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2. Now the 10th plague: Death of all the first born at midnight in Egypt. 11:4,5

MOSES A VERY GREAT MAN Exodus 11:3; Numbers 11:3.

1. "Moreover, the man Moses was very great." WHY? Two things made Moses great:

1. His faith. He had a vivid and constant sense of the presence of God.
 1. He had a correct estimate of the relative importance of those things which are seen and temporal, compared with those things unseen and eternal. Heb. 11:26, 27; 2Cor. 5:18
2. His humility.
 1. He never put himself in the foreground. He tried to put from him the honor to which God was calling him.
 2. He live forty years:
 1. Not to serve himself, but to serve the twelve tribes.
 3. He got his greatness without seeking for it; without expecting it; by doing God's work.

TWO CHARACTERS IN CONTRAST

1. Pharaoh: Showed himself to be changeable, faithless
Careless of his subject's good, rude, violent
2. Moses: Always consistent, dignified, bold and courageous.
 1. Moses was great man in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. 11:3
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THE BEGINNING OF THE END:

1. It would be the death in one night of the first-born of man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt. Things invovlved:
 1. About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt. 11:4 (Not death angel: The Lord)
 2. All the first born in the land of Egypt shall die. No exception in Egypt. King's house included. 11:5
 3. Against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue. 11:7
 1. That ye may know how the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians & Israel.

NOTE THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. It would be supernatural.
 1. Natural causes ~~more or~~ less involved in the other plagues:
 1. This one would be inflicted by a direct stroke from the hand of God.
2. It would be sudden.
 1. There would be no preliminary symptoms: aches, pains, sickness, to warn of approaching death.
 1. Seems useless to warn some: they will not hear.
3. It will be at midnight.
 1. MIDNIGHT: The darkest and "eerieest" hour of the whole twenty-four hours.
 2. MIDNIGHT: The hour especially associated with the gasping our of man's last breath and Death is at hand.
4. It would be universal in Egypt
 1. Not a house in which there was not one dead
 2. Not one left to comfort another. All alike swallowed up in indescribable sorrow, in blackest grief and bitterest lamentation.
 3. It is appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgement. Heb. 9:27 NOTE: Israel was only exempted ffrom like doom by resort to the blood of atonement.

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