



MOSES

WEEK 4

Exodus 11,12,14,19,20,40

CHARACTERS:



ADONAI ELOHIM / GOD

(The LORD God)

WHO: The creator and ruler of the universe and source of all authority and life; the supreme being.

PERSONALITY: Loving, awesome, Holy, The best Father imaginable...but even better.

PHYSICALITY: God is Spirit, though One God, He exists in three persons; Father-Adonai, Son-Jesus/Yeshua, Holy Spirit/Ruach Ha-Kodesh

MISSION: To have a family who chooses to love and obey Him.

OBSTACLE:



MOSES

WHO: The prophet whom God saved from the Nile river as a baby, grew up in Pharaoh's house as prince of Egypt, and then led the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land. His parents were Jochedbed and Amram and Aaron and Miriam were his brother and sister.

PERSONALITY: Passionate, Loyal

PHYSICALITY: Stuttered, strong, handsome.

MISSION: To lead the Israelites out of Egypt by God's mighty power.

OBSTACLE: Pharaoh, Israelites disbelief.



AARON

WHO: The older brother of Moses. God used him to speak for Moses before Pharaoh. Later, Aaron became Israel's first priest to the Lord.

PERSONALITY: Friendly with all. Good communicator. Takes his job seriously.

PHYSICALITY: Thin, Quick.

MISSION: To get Pharaoh to let the Israelites go.

OBSTACLE: Pharaoh



PHAROAH

WHO: The king of Egypt. Was raised with Moses in the palace.

PERSONALITY: Crushing, Thought himself as god.

PHYSICALITY: Strong, Prideful, Arrogant, Evil

MISSION: To leave a legacy of Absolute Power and rule for his son.

OBSTACLE: Moses trying to take it all away by attempting to free all Egypt's slaves, the Israelites.



EGYPTIANS

WHO: Soldiers and Advisors of Pharaoh

PERSONALITY: Rough, cold, killers

PHYSICALITY: Strong

MISSION: To carry out Pharaoh's orders no matter how difficult.

OBSTACLE: Moses' God. All the firstborn sons killed. A pillar of fire. The red sea.



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NON-SPEAKING ROLES:



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PRAY: Take a moment to pray that God would teach you about himself and help you hear his words as you read/act.

SCRIPT

Now ADONAI had said to Moses,

ADONAI- I will bring one more plague upon Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely thrust you out altogether from here. Speak now into the ears of the people, and let every man ask from his neighbor and every woman from her neighbor for articles of silver and gold.

Adonai gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians. Indeed, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the eyes of Pharaoh's servants and in the eyes of the people. So Moses said,

MOSES- This is what Adonai says: At around midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt, and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt will die—from the firstborn of Pharaoh sitting on his throne to the firstborn of the maidservant behind the mill, along with all the firstborn cattle. There will be a great cry **throughout** all the land of Egypt, the likes of which has never been before nor will ever be again. But not so much as a dog will growl against any of Bnei-Yisrael, neither man nor beast—so that you may know that Adonai makes a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel. All these servants of yours will come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, you and all the people who follow you!' After that, I will go.

Then he went out from Pharaoh hot with anger. ADONAI had said to Moses,

ADONAI- Pharaoh will not listen to you, so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, yet Adonai hardened Pharaoh's heart, so he did not let Bnei-Yisrael go out of his land. Now ADONAI spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying,

ADONAI- This month will mark the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb for his family one lamb for the household. But if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor are to take one according to the number of the people. According to each person eating, you are to make your count for the lamb. Your lamb is to be without blemish, a year old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You must watch over it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to slaughter it at twilight. They are to take the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the crossbeam of the houses where they will eat it. They are to eat the meat that night, roasted over a fire. With matzot and bitter herbs they are to eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled with water, but only roasted with fire—its head with its legs and its innards. So let nothing of it remain until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning you are to burn with fire. Also you are to eat it this way: with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand. You are to eat it in haste. It is Adonai's Passover. For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night and strike down every firstborn, both men and animals, and I will execute judgments against all the gods of Egypt. I am ADONAI. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. So there will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a memorial for you. You are to keep it as a feast to Adonai. Throughout your generations you are to keep it as an eternal ordinance. For seven days you are to eat matzot, but on the first day you must remove hametz from your houses, for whoever eats hametz from the first day until the seventh day, that soul will be cut off from Israel. The first day is to be a holy assembly for you as well as the seventh day. No manner of work is to be done on those days, except what is to be eaten by every person—that alone may be prepared by you. So you are to observe the Feast of Matzot, for on this very same day have I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you are to observe this day throughout your generations as an eternal ordinance. During the first month in the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, you are to eat matzot, until the evening of the twenty-first day of the month. For seven days no hametz is to be found in your houses, for whoever eats hametz, that soul will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is an outsider or one who is born in the land. You are to eat no hametz; in all your houses you are to eat matzot.

