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- **Prophesied that the Israelites would be foreigners for 400 years.**
- **He was with them in their suffering.**
- **Promised to free them from their captivity, to punish that nation, and to give them many possessions.**

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- Promised He would bring Israel back to the Promised Land.
- He gave them a deliverer in Moses.
- Delivered Israel through supernatural power.
- They were now no longer slaves!

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So as the sun began to rise, Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the water rushed back into its usual place. The Egyptians tried to escape, but the Lord swept them into the sea.

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When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. “Oh, sir, what will we do now?” the young man cried to Elisha.

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