

MOSES: A PICTORIAL EPIC - by Craig Updegrove

*(Because of high printing costs, the illustrations have been omitted. We regret this, but hope someday that you'll get the picture.)*

Many, many years ago, back in the good old days, a baby was born named Moses. Moses was of poor, humble, peasant stock, as was the case with most people of those times. At this same time, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, ordered all Hebrew babies to be killed. He feared that the young Hebrews would someday take over Egypt, which in later years would come to be known as the Generation Gap. Moses was hidden from the Egyptians for three months to escape being killed. In this time, Moses' mother had become pretty tired of his incessant crying and irregular feeding times, and thought it was time to say bye-bye for good. Since Moses always seemed to be wet, the logical thing to do was to set him afloat. Moses' mother knew that they had to rush *(some historians claim this is a lot of bull)* to get down to the river before the banks closed.

After a few days afloat, Moses was found and cared for by an Egyptian lady. In her house, he grew up and became very religious. His devout nature gave rise to the expression "Holy Moses!" Despite these humble beginnings, Moses grew to great heights (6'4").

One day as Moses was tending his flocks, he came upon a burning bush. The bush was flaming but the bush didn't burn. Convinced he had seen the light, Moses bowed down before the bush. God offered Moses a rod and told him that he would use it to perform wonders and free the Children of Isreal *(and their mothers and father)*. Although the rod was burning with fire, Moses firmly took hold of it. Inspired and courageous, Moses sped back to Egypt with his new hot rod.

Moses found Pharaoh reluctant to set the Hebrews free. Moses took his rod and presented signs to Pharaoh. These signs came in the form of famine, epidemics, and other assorted pestilence. Moses' rod caused great upheaval; in fact it raised cane.

Pharaoh finally gave in to the demands of Moses. Historians are still not sure if it was by hook or by crook that Moses' cane persuaded Pharaoh. It just goes to show you what can happen if you get on the stick. For centuries people have become inspired by the courage of Moses. The story of Moses is of considerable interest, and has often been a topic of discussion for both fun and prophet.