

SUPERNATURAL PREPARATION OF THE KINGDOM

"By signs, and by wonders...and by great terrors" (Deut 4:34)

1

BURNING BUSH

- intended for Moses
- God calls Moses to be the first mediatorial ruler of Israel (Ex 3:1–10)
 - theophany
 - fire = God's judgment on Israel and Egypt
- thornbush = enslaved people of Israel not consumed by the fire
 - at Mount Horeb (Sinai)
- inauguration of theocratic kingdom will take place at Horeb later
 - I AM WHO I AM = sovereignty
- God reaffirms his covenant with Israel (3:6)
 - Moses is invested with divine authority
- a mediator must be chosen before the Mediatorial Kingdom can be established
 - Moses is the first of a long line of mediatorial rulers

3

TWELVE MIRACLES

- persuaded Pharaoh to let Israel go to establish the Mediatorial Kingdom
- intended for Egypt and surrounding nations
 - Pharaoh challenges God (Ex 5:2)
- God answers the challenge with 12 miracles
 - preliminary sign: rod becomes serpent (not judicial but a warning)
- ten plagues (judicial, swift, progressive severity)
 - Red Sea judgment
 - hardening of Pharaoh's heart
 - judgment fell on Egypt
- report spread to surrounding nations (15:14–17)
 - Jehovah is more powerful than any other god
 - Israel is favored above any other nation
 - Moses is the mediator of God's word and will
 - the people believed the LORD and his servant Moses (14:31)
- the LORD shall reign forever and ever (15:18)



2

THREE MIRACLES

- confirmed God's choice of Moses as the mediatorial ruler (Ex 4:1–9)
 - intended for the nation Israel
 - rod became a serpent
 - hand healed of leprosy
 - water became blood
 - so they may believe God has chosen Moses to deliver them (4:5)
 - all three signs were needed to convince the people
 - the people believed (4:28–31)
 - the people had to accept Moses as their leader
- before the Mediatorial Kingdom could be established