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Jude 1 5 Although you are fully aware of this, I want to remind you that after Jesus had delivered His people out of the land of Egypt, He destroyed those who did not believe.

Exodus 2 10 When the child had grown older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses and explained, "I drew him out of the water."

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Exodus 2 11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to his own people and observed their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. 12 After looking this way and that and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid his body in the sand.

Exodus 2

- 13 The next day Moses went out and saw two Hebrews fighting.
- He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you
- attacking your companion?"
- 14 But the man replied, "Who made you ruler
- and judge over us?
- Are you planning to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?"
- Then Moses was afraid and thought, "This thing I have done has surely become known."

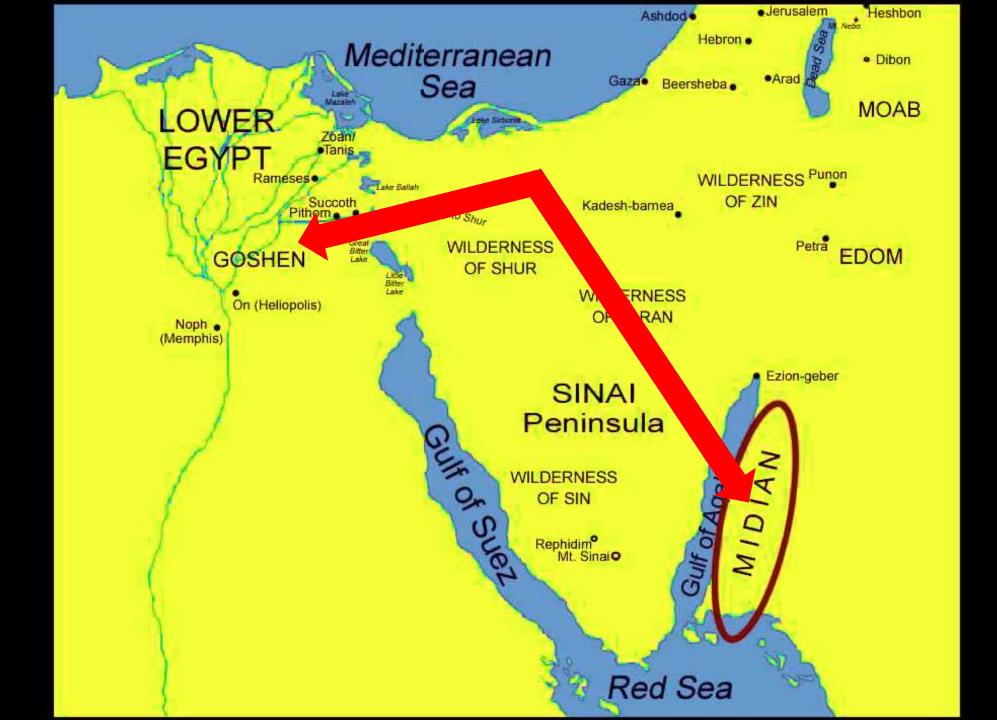
Acts 7

23 When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. 24 And when he saw one of them being mistreated, Moses went to his defense and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian who was oppressing him. 25 He assumed his brothers would understand that God was using him to deliver them, but they did not.

Acts 7

26 The next day he came upon two Israelites who were fighting, and he tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brothers. Why are you mistreating each other?' 27 But the man who was abusing his neighbor pushed Moses aside and said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us? 28 Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' 29 At this remark, Moses fled to the land of Midian, where he lived as a foreigner and had two sons.

Exodus 2 15 When Pharaoh heard about this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, where he sat down beside a well.



Exodus 2 16 Now the priest of Midian (Jethro) had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 And when some shepherds came along and drove them away, Moses rose up to help them and watered their flock.

Exodus 2 18 When the daughters returned to their father Reuel (Jethro) he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?" 19"An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds," they replied. "He even drew water for us and watered the flock."

Exodus 2

20"So where is he?" their father asked. "Why did you leave the man behind? Invite him to have something to eat." 21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, and he gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. 22 And she gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land."

2 Corinthians 8

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

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Ephesians 2 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in **Christ Jesus for good works,** which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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Acts 7

21 When he was set outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. 22 So Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.

Luke 2 40 And the Child grew and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him. **God's School of Discipleship**

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Luke 14

25 Large crowds were now traveling with Jesus, and He turned and said to them, 26"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple.

Philippians 2 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in **Christ Jesus:** 6 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross.

Hebrews 5

7 During the days of Jesus' earthly life, He offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the One who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. 8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

Hebrews 4

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin. **God's School of Discipleship**

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4. God prepares by regeneration - The Spirit changes our hearts (our loves)

Ezekiel 36 25 I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes and to carefully observe My ordinances.

"In short, they do not put implicit confidence in the words that God has written and spoken, and so do not act upon them.

They do not thoroughly believe in hell, and so do not flee from it;

nor heaven, and so do not seek it;

nor the guilt of sin, and so do not turn from it;

nor the holiness of God, and so do not fear Him;

nor their need of Christ, and so do not trust in Him, nor love Him.

They do not feel confidence in God, and so venture nothing for Him." - J.C. Ryle -

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