

Exodus 4

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4 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. (Moses is worried – facing Pharaoh and the Israelites. He's going to get it from both sides. He's asking God for some sort of proof)

²And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. (A shepherd's staff)

³And 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. (God is in control – even over life and death)

⁴And 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:

⁵That 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. (God is sending Moses. HE will see to it that Moses is successful)

⁶And 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.

⁷And 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. (God can strike down, and He can heal. HE has the power over life and death)

⁸And 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. (God will send plague after plague upon Egypt. Eventually, they will wise up. This will prove to the Egyptians and to the Israelites that Moses was sent by God)

⁹And 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. (This is another miraculous sign)

Revelation-11 (the two witnesses will also be able to do these miracles, in God's name)

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. (Moses has been a shepherd; not a diplomat. He doubts his abilities to speak wisely)

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? (God is telling Moses to stop and think. With God, all things are possible. God created all of nature, including mankind. HE can certainly make Moses successful in his mission)

¹² Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. (This is a type for when the Elect will witness before the antichrist. They won't speak. The Holy Spirit of God will speak through them) see Mark-13, Matthew-24

¹³ And he said, O my LORD, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. (Moses is still trying to back out. He's saying – don't send me, send the Messiah)

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. (This is a warning to others that God will send in the end days. Don't doubt God. Do as He commands you and have some faith)

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.

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. (Moses will be a go between God and Aaron. These two will work as a team, under God's direction)

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. (Time has passed; Pharaoh and the witnesses against Moses have all died by now)

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. (He brought his family with him. He wasn't returning to Midian)

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. (This will be a chastisement unto Egypt for abusing Israel. It will also show them that there is a God in Heaven)

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

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. (This will happen in the last plague from God. The first born of every Egyptian will die)

²⁴ And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him. Genesis-17:14 (Moses should have known this; having spent 40 years in Median with Adamic people)

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. (Moses had ignored God's command to circumcise the boys. His wife is bringing it to his attention)

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. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him. (Aaron was living in Egypt with the rest of the Hebrews. God told Aaron where to meet up with Moses)

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: (These people will be hard to convince. They have been slaves for many generations. Also, as with any group, there will be opposition and division)

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

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. (They are happy to hear the good news, at first. But as Pharaoh resists Moses, and he makes things harder and harder for the Israelites, they will eventually turn against Moses)