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them,

MOSES- Go, select lambs for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. You are to take a bundle of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and apply it to the crossbeam and two doorposts with the blood from the basin. None of you may go out the door of his house until morning. Adonai will pass through to strike down the Egyptians, but when He sees the blood on the crossbeam and the two doorposts, Adonai will pass over that door, and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you down. Also you are to observe this event as an eternal ordinance, for you and your children. When you come into the land which Adonai will give you as He has promised, you are to keep this ceremony. Now when it happens that your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' You are to say, 'It is the sacrifice of Adonai's Passover, because He passed over the houses of Bnei-Yisrael in Egypt, when He struck down the Egyptians, but spared our households.'

So the people bowed their heads and worshipped. Then Bnei-Yisrael went and did it. They did just as Adonai had commanded Moses and Aaron. So it came about at midnight that Adonai struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh sitting on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn cattle. Then Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians, and there was loud wailing in Egypt. For there was not a house where someone was not dead. So he called for Moses and Aaron at night and said,

PHARAOH- Rise up, go out from my people, both you and Bnei-Yisrael, go, serve Adonai as you have said. Take your flocks and your herds, as you said, and be gone! But bless me, too.

Now the Egyptians urged the people, sending them out of the land quickly, for they thought,

EGYPTIANS- We will all be dead!

AARON- So the people took their dough before it was leavened, with their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders.

So Bnei-Yisrael acted according to the word of Moses. They asked the Egyptians for

ISRAELITES 2- articles of silver and gold, and for clothing.

ISRAELITES 1- Adonai gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians and let them have what they asked for. So they plundered the Egyptians.

Then Bnei-Yisrael journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about 600,000 men on foot, as well as children. Also a mixed multitude went up with them, along with the flocks, herds and heavy livestock.

ISRAELITES 2- They had baked matzot cakes from the dough that they brought out of Egypt. It had no hametz, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not delay, so they had not made provisions for themselves.

Now the time that Bnei-Yisrael lived in Egypt was 430 years. So it happened at the end of 430 years, to the very day, that all the armies of Adonai went out from the land of Egypt. It was a night of watching for Adonai to bring them out of the land of Egypt. This same night is a night of vigil for Adonai, for all Bnei-Yisrael throughout their generations.

Then ADONAI said to Moses and Aaron,

ADONAI- This is the ordinance of the Passover. No foreigner may eat it, but every man's servant that is bought for money, after you have circumcised him, may eat it. Nor should a visitor or hired servant eat it. It is to be eaten inside a single house. You are not to carry the meat out of the house, nor are you to break any of its bones. All the congregation of Israel must keep it. But if an outsider dwells with you, who would keep the Passover for Adonai, all his males must be circumcised. Then let him draw near and keep it. He will be like one who is native to the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat from it. The same Torah applies to the native as well as the outsider who dwells among you.

So all Bnei-Yisrael did so. They did just as Adonai commanded Moses and Aaron. It was on that very day that Adonai brought Bnei-Yisrael out of the land of Egypt as armies. ADONAI spoke to Moses saying,

ADONAI- Speak to Bnei-Yisrael, so that they turn back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. You are to camp by the sea, opposite Baal-zephon. Pharaoh will say concerning Bnei-Yisrael, 'They are wandering aimlessly in the land—the wilderness has shut them in!' I will harden Pharaoh's heart, so he will follow after them. Then I will be glorified over Pharaoh along with all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am Adonai.

So they did so. When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his Servants had a change of heart toward the people, and they said,

PHARAOH- What is this we have done, that we let Israel go from serving us?

So he prepared his chariots and took his people with him. He took 600 of the finest chariots, along with all other chariots of Egypt, and captains over them.

AARON- Adonai hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so he pursued Bnei-Yisrael, for Bnei-Yisrael went out with a high hand.

But the Egyptians pursued them with all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, as well as his charioteers and his army, and overtook them as they were encamped by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth opposite Baal-zephon.

ISRAELITE 1- When Pharaoh drew near, Bnei-Yisrael lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them!

So they were terrified, and Bnei-Yisrael cried out to Adonai. They said to Moses,

ISRAELITES 1 & 2- Have you taken us away to die in the wilderness because there were no graves in Egypt? Why have you dealt this way with us, to bring us out of Egypt? Did we not say to you in Egypt, 'Let us alone, so that we may serve the Egyptians?' It was better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness!

But Moses said to the people,

MOSES- Don't be afraid! Stand still, and see the salvation of Adonai, which He will perform for you today. You have seen the Egyptians today, but you will never see them again, ever! Adonai will fight for you, while you hold your peace.

