

Rendezvous--Presentation No. 6, continued.

C. Exodus 33--God's encounter with Moses

Notes:

The word of "presence" means "faces." It's possible the word is in the plural form to denote the many facets of the face. It also means "to turn towards." God was willing to come close because of Moses' pleading even though his people had been so disobedient. Moses was privileged to experience the personal presence of God as possibly no one else ever did until God veiled his glory in the flesh of his Son, Jesus Christ.

D. Deuteronomy 34--Death of Moses

Notes:

Even though Moses' disobedience kept him out of the promised land, after Moses' resurrection, God ushered him to another mountain top in the promised land--the Mt. of transfiguration. Moses got to see God in the flesh--Jesus, Immanuel, God with us. How awesome is God?

E. Revelation 15

Notes:

The story of Moses is a story within a story. God takes the story of Moses and uses it to forecast what He would do through the redeeming ministry of Jesus. But the story is not over. One day, we will get to sing the ultimate song of Moses and the Lamb as we stand around another sea, the sea of glass. We will be able to actually see God's face (Revelation 22:4). God at last will be full on, face-to-face with his people because sin is no more. What an awesome God we serve.



**Saturday, April 2, 2011**

**Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church**

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**Presentation No. 5 (11a.m.):  
"The Reluctant Hero--Part 1"**



Giza Pyramids -- Photo Schultz

**T**he story of Moses holds a powerful fascination for many people. This reluctant hero was powerfully used by God to be the liberator and law giver of his people, the Israelites.

Bible scholars differ on when Moses actually lived. Conservative scholars say around 1500 B.C.

Others say several hundred years later. Regardless of what date you go by, the Great Pyramid of Giza had been standing for centuries when Moses was born. Moses' name means "the one born of." When Pharaoh's daughter found him in the Nile, it was as though Moses was one born of "water."

Our third Rendezvous Saturday takes us on another trek into ancient times and scriptures as we examine evidence to this important life question: *Does God really long to come close to us as humans?*

In this presentation, we'll discover that God is the God of ordinary people as well as the God of the stuff of everyday life. We'll also see that God takes our failings and transforms them into remarkable gifts of grace.

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A. Exodus 1 and 2–Events leading up to birth of Moses

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B. Exodus 3–God’s encounter with Moses at the burning bush

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God takes a reluctant, backwards nomad and transforms him into the liberator of His people. God even uses Moses’ ordinary staff to perform extraordinary miracles. That’s what happens when one has a “burning bush” encounter with God.

C. Exodus 7-11–Events leading to God’s deliverance

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D. Exodus 12 and 13–The Passover

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God claimed the first born as His because through the blood of the sacrificed Passover lamb, He had redeemed their lives.

E. Exodus 14-15–The Exodus

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The story of Moses has many striking parallels to the life of Christ. Moses’ ministry was jump started after 40 years in the wilderness. Jesus’ public ministry was launched out of his 40 days in the wilderness. Jesus went down into Egypt as a baby. He came out of Egypt, much as Moses did, to liberate His people from sin.

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F. Exodus 16–Story of Manna

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The story line of the Israelites being set free from slavery strikingly parallels the story of our salvation from sin. God first set his people free, birthed them as a nation through the waters of the Red Sea, gave them the experience of rest in the Sabbath (manna story) and then, only after providing redemption, did God give His people His law at Sinai. This is a story of God coming close to Moses and his people because he longs to be with them.

**Presentation No. 6 (5p.m.):  
“The Reluctant Hero–Part 2”**



View from top of traditional Mt. Sinai  
Photo -- Ron Schultz

**M**t. Sinai was the place that God gave the Ten Commandments both audibly and in stone. God also gave Moses, while atop Sinai, the instructions for building the sanctuary--a tent in which he could actually dwell among his nomadic people.

A. Exodus 19 and 20–Mt Sinai and God’s law

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In the years following the Exodus, the celebration of Pentecost commemorated God giving the Ten Commandments 50 days after the Exodus.

B. Exodus 32–Golden calf

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