

## THE ROD OF GOD

### INTRODUCTION - (Exodus 4:20) "And Moses took the rod of God in his hand."

The "rod of God" resulted from an earlier event.

(Ex. 3:4) "God called to him (Moses) from the midst of the bush" (a burning bush).  
(v10) God calls Moses to go before Pharaoh to request Israel's release from Egypt.

Moses offers up 4 excuses on why he cannot go: (v11) "Who am I?" (v13) "What shall I say to them?" (Ex. 4:1) "They will not believe me" (v10) "I am slow of speech"

After the 3<sup>rd</sup> excuse, (Ex. 4:2) "the Lord said to him, What is that in your hand? He said, A rod"

"A rod" - a staff; a shepherd's crook; ordinary and common rod.

(v3) "and He said, Cast it on the ground." - right now, this is all I want you to do.

(v3) "it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it" - I would run, too.

(v4) "Reach out and take it by the tail. And he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand." - just do what God says.

God is asking us, "What's that in your hand?" - God wants to put us in His service.

### 1. NOTICE THE FUTURE OF THIS "ROD OF GOD" IN MOSES' HAND

- 1) (Exodus 7:14-20) ushered in the plagues.
- 2) (Exodus 14:13-16) lifted over the Red Sea to open it for crossing.
- 3) (Exodus 17:3-7) used to hit the rock to bring forth water in the wilderness.
- 4) (Exodus 17:8-13) used in Israel prevailing in battle with Amalek.
- 5) One time Moses takes the "rod of God" and uses it on his own and was penalized.  
(Numbers 20:7-12) The penalty fulfilled in (Deut. 34:1-8)

### 2. OTHERS WHO USED ONLY WHAT WAS IN THEIR HAND

- 1) (Judges 15:14-19) Samson used "a fresh jawbone of a donkey"
- 2) (Judges 3:31) Shamgar killed 600 men of the Philistines "with an ox goad."
- 3) (1 Samuel 17:39-40) David had a staff, 5 smooth stones, and a sling.
- 4) (Judges 7:16-18) Gideon's 300 used pitchers, torches, and trumpets.
- 5) (Mark 12:41-44) One poor widow is noted for using "two mites."

### 3. AGAIN, WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HAND?