Then ADONAI said to Moses,

ADONAI- Why are you crying to Me? Tell Bnei-Yisrael to go forward. Lift up your staff, stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it. Then Bnei-Yisrael will go into the midst of the sea on dry ground. Then I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they will go in after them, so that I will be glorified over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and his horsemen. Then the Egyptians will know that I am Adonai, when I have been glorified over Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

Then the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them. Also the pillar of cloud moved from in front and stood behind them, and so came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel—there was the cloud and the darkness over here, yet it gave light by night over there—neither one came near the other all night long.

AARON- Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. Adonai drove the sea back with a strong east wind throughout the night and turned the sea into dry land. So the waters were divided.

ISRAELITE 1- Then Bnei-Yisrael went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, while the waters were like walls to them on their right and on their left.

ISRAELITE 2- But the Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen.

Now it came about during the morning watch that Adonai looked at the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and caused the army of the Egyptians to panic. He took off their chariot wheels and caused them to drive heavily, so that the Egyptians said,

EGYPTIANS- Get away from the presence of Israel! For Adonai fights for them against the Egyptians!

Then ADONAI said to Moses,

ADONAI- Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the waters come back upon the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen.

AARON- So Moses stretched his hand out over the waters, and the sea returned to its strength at the break of dawn. The Egyptians were fleeing from it, but Adonai overthrew them in the midst of the sea.

ISRAELITE 1- The waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen and the entire army of Pharaoh that went after them into the sea. Not one of them remained.

ISRAELITE 2- But Bnei-Yisrael had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were like walls to them on their right hand and on their left.

So Adonai saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. When Israel saw the great work that Adonai did over the Egyptians, the people feared Adonai, and they believed in Adonai and in His servant Moses. In the third month after Bnei-Yisrael had gone out of the land of Egypt, that same day they arrived at the wilderness of Sinai. They travelled from Rephidim, came into to the wilderness of Sinai, and set up camp in the wilderness. Israel camped there, right in front of the mountain. Moses went up to God, and ADONAI called to him from the mountain saying,

ADONAI- Say this to the house of Jacob, and tell Bnei-Yisrael, 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to Myself. Now then, if you listen closely to My voice, and keep My covenant, then you will be My own treasure from among all people, for all the earth is Mine. So as for you, you will be to Me a kingdom of kohanim and a holy nation.' These are the words which you are to speak to Bnei-Yisrael.

So Moses went, called for the elders of the people, and put before them all these words that Adonai had commanded him. All the people answered together and said,

ISRAELITE 1 & 2- Everything that Adonai has spoken, we will do.

Then Moses reported the words of the people to ADONAI. ADONAI said to Moses,

ADONAI- I am about to come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people will hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever.

Then Moses told the words of the people to Adonai. ADONAI said to Moses,

ADONAI- Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow. Let them wash their clothing. Be ready for the third day. For on the third day Adonai will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. You are to set boundaries for the people all around, saying, 'Be very careful not to go up onto the mountain, or touch the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain will surely be put to death. Not a hand is to touch it, but he will surely be stoned or shot through. Whether it is an animal or a man, it will not live.' When the shofar sounds, they may come up to the mountain.

Then Moses went down from the mountain to the people, consecrated them, and then, they washed their clothing. He said to the people,

MOSES- Be ready for the third day. Do not draw near your wives.

In the morning of the third day, there was thundering and lightning, a thick cloud on the mountain, and the blast of an exceedingly loud shofar. All the people in the camp trembled. Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the lowest part of the mountain.

ISRAELITE 2- Now the entire Mount Sinai was in smoke, because Adonai had descended upon it in fire. The smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace.

ISRAELITES 1- The whole mountain quaked greatly.

When the sound of the shofar grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him with a thunderous sound.

Then Adonai came down onto Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. Adonai called Moses to the top of the mountain, so Moses went up. Then ADONAI said to Moses,

ADONAI- Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to see Adonai, and many of them die. Even the kohanim who come near to Adonai must consecrate themselves, so that Adonai does not break out against them

MOSES said to Adonai,

MOSES- The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You are the One who warned us, saying, 'Set boundaries around the mountain, and consecrate it.'

Then ADONAI said to him,

ADONAI- Go down. You are to come back up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the kohanim and the people break through to come up to Adonai, or He will break out against them.

So Moses went down to the people and told them. Then GOD spoke all these words saying,

ADONAI- I am Adonai your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. Do not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or on the earth below or in the water under the earth. Do not bow down to them, do not let anyone make you serve them. For I, Adonai your God, am a jealous God, bringing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to the thousands of generations of those who love Me and keep My mitzvot. You must not take the Name of Adonai your God in vain, for Adonai will not hold him guiltless that takes His Name in vain. Remember Yom Shabbat, to keep it holy. You are to work six days, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Shabbat to Adonai your God. In it you shall not do any work—not you, nor your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, your cattle, nor the outsider that is within your gates. For in six days Adonai made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Thus Adonai blessed Yom Shabbat, and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which Adonai your God is giving you. Do not murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness against your neighbor. Do not covet your neighbor's house, your neighbor's wife, his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

All the people witnessed the thundering and the lightning, and the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled and stood far off. So they said to Moses,

ISRAELITES 1 & 2- You, speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.

