

Exodus 3&4

Review Questions for Exodus 1&2

1. How many people came with Jacob into Egypt?
2. What effect did the affliction of the Egyptians have on the children of Israel?
3. What was the Egyptian plan to cut down on the growth of the Hebrews?
4. The decree from Pharaoh was to kill all the Hebrew children by casting them into the river. T F
5. What was Moses put into in order to save his life?
6. Pharaoh's daughter didn't know Moses was a Hebrew child. T F
7. Moses mother was paid to nurse him by Pharaoh's daughter.
8. What does the name Moses mean?
9. Moses was from the tribe of Simeon. T F
10. Moses committed murder. T F
11. Moses left Egypt because he found a woman he wanted to marry in Midian. T F
12. Moses married Zipporah, and their son was named Reuel. T F

Bonus Question; There are 6 people God spoke to directly before he speaks to Moses. Who are they?

3 Now Moses kept the flock of **Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian¹**: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to **the mountain of God, even to Horeb.²**

2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, **and the bush was not consumed.³**

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 **And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses⁴**. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, **for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.⁵**

6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. **And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.⁶**

7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now **therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them⁷**.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 And Moses said unto God, **Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh⁸**, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

¹ Reuel was Moses' father in law's name, Jethro was his title as priest of Midian.

² Horeb is the same mountain as Sinai. This mountain has two tops or sides, one called Horeb, and one called Sinai.

³ God uses something small to speak through, just as he uses weak vessels, and weak people to get his message across. God uses a bush instead of a tree or something grand and large.

⁴ It is not until Moses recognizes the bush, that God speaks to Moses, calling him by his name. When you recognize God in the seemingly insignificant things, then he will speak to you, and call you by your name.

⁵ The first thing God instructs Moses in is being respectful. God says stand back and take off your shoes.

⁶ Moses shows his respect and fear of God by bowing his face to the ground.

⁷ God recognizes that the children of Israel were being oppressed, and he has heard their cries. God's answer is to send Moses to Pharaoh to bring the people out of bondage in Egypt.

⁸ Moses questions his worthiness to represent the Children of Israel. God loves humility, and he often chooses those who are humble and unassuming.

¹² And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: **When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.**⁹

¹³ And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

¹⁴ And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM hath sent me unto you**¹⁰.

¹⁵ And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you:**¹¹ this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

¹⁶ Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

¹⁷ And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁸ And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, **The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.**¹²

¹⁹ And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

²⁰ And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

²¹ 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.**¹³

²² But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

⁹ God assures Moses he will be with him and he promises Moses will return to this mountain to worship once the people are free.

¹⁰ God tells Moses he is I AM. He is self sustaining, and his name is greater than what is humanly understandable. God is saying to Moses I am everything. You can't label me, title me, or search me.

¹¹ Then God tells Moses to tell the people the God of your fathers sent me. It's important to note that after 400 years of slavery and the lack of a religious leader the people's faith and strength has become weak and Moses has to remind them of what their father's believed and taught them.

¹² Initially the request from the Children of Israel was for just a three day vacation so they could worship and sacrifice to God.

¹³ Not only is God promising freedom, but he is promising a bounty of gifts from their oppressors. In other words you will be rewarded with reparations for your work.

4 And Moses answered and said, **But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice:**¹⁴ for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

6 And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.

7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.

8 And it shall come to pass, **if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.**¹⁵

9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my LORD, **I am not eloquent,** neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but **I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.**¹⁶

11 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?

12 Now therefore go, and **I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.**¹⁷

13 And he said, O my LORD, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.

14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, **Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother?** I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

¹⁴ Moses does not believe they will listen to him or obey him.

¹⁵ God tells Moses the miracles will make the people heed you.

¹⁶ Moses was a stutterer.

¹⁷ God tells Moses I will be with your mouth, and I will teach you what to say.

16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.

17 And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

18 And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.¹⁸

20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.¹⁹

22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:²⁰

23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

24 And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.²¹

25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.

26 So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

27 And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.²² And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:

¹⁸ Moses life is neatly divided into 3 parts each consisting of 40 years. Moses is 80 years old when he has this conversation with God.

¹⁹ God knows that Pharaoh will not let the people go, because he hardened Pharaoh's heart.

²⁰ God is claiming the Children of Israel as his first born son, the most valued, loved and dear to him.

²¹ Between verse 23 and 24 God gets angry with Moses and his Midianite wife, because they had not circumcised their son.

²² This is a true indication that the slavery the Children of Israel had to deal with was not like what African Americans dealt with in America.

³⁰ And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.²³

³¹ And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.²⁴

²³ Aaron takes the job as spokesperson, and also uses the staff of Moses to perform wonders before the people.

²⁴ This is the first step the people take to become the true "Nation under God".