

Exodus 1:1—4:9

¹ These are the names of the sons of Israel (Wrestles-the-Creator) who entered into Egypt (Anxious-Security) together with Jacob (Follower), their father. Each of them were away from their home as they entered. ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, ³ Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin, ⁴ Dan and Naphtali and Gad and Asher. ⁵ And Joseph (Increase) was in Egypt. And all the souls coming out from Jacob were seventy-five. ⁶ And Joseph came-to-an-end and all his brothers and that generation. ⁷ And the sons of Israel grew and multiplied and became many and they were very dominant—very. And their earth multiplied. ⁸ And a different king rose up over Egypt who did not perceive Joseph. ⁹ And he said to his ethnicity,

“Look, the group of the sons of Israel are a great multitude and are wielding-strength over us. ¹⁰ Therefore, come, so we might be wise against them. Or else they might multiply and, whenever war might come against us, they will be added to our opponents and, after warring against us, they will come out of the land.”

¹¹ And he placed over them work masters so that they might harm them with works. And they built fortified cities for Pharaoh, both Pithom and Ramsees and On, which is the City of the Sun. ¹² And because they humbled them in this way, they became many and extremely strong—extremely. And the Egyptians detested the sons of Israel. ¹³ And the Egyptians used-power-over the sons of Israel with force. ¹⁴ And they were over-powering their life with hard works, with mortar and with brick-making and with all the works in the plains. With all these works they were enslaving them with force. ¹⁵ And the king of the Egyptians spoke to the midwives of the Hebrews, one of them had the name Shiphrah and the name of the second was Puah. ¹⁶ And he said to them,

“Whenever you are midwifing the Hebrews and they might be giving birth, if it is a male then kill it, but if it is female then preserve it.”

¹⁷ But the midwives feared the Creator and they did not do what the king of Egypt commanded them and they brought-to-life the males. ¹⁸ And the king of Egypt called the midwives and he said to them,

“Why did you do this thing and bring-to-life the males?!”

¹⁹ And the midwives said to Pharaoh,

“The Hebrews are not like the women of Egypt, for they are giving birth before the midwives come to them and have given birth.”

²⁰ And the Creator did good to the midwives. And he multiplied the people and they were extremely strong. ²¹ Since the midwives feared the Creator, they made homes for themselves. ²² And Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying,

“Every male that might be born to the Hebrews, you must throw into the river and every female you must bring-to-life.”

² And there was someone from the tribe of Levi who took from the daughters of Levi and had her, ² and she took in the womb and gave birth to a male. And seeing him as handsome, they watched him for three months. ³ And since they were not able to still hide him, his mother took for him a basket and anointed it with tar and placed the little-dependent into it and put it into the marsh alongside the river. ⁴ And his sister watched from afar to learn what would happen with him. ⁵ And the daughter of Pharaoh went down to wash at the river and her handmaids were journeying along the river and after seeing the basket in the marsh, she sent a handmaid to take it. ⁶ And after opening, she is seeing a little-dependent weeping in the basket and the daughter of Pharaoh spared him and was saying,

“This one is from the little-dependents of the Hebrews.”

⁷ And his sister said to the daughter of Pharaoh,

“If you are wanting, then I will call for you a feeding woman from the Hebrews and she will breastfeed for you the little-dependent.”

⁸ And the daughter of Pharaoh said to her,

“Go!”

And after going, the young-girl called the mother of the little-dependent. ⁹ And the daughter of Pharaoh said to her,

“Guard for me this little-dependent and breastfeed him for me. And I myself will give to you the payment.”

And the woman took the little-dependent and she breastfed him. ¹⁰ And after the little-dependent matured, she brought him to the daughter of Pharaoh and he became to her for a son. And she named his name Moses (Pulled-Up), saying,

“I took him up from the water.”

¹¹ And it happened during those many days, after he became great, that Moses came out to his brothers, the sons of Israel. And after considering their pain, he is seeing a human Egyptian, beating a Hebrew, one of his own brothers of the sons of Israel. ¹² And after looking-around, here and there, he is not seeing anyone and, after striking the Egyptian, he hid him in the sand. ¹³ And after coming out on the second day, he is seeing two Hebrew men fighting and is saying to the unrighteous one,

“Why are you beating your neighbor?!”

¹⁴ And he said,

“Who established you as ruler and judge over us to take me away as you yourself are wanting in the manner you took away yesterday the Egyptian?!”

And Moses was scared and said,

“Has this word become known like this?!”

¹⁵ And Pharaoh heard this word and he sought to take away Moses. And Moses departed from the face of Pharaoh and he housed in Midian. And after coming into Midian, he sat at the well. ¹⁶ And there were seven daughters of the priest of Midian to shepherd the sheep of their father Jethro. And after coming to draw-water until they filled the troughs to water the sheep of their father Jethro. ¹⁷ And after arriving, the shepherds threw the women out. And after standing up, Moses rescued the women and drew-water for them and watered their sheep. ¹⁸ And they arrived at Reuel, their father. And he said to them,

“Why did you speed to arrive today?”

¹⁹ And they said,

“An Egyptian human rescued us from the shepherds and drew-water for us and watered our sheep.”

²⁰ And he said to his daughters,

“Then where is he? And why did you abandon the human like this? Therefore, call him so that he might eat bread!”

