

## Moses at the Burning Bush

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Have you had a burning bush experience?

### **Exodus 3:1 - 4:20 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now **Moses was tending the flock** of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the **back of the desert**, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

<sup>2</sup> And **the Angel of the LORD appeared to him** in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the **bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.**

<sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and **see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.**"

<sup>4</sup> So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, **God called to him** from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

<sup>5</sup> Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is holy ground.*"

<sup>6</sup> Moreover He said, "I *am* the God of your 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.**

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD said: "**I have surely seen the oppression of My people** who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

<sup>8</sup> So **I have come down to deliver them** out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

<sup>9</sup> Now therefore, behold, **the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me**, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

<sup>10</sup> Come now, therefore, and **I will send you** to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "**Who *am* I** that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup> So He said, "**I will certainly be with you.** And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* His name?' **what shall I say to them?"**

<sup>14</sup> And God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM.**" And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, '**I AM has sent me to you.**' "

<sup>15</sup> Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: '**The LORD God of your fathers**, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, **has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever**, and this *is* My memorial to all generations.'

<sup>16</sup> Go and **gather the elders** of Israel together, and say to them, 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, "I have surely visited you and *seen* what is done to you in Egypt;

<sup>17</sup> and I have said **I will bring you up out of the affliction** of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey." '

<sup>18</sup> Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us **go three days' journey into the wilderness**, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'

<sup>19</sup> But I am sure that **the king of Egypt will not let you go**, no, not even by a mighty hand.

<sup>20</sup> So I will stretch out My hand and **strike Egypt with all My wonders** which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go.

<sup>21</sup> And I will give this people **favor** in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that **you shall not go empty-handed.**

<sup>22</sup> But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put *them* on your sons and on your daughters. **So you shall plunder the Egyptians.**"

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### Exodus 4:1-20 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Then Moses answered and said, "But **suppose they will not believe me** or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.' "

Doubt

<sup>2</sup> So the LORD said to him, "**What is that in your hand?**" He said, "A rod."

Aarons rod the symbol of Aarons own works

We should cast down our own works

<sup>3</sup> And He said, "**Cast it on the ground.**" So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.

Turned upside down

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and **take it by the tail**" (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand),

<sup>5</sup> "**that they may believe** that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

<sup>6</sup> Furthermore the LORD said to him, "Now put your **hand in your bosom.**" And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand **was leprous**, like snow.

<sup>7</sup> And He said, "Put your **hand in your bosom again.**" So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was **restored** like his *other* flesh.

<sup>8</sup> "Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the **message of the latter sign.**

<sup>9</sup> And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river and pour *it* on the dry *land*. And **the water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry land.**"

<sup>10</sup> Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, **I am not eloquent**, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I *am* slow of speech and slow of tongue."

<sup>11</sup> So the LORD said to him, "**Who has made man's mouth?** Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? *Have* not I, the LORD?"

<sup>12</sup> Now therefore, **go**, and I will be with your mouth and **teach you what you shall say.**"

<sup>13</sup> But he said, "O my Lord, **please send** by the hand of **whomever else You may send.**"

<sup>14</sup> So the **anger of the LORD was kindled** against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And **look, he is also coming out to meet you.** When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

<sup>15</sup> Now **you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth.** And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do.

<sup>16</sup> So **he shall be your spokesman** to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and **you shall be to him as God.**

<sup>17</sup> And you shall **take this rod in your hand**, with which you shall do the signs."

<sup>18</sup> So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please let me go and return to my brethren who *are* in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive." And **Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."**

<sup>19</sup> And the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go, return to Egypt; for **all the men who sought your life are dead.**"

<sup>20</sup> Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And **Moses took the rod of God in his hand.**