So Moses said to the people,

MOSES- Do not be afraid, for God has come to test you, so that His fear may be in you, so that you do not sin.

The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. Then ADONAI said to Moses,

ADONAI- Say this to Bnei-Yisrael: You yourselves have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven. Do not make gods of silver alongside Me, and do not make gods of gold for yourselves. You are to make an altar of earth for Me, and there you will sacrifice your burnt offerings, your fellowship offerings—your sheep and your cattle. In every

place where I cause My name to be mentioned I will come to you and bless you. When you make for Me an altar of stones, do not build it from cut stone, for if you use a tool on it, you will have profaned it. Nor are you to go up to My altar on steps, so that your nakedness would not be uncovered while on it.

Then ADONAI spoke to Moses saying,

ADONAI- On the first day of the first month, you will set up the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. You are to put the Ark of the Testimony there, and screen off the Ark with the curtain. Then bring in the table, and set in order the bread that is on it. Bring in the menorah and light its lamps. Set the golden incense altar in front of the Ark of the Testimony, and hang the curtain over the entrance of the Tabernacle. Set the altar of burnt offering before the entrance of the Tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting. Set up the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water in it. Set up the courtyard all around, and hang the curtain of the gate of the courtyard. Take the anointing oil and anoint the Tabernacle, and everything within it, and consecrate it, along with all of its furnishings, and it will be holy. Also you are to anoint the altar of burnt offering with all of its utensils and consecrate the altar. The altar will be most holy. Then you are to anoint the basin along with its base and sanctify it. Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and wash them with water. Put the holy garments on Aaron, anoint him and consecrate him, so that he may minister to Me as a kohen. Also bring his sons and put tunics upon them. You are to anoint them, as you did their father, so that they too may minister to Me as kohanim. Their anointing will be for an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

Moses did so, just as Adonai had commanded him. Now it happened during the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, the Tabernacle was raised up.

AARON- Moses raised the Tabernacle, and laid its bases, set up the framework of boards, put in the crossbars and set up its pillars. Then he spread the tent over the Tabernacle and put the covering of the tent on it, just as Adonai had commanded Moses.

ISRAELITE 1- He placed the Testimony into the Ark, set the poles on the Ark, and put the atonement cover on top of the Ark. He brought the Ark into the Tabernacle, set up the curtain as a screen, and screened off the Ark of the Testimony, just as Adonai had commanded Moses.

ISRAELITE 2- Then he set up the table inside the Tent of Meeting, on the side of the Tabernacle northward, outside the curtain. He set a row of bread in order upon it before Adonai, just as Adonai had commanded Moses.

AARON- Then he placed the menorah in the Tent of Meeting, over against the table, on the south side of the Tabernacle. Then he lit the lamps before Adonai, just as Adonai had commanded Moses.

ISRAELITE 2- Next he placed the golden altar in the Tent of Meeting before the curtain, and he burned sweet spices of incense there, just as Adonai had commanded Moses.

ISRAELITE 1- He hung the curtain over the entrance of the Tabernacle. Then he set the altar of burnt offering at the entrance of the Tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the grain offering, just as Adonai had commanded Moses.

AARON- Next he set up the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing, so that Moses, Aaron and his sons could wash their hands and their feet there. When they went into the Tent of Meeting and when they came near to the altar, they washed, just as Adonai had commanded Moses.

He set up the courtyard around the Tabernacle and the altar and set up the screen at the gate of the courtyard. So Moses finished the work.

AARON- Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of Adonai filled the Tabernacle. Moses was unable to enter into the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud resided there and the glory of Adonai filled the Tabernacle.

Now whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Tabernacle, Bnei-Yisrael went onward, throughout all their journeys. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not move out until the day that it was. For the cloud of Adonai was on the Tabernacle by day and a fire was there by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journey.

VERSE: Fear not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you today. Exodus 14:13

SONG: SALVATION IS HERE, SALVATION IS HERE X2
IF YOU STOP, STAND STILL, AND BEHOLD THE LORD X2

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Reflect on the Story

1. What did you like?
2. What confused you?
3. What did you learn about God?
4. What did you learn about people and yourself?
5. How can you apply what you learned from this story in your life this week?
6. How will you remember this story?
7. Who will you tell this story to?

Key Verse: Fear not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you today. Exodus 14:13
How do these words make you feel?

Pray the Word

Father help me, not to fear but to stand still, and see your salvation, today.

Thank you, you are my salvation! I won't trust in my own ability, but yours. I put my life in your care.