

EXODUS

A DIVINE EXIT

“God Equips and Empowers His Servants”

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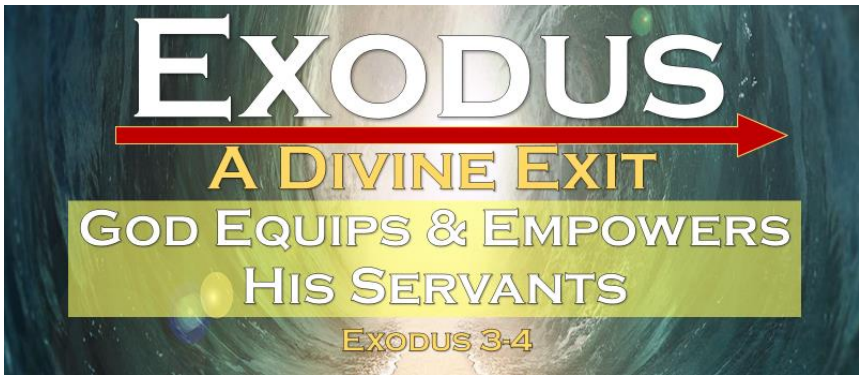
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Exodus 4:30-31

**BIG
IDEA**

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HE WON'T EQUIP YOU**



Introduction—Attention Grabber -in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic

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"Just sending memes to friends and stuff"

"In the year 2020 humanity was threatened with extinction. Panic spread across the planet like never before"

"What were you doing grandpa?"

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Moses is the Human agent of divine salvation. The formulation of the commission thus revives a familiar. Theme of the Pentateuchal narrative-divine grace and human responsibility. The two cannot be separated, nor can the exodus be reduced to one or the other. Both divine and human action must occur for their to be liberation. To be sure, the divine intervention is prior to the human act, and without it there would be no deliverance. Without this commission, Moses was a failure (Ex. 2:11-15) and would have spent the rest of his life as an unknown shepherd in Midian.” The Book of the Torah by Thomas Mann

3:2 “**Angel of the Lord**” theophany or Christophany. Cf Gen. 22:11-18, Joshua 5:13-15, Daniel 3:25

- A Theophany is an appearance of God to believers in the OT. It is my belief that all OT theophany’s are likely Christophany’s where the preincarnate Jesus Christ appears as the Father’s representative. Most of these theophany or Christophany’s are identified as the “angel of the Lord” but in Joshua He appears as the commander of the Lord’s army, in Daniel he’s identified as the son of the gods.
- **Genesis 22:11–18** (ESV), ¹¹ But the **angel of the LORD** called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” ¹⁵ And the **angel of the LORD** called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”
- **Angel appears as