

# Midrash *Sh'mot* ("Names")

Exodus 1:1 – 6:1

## A New King in Egypt

Exodus 1:1-8

After deaths of the Patriarchs, the nation declined ... ending in slavery

The Pharaoh that did not know Joseph is further explained by Stephen

Acts 7:18

Not *allos* (another of the same kind) but *heteros* (another of a different kind)

Not Egyptian, but perhaps Assyrian??

Isaiah 52:4

## Pharaoh's Agenda & Tactics

Exodus 1:9-22

**Pharaoh's Plan:** "*deal shrewdly with them...*"

Pharaoh's Progressive Plan:

1) Enslave them

2) Abort the babies

3) Kill them outright

} "*The thief comes to steal, to kill and destroy.*"

John 10:10

Pharaoh is the Restrainer & the Destroyer ... so is Antichrist

II Thess 2:1-8

Implemented policies to keep Israel there so he could use them, then kill them

**God's Plan:** "*...call My Son out of Egypt.*"

Hosea 11:1 & Matt 2:15

We know the midwives names -*Shiphrah* ("Fair") & *Puah* ("Splendid") but not Pharaoh's

Egyptian government dictated to "healthcare professionals" who lived & who died!!

When that failed: "*Every son who is born you shall cast into the river...*"

## The Birth of Moses

Exodus 2:1-10

"beautiful child" כִּי טוֹב *ki tov*- same phrase used during Creation

"ark" תֵּבָה *tevah* – only other use is for Noah's Ark

Daughter of Pharaoh – probably *Thermitus* – who was childless

She adopted & named Moses ⇨ making him heir to the throne!

Wheat sown among the Tares!

## Moses Flees to Midian

Exodus 2:11-25

"*Who made you a prince and judge over us?*" **God did!!**

The answer to Moses' question: "*What did Israel do to deserve this?*"

Their attitude! ...*same as the Reubenites in Korah's Rebellion*

Thought to be *Dathan & Abiram*

Numbers 16

Moses was not recognized by his "brothers" – like Joseph... and Yeshua

Matt 23:37-39

God called Moses to Midian

....and he met his bride at a well also

First he interceded for the Hebrew slave & now Jethro's daughters

*Gershom* *ger* ("stranger") + *sham* ("there")

## Moses Meets God at the Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-12

"*Angel of the LORD*" in verse 1 ...turns to "*LORD & God*" in verse 4

Another "blurring" of the identities of "LORD", "God", and "Angel"

What is it about the burning bush that attracted Moses' attention?

Remove sandals – compare with Joshua

Joshua 5:15

**The Pattern in the Burning Bush:** Bush (*senah*) is acacia bush; a thorn bush

Thorns are symbolic of ..... sin

Fire is symbolic of ... judgment

The Pattern: Sin is judged by God's consuming fire, but the thorns are not consumed. Or, in other

words: **Sin in the Hands of the Living God is judged, but the life (bush) is not destroyed.**

## The Name of God

Exodus 3:13-22

**Relationship:** *“the God of your fathers....”*

**Action:** *has sent me to you.”*

God’s Name: יהוה “Yahovah” or “Ya-hoo-ah” Self-Existent & Eternal One

הוה	“Ho-veh”	I was	(Past Tense)	} Rev 4:8
היה	“Ha-yeh”	I am	(Present Tense)	
יהיה	“Yih-yeh”	I will be	(Future Tense)	

*“This is My Name forever...”* *olam* עולם ; Spelled here without the “ו” = *alem* “to conceal”

Therefore, Rabbinic tradition says יהוה is not to be pronounced!

*“I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt.”* Verse 16

Moses’ Code Words! (spoken to Joseph in Genesis 50:25)

*“I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders...”* Verse 20

פלא *palah* Key word for the Messiah Judges 13:18 & Isaiah 9:6

## God Equips Moses

Exodus 4:1-17

Serpent in Moses’ hand = Pharaoh’s power will become God’s tool of deliverance

We have that power also John 14:12

Succession of Signs:	Staff turns into Serpent	} Separation after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Plague
	Leprosy Cleansed	
	Water to Blood (also one of the Plagues)	

Did Moses’ hand contaminate his heart?? His heart contaminated his hand!

## Moses Returns to Egypt

Exodus 4:18-31

Moses seeks *Yitro*’s permission before leaving for Egypt

God hardened Pharaoh’s already hardened heart

God didn’t make him wicked (remember Pharaoh’s name!)

Hardened hearts in the End Time

Rev 16:9-11 & II Thess 2:11-12

God’s mercy will expire .....

Rev 22:11

God’s “deal”: Let My Firstborn go... or else I will slay your firstborn

Why did God seek to kill Moses? Because he failed to circumcise his son (failed to keep Torah)

*“You are a bridegroom of blood.”* Spoken to Moses or the son???

*“the LORD had visited the children of Israel...”* Israel recognized Moses’ code words! Verse 31

## Pharaoh Oppresses Israel

Exodus 5:1-21

Moses’ 1<sup>st</sup> request is to leave and (implied) to come back

This allows God to demonstrate Pharaoh’s unreasonableness

*“Who is the LORD”?* -- The entire world is about to find out who the LORD is!

Moses’ requests to release Israel “backfire”:

Pharaoh increases the Israelite’s quota of work

The Israelites (v15) turn to Pharaoh for relief – wrong move!!

All this was calculated by God to give Moses a “management problem”!

## God’s Promise of Deliverance

Exodus 5:22-6:1

Moses: *“I haven’t done a very good job with Pharaoh.”*

God: *“You have done what I have asked; now watch what I will do!”*

**Haftarah:** Isaiah 27:6-28:13 Israel to be delivered: in the Exodus, from Babylon & yet to come!

**Brit Chadashah:** II Thessalonians 2:3-10 Pharaoh is a Pattern of the Anti-Messiah