²¹ And Moses settled alongside the human and he gave-away Zipporah his daughter to Moses as a woman. ²² And the woman, after taking in the womb, birthed a son and Moses named his name Gershom, saying,

“I am away-from-home in a strange land.”

²³ And after many of those days, the king of Egypt came-to-an-end and the sons of Israel groaned because of the works and they cried out and their cry came up to the Creator because of the works. ²⁴ And the Creator heard their groan and the Creator remembered his covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. ²⁵ And the Creator looked-upon the sons of Israel and he was made known to them.

^{3.1} And Moses was shepherding the sheep of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the sheep to the wilderness and came to the mountain of Horeb. ² And a messenger of the Lord was seen by him in a flame of fire from the bush and he is seeing that the bush is burning with fire and the bush was not being burned-up. ³ And Moses said,

“After coming-alongside, I will see for myself this great vision. Why is the bush not being burned-up?!”

⁴ And as the Lord saw that he is approaching to see, the Lord called him from the bush, saying,

“Moses, Moses!”

And he said,

“Who is it?!”

⁵ And he said,

“You should not approach here. You must loose the sandal from your feet, for the place on which you yourself stand is sanctified earth.”

⁶ And he said to him,

“I myself am the Creator of your father, the Creator of Abraham and the Creator of Isaac and the Creator of Jacob.”

And Moses turned-away his face, for he is being cautious to look-upon the presence of the Creator. ⁷ And the Lord said to Moses,

“While seeing, I saw the harming of my people in Egypt and I heard their cry because of the work-persecutors, for I perceived their sinking. ⁸ And came-down to remove them from the hand of the Egyptians and lead them out of that earth and lead them into a good and bountiful earth, into an earth flowing with milk and honey, into the place of the Canaanites and Hittites and Amorites and Perizzites and Gergeshites and Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now, look! A cry of the sons of Israel has come to me and I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ And now, come! I am sending you out to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and I will lead out my people, the sons of Israel, from the earth of Egypt.”

¹¹ And Moses said to the Creator,

“Who am I that I will go to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and that I will lead out the sons of Israel from the earth of Egypt?”

¹² And the Creator said to Moses, saying,

“I will be with you. And this will be a sign for you that I myself will send you out to lead out for yourself my people out of Egypt and you will serve the Creator on this mountain.”

¹³ And Moses said to the Creator,

“Look, I myself will go to the sons of Israel and I will say to them, ‘The Creator of your fathers has sent me out to you.’ They will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ What will I say to them?”

¹⁴ And the Creator said to Moses,

“I myself am The Being.”

And he said,

“Like this you will say to the sons of Israel, ‘The Being has sent me out to you.’”

¹⁵ And the Creator said again to Moses,

“Like this you will say to the sons of Israel, ‘The Lord Creator of your fathers, the Creator of Abraham and the Creator Isaac and the Creator of Jacob has sent me out to you.’ This is my eon name and a memorial of generations to generations. ¹⁶ Therefore, after going, you must gather the council of the sons of Israel and you will say to them, ‘The Lord Creator of our fathers has been seen by me, the Creator of Abraham and the Creator of Isaac and the Creator of Jacob, saying, “With oversight I oversaw you and everything that has gone down with you in Egypt. ¹⁷ And I said that I will bring you up out of the harm of the Egyptians into the earth of the Canaanites and Hittites and Amorites and Perizzites and Gergishites and Hivites and Jebusites into an earth flowing with milk and honey.”’ ¹⁸ And they will listen to your voice and you yourself will enter with the council of Israel to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and you will say to him, ‘The Creator of the Hebrews has summoned us so. Therefore we should journey a way for three days into the wilderness so we might sacrifice to our Creator.’

¹⁹ And I myself perceive that Pharaoh, king of Egypt, will not release you to journey except with a clinging hand. ²⁰ And after stretching out the hand, I will strike the Egyptians with all of my wonders which I will practice among them and after these things he will send you out. ²¹ And I will give generosity to this people before the Egyptians. And whenever you might run-away, you will not go away empty. ²² A woman will ask from her land-sharer and tent-sharer for items of silver and gold and clothing and you will place them upon your sons and upon your daughters and you will despoil the Egyptians.”

^{4.1} And Moses answered and said,

“Therefore, if they might not trust me and not listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The Creator was not seen by you,’ then what will I say to them?”

² And the Lord said to him,

“What is this thing in your hand?”

And he said,

“A staff.”

³ And he said,

“You must throw it down upon the earth.”

And he threw it down upon the earth and it became a serpent and Moses fled from it. ⁴ And the Lord said to Moses,

“You must extend the hand and you must take the tail.”

Therefore, after extending the hand, he took the tail and it became a staff in his hand.

⁵ “So they might trust you that the Lord Creator of their fathers, the Creator of Abraham and the Creator of Isaac and the Creator of Jacob, has been seen by you.”

⁶ And the Lord said to him again,

“You must place your hand into your pocket.”

And he placed his hand into his pocket and he removed his hand from his pocket and his hand became as snow. ⁷ And he said again,

“Place your hand into your pocket.”

And he placed the hand into his pocket and removed it from his pocket and again it was restored to the color of his flesh.

⁸ “And if they might not trust you and not listen to the voice of the first sign, then they will trust you because of the voice of the last sign. ⁹ And it will be if they might not trust you for these two signs and not listen to your voice, then you will take from the water of the river and you will pour it out on the dry-ground and whatever water you might take from the river will be blood upon the dry-ground.”