

Moses! Moses!

A Brief Lesson from Exodus 3 - 7

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“Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you *for* a possession; I am the LORD.’” So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of *their* despondency and cruel bondage. - Exodus 6:6-9, NASB

The Background

Time: approximately 1490 BC

Location: Midian

Key Players: יהוה - The LORD

מֹשֶׁה - Moses, which means “drawn”

אַהֲרֹן - Aaron, which means “light bringer”

פַּרְעֹה - Pharaoh, which means “great house”

זִפּוֹרָה - Zipporah, which means “bird”

הָעָם - the People

Situation:

Moses is:

Saved by God’s design

Raised as prince, in Egypt 40 years

Stuck in Midian, a hunted man in Egypt

Married to Zipporah, has two children by her

Shepherd working for Jethro, for 40 years

Pasturing Jethro’s sheep near Horeb

The Outline

3:1-12

The LORD calls Moses

Gets Moses’ attention

Declares who He (the LORD) is

He has heard Israel’s cry

The LORD sends Moses to rescue Israel

3:13-22

The LORD tells Moses what he must now do

4:1-9

Moses asks, “What if they don’t believe me?”

4:10-17

Moses tries to politely decline the call

4:18-23

Moses leaves Midian with family, bound for Egypt

4:24-26

Moses and the covenant of circumcision

4:27-31

Moses and Aaron proclaim the news in Egypt

5:1-14

Pharaoh says, “Make bricks without straw”

5:15-21

People say, “Moses, it’s all your fault!”

5:22-23

Moses complains to the LORD

6:1-9

The LORD instructs Moses

6:10-13

Moses complains that no one listens to him

6:14-27

Genealogy of Moses and Aaron

6:28-30

Moses complains he is not a good speaker

7:1-6

The LORD assigns Aaron as Moses’ prophet

7:7

Moses is 80, and Aaron is 83 years old now

The Final Word

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will

forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” - Jeremiah
31:31-34, NASB