

THE STORY OF MOSES

Aunt Hattie's Bible Stories

by

Harriet I. Fisher

Colportage Library #446

There is a free paraphrase of Scripture passages in use quite frequently throughout this book in the interest of youthful minds.
- The Publishers

Copyright @ 1951

CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE

GOD'S SURPRISE FOR ISRAEL

I think it was as he thought upon his grand surroundings that God spoke to him. How amazing were the words to which he listened!

“Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering.”

An offering of earthly materials?

Among such heavenly beauties how ordinary the things of this world must have looked! Yes, God said He wanted an offering of gold, silver, brass, linen, blue, purple, scarlet, goat's hair, rams-skins, badgers' skins, oil, spices, incense and precious stones.

I wonder if Moses said in his heart, **“Whatever can God do with these things?”** But that was God's surprise, for He said He wanted them to build a sanctuary so that He could come down and live with His people.

A sanctuary is a place of worship or a dwelling place of God. It was also called a tabernacle. We would call it a church more often.

I have known men and women who thought they were too good to speak to their neighbors, but God not only wanted a place in which to live among His people, but He said He wanted to talk with them, through His servant Moses.

I like to think of God building His tabernacle out of what each one was willing to give to Him. He might have sent down heavenly materials but He chose to use whatever they had and, not only that, but it was to be a willing offering. No one was to give who did not want to, for **“God loveth a cheerful giver.”**

More than four hundred years before this time God had said to Abraham, “**And in you and your seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed.**”

That is, One should be born of Abraham’s family who would bless all nations of the earth.

We know this Person was our Lord Jesus Christ, but at the time of our story the children of Israel knew little of this promise to their nation. However, God never forgets, and the coming of His Son to this earth was ever and always in His mind.

In this tabernacle He saw a way to teach the Israelites many things concerning His Son.

The Book of Hebrews explains the story of the tabernacle and the priesthood as they picture Jesus Christ and the way of salvation.

God knew just how He wanted the tabernacle built. He had the blueprints all ready and I think Moses spent many days pouring over them with God right there explaining details that were puzzling.

As Moses studied them more and more I think he sometimes questioned, “*Will the promised One be like that? It is all so wonderful!*”

And God would answer, “*Much more wonderful, for these things are only the ‘shadow’ of the good things to come in my Son.*”

~ end of chapter 25 ~

<http://www.baptistbiblebelievers.com/>
