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Exodus 4

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Exodus 4.

(A brief overview of the main topics).

Topics.

- The LORD turns Moses staff into a serpent and back into Moses staff.
- The LORD turns to Moses, hand leprous like snow and heals it.
- The LORD gives Moses' power to turn water of the Nile to blood on dry ground.
- The LORD tells Moses Aaron his brother a Levite can speak for him.
- Moses leaves Jethro his father-in-law and travels back to Egypt.
- The LORD tells Moses he is to say to Pharaoh "Let my son go."
- The LORD tells Moses, say to Pharaoh, "The LORD says let my son go."
- Zipporah Moses wife circumcises her son Gershom.
- Moses and Aaron tell all the people of Israel all the words of the LORD.
- Israel believed, the LORD had seen their afflictions and worshiped.

INTRODUCTION: in the book of Exodus, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham by multiplying Abraham's descendants into a great nation delivering them from slavery in Egypt to journey to the Promised Land, and then binding them to Himself with a covenant at Mount Sinai. Moses, under the direct command of God and as leader of Israel, received the Ten Commandments from God, along with other laws governing Israel's life and worship. He also led the nation in building the Tabernacle, a place where God's presence can dwell among his people and where they can make sacrifices for sin. Most Jews and Christians recognise Moses as the author, writing sometime after the Exodus from Egypt (about 1445 B.C.). Note: the promise God made to Abraham will be perfectly fulfilled when Christ returns in glory and all those (Jews and Gentiles) who belong to God's Kingdom are gathered to him. (See also the introduction to chapter one).

NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

MOSES AND AARON ARE SENT TO ISRAEL IN EGYPT AND GIVEN POWER

Moses said to the LORD, Israel will not believe him they will say, 'The LORD did not appear to him, so the LORD told Moses to throw his staff on the ground so he did and it became a serpent, then the LORD told him to put out his hand and catch the serpent by the tail so Moses did and it became a staff in his hand. Then the LORD told him to put his hand inside his cloak.' and Moses did and when he took it out it became leprous like snow, then God tells him to put his hand back inside his cloak and Moses did and it was restored. The LORD says to Moses if Israel will not believe these two signs take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground and it will become blood.

MOSES COMPLAINS ABOUT HIS SPEECH

Moses said to the LORD, that he is not an eloquent, speaker but is slow of speech and of tongue so the LORD tells Moses that He would teach him what to speak, but Moses said to the LORD please send someone else and the LORD'S anger was kindled against Moses, nevertheless the LORD said He will be with Moses' mouth and with Aaron's mouth and will teach them both what to do, Aaron will speak for Moses to the people, but Moses will be as God to Aaron. While Moses was in Midian the LORD tells him to go back to Egypt because all the men who were seeking his life are dead, so Moses took his wife and his son back to Egypt and took the Staff of God in his hand.

PHARAOH'S HEART HARDENED

The LORD said to Moses, that He would harden Pharaoh's heart so that he will not let the people go. For further understanding of the LORD hardening Pharaoh's heart, see:

- The Potter and the Clay in, Various Topics (ON WEBSITE MENU).

NOTE: Israel is the LORD'S firstborn Son.

The LORD tells Moses to say to Pharaoh: thus, says the LORD:

- Israel is my firstborn Son let my Son go that he may serve me. If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill Pharaoh's firstborn Son.

The LORD intends to kill Moses: circumcision was the LORD'S Covenant with His people, while Moses was on his journey to Egypt the LORD met Moses at a lodging place to put him to death, but Zipporah (Moses' wife) took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it and said, "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me! So, the LORD left Moses alone. It was then that Zipporah said, "A bridegroom of blood," because of the circumcision.

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NOTE: circumcision was the LORD'S Covenant with His people, Zipporah was Moses' wife and her sons name was Gershom, it seems that Moses had not circumcised Gershom and that is why Zipporah said, "Moses was a bridegroom of blood (death) to her," because of the circumcision.

Concerning circumcision, the LORD said to Abraham:

- This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant any uncircumcised male shall be cut off from his people because he has broken my covenant." (Gen 17:10-14) (Abraham circumcised Ishmael and all the men of his household) (Gen 17:23-27).

Moses meets Aaron: the LORD tells Aaron to go and meet Moses, so he went and met Moses at the Mountain of God (Mount Sinai also called Horeb (Exod. 3:1). Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD and all the signs that he had commanded him to do. Then Moses and Aaron go and gather all the elders of the people of Israel. Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD had spoken to Moses and did the miraculous signs in the sight of the people. The people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

THE LORD HARDENED PHARAOH'S HEART

Pharaoh's pride, arrogance and ego was so against the God of Israel and so against God's people that from his own lust for power, riches and wealth he had them cruelly oppressed and brutally beaten to achieve his own ambitious goals.

Pride is the enemy of humbleness, so whoever is full of pride is going to reject God since to acknowledge God a person has to humble themselves before Him, and pride does not want to humble itself before anyone. It could be said that God has designed the laws of human nature in such a way that pride hardens and blinds a person to God's will and to God Himself. With this principal in mind, it would be right and proper to say that man hardens his own heart or to say that God hardens his heart. It is because of this principal both the Pharaoh of Egypt and God are spoken of as hardening the heart of the king of Egypt, but if he honestly repented of his evil pride and corrupt arrogance before Moses and before God the LORD would forgive.

For further understanding of the LORD hardening Pharaohs heart, see: -

- The Potter and the Clay.
- Election and God's Sovereign Will.
- In Various topics (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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