

Exodus 11:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

Analysis

The phrase 'the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians' reverses their earlier hatred. Moses himself 'was very great in the land of Egypt'—even Pharaoh's servants and people respect him. God transforms Moses from hunted fugitive to honored leader.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern cultures valued reputation highly. God's granting favor demonstrates His ability to change human perception. Moses's greatness anticipates the greater prophet (Deut 18:15) whom Israel must hear.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How has God transformed your reputation from what you feared it would be?

2. What does Moses's elevation teach about God vindicating His servants?

Interlinear Text

וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי	אֵת	וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי
gave	And the LORD	H853	favour	of the people	and in the sight				of Egypt
H5414	H3068		H2580	H5971		H5869			H4714
בְּאַרְצֵה	בְּאַרְצֵה	מְאֹד	גָּדָל	מִשְׁה	הָיָה	בְּאַרְצֵה	בְּאַרְצֵה	מִצְבֵּחַ	
H1571	Moreover the man		Moses	great	was very	in the land			of Egypt
	H376		H4872	H1419	H3966	H776			H4714
וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי	עֲבָדִי	פְּרַעַם	וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי	וְיָהִי	
and in the sight	servants	of Pharaoh's	and in the sight	of the people					
H5869	H5650	H6547	H5869	H5971					

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 12:36 (References Lord): And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

Exodus 3:21 (References Egypt): And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

Isaiah 60:14 (References Lord): The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Psalms 106:46 (Parallel theme): He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

Genesis 39:21 (References Lord): But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Revelation 3:9 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Acts 7:22 (References Moses): And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

Deuteronomy 34:11 (References Lord): In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

2 Samuel 7:9 (Parallel theme): And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

Esther 9:4 (Parallel theme): For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.