came to power. He didn't remember Joseph and saw the Israelites as a threat because they were growing in number.

Pharaoh made the Israelites work as slaves, building cities and monuments. Their lives were hard, and they were treated badly. Despite this, the Israelites held onto their faith and hope for freedom.

Pharaoh was worried about the Israelites becoming too powerful, so he ordered that all newborn Hebrew boys be killed. But the midwives bravely disobeyed him, saving the babies.

During this time, a baby named Moses was born. To protect him, his mother placed him in a basket on the Nile River. Pharaoh's daughter found him and decided to raise him as her own, saving his life.

Moses grew up in the palace but knew he was an Israelite. One day, he saw an Egyptian hurting a Hebrew slave and defended the

slave. This forced Moses to flee to the land of Midian, where he became a shepherd.

While in Midian, Moses saw a burning bush that wasn't burning up. God spoke to him from the bush, telling him to return to Egypt and free the Israelites. Though Moses was unsure, God promised to help him.

Moses' story shows how faith and courage can lead to freedom. It reminds us that even in tough times, hope and determination can bring about change.

Chapter 2: Moses Returns to Egypt

Moses remembered the burning bush and knew he had to leave his quiet life in Midian to return to Egypt. God had called him to free the Israelites, and Moses knew he wouldn't be alone. God promised to be with him, and his brother Aaron would help by speaking for him.

Moses was worried because he wasn't a good speaker. But God told him that Aaron could speak well and would help him. Together, they would tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go.

When Moses and Aaron went back to Egypt, they met with the leaders of the Israelites. They shared God's promise to free them and take them to a land full of good things. This gave the people hope, even though they had been slaves for a long time.

To show God's power, Aaron's staff turned into a snake. This miracle helped the Israelites believe that God was with them.

Moses and Aaron then went to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and said, "Let my people go." But Pharaoh refused and made the Israelites work even harder. This made the people upset with Moses and Aaron.

Even though things got tough, Moses and Aaron trusted God. They knew He would help them free the Israelites. Their story

shows how important it is to work together and trust in God's plan.

Chapter 3: The Unfolding of the Plagues: Warnings and Wonders

Long ago, Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go free. Because of this, God sent plagues to show His power. These plagues were meant to convince Pharaoh to release the Israelites.

The first plague turned the Nile River into blood. The river, which was important to Egypt, became undrinkable. Fish died, and the water smelled terrible. This showed that God was more powerful than the Egyptian gods.

Next, God sent a plague of frogs. Frogs covered the land, entering homes and causing chaos. The Egyptians worshiped a frog goddess, but the frogs became a problem instead of a blessing.

Then came the gnats. Tiny insects swarmed everywhere, biting people and animals. Pharaoh's magicians couldn't copy this plague, admitting it was God's work.

Despite these signs, Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go. Each plague showed God's power and protected the Israelites, who were not affected. Pharaoh's stubbornness caused more suffering for Egypt.

These plagues taught that God is the true ruler and that resisting Him leads to trouble. Moses and Aaron, God's messengers,

showed courage by delivering His messages to Pharaoh. The story reminds us to trust in God's power and timing.

Chapter 4: Destruction and Despair: The Final Plagues

In Egypt, many troubles came as God showed His power. First, there were painful sores and the loss of animals. Then, two more disasters happened: a storm of hail and fire, and a swarm of locusts. These events were meant to show Pharaoh that his gods were powerless.

God told Moses to raise his hand to the sky, and a terrible storm began. Hail and fire fell, destroying crops and trees. The Egyptians were scared, but the Israelites were safe in their land, Goshen.

Next, God sent locusts. They ate everything left after the storm. Pharaoh's magicians couldn't stop them. Pharaoh asked Moses to pray for the locusts to leave, but he still wouldn't let the Israelites go.

Then, darkness covered Egypt for three days. The Egyptians couldn't see anything, but the Israelites had light. This showed that God was protecting His people.

Pharaoh's heart was hard, and he refused to free the Israelites. But Moses kept warning him about God's power. The plagues showed that God was stronger than any Egyptian god.

The Israelites were safe because they followed God's instructions. They were hopeful for freedom, knowing God was with them.

Chapter 5: The Passover and the Tenth Plague

Long ago in Egypt, God wanted to help His people, the Israelites. He gave them special instructions to keep them safe from a terrible event. This event was called the Passover, and it became a very important tradition for the Israelites.

God told Moses to tell the Israelites to choose a perfect lamb. This lamb was special because it had to be healthy and without any flaws. The Israelites were to keep the lamb until a certain day, then gather together to follow God's instructions.

On that special night, the Israelites had to put the lamb's blood on their doorframes. This was a sign for God's angel to pass over their homes and keep them safe. Inside, they ate the lamb with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. The bread was made quickly without yeast, reminding them to be ready to leave Egypt fast.

God wanted the Israelites to remember this night forever. Every year, they would celebrate Passover to remember how God saved them. It was a time to gather, tell the story, and thank God for His protection.

The Israelites followed God's instructions, and when the angel came, their homes were safe. The Egyptians, however, faced great sadness. Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, finally let the Israelites

go free. This was the start of their journey to a new land promised by God.

The Passover teaches us about faith, obedience, and God's power to save. It reminds us that trusting in God can lead to freedom and hope.

Chapter 6: Deliverance and Legacy

The Israelites were finally free from Egypt. Pharaoh, the ruler, had let them go after many years of hard work and sadness. Moses and Aaron led the people on a journey to a new life.

The Israelites quickly packed their things and left. They took gifts from the Egyptians, which showed that God was helping them. They felt happy but also a little scared because they didn't know what would happen next.

Moses was a brave leader chosen by God. He and Aaron guided the people with faith and courage. They trusted God to lead them to a better place.

As they traveled, God showed them the way with a cloud during the day and fire at night. This helped them feel safe and reminded them that God was with them.

The journey was not easy. Pharaoh changed his mind and chased after them with his army. The Israelites were trapped by the sea, but God told Moses to stretch out his staff. The sea parted, and they walked through on dry land. When the Egyptians followed, the sea closed, and they were safe.

The Israelites sang songs of thanks to God for saving them. They learned to trust God, even when things were hard. God provided food and water in the desert, teaching them to rely on Him.

This journey was more than just moving to a new place. It was about becoming a new people, free and faithful to God. The story of their journey reminds us that with faith and obedience, we can overcome challenges and find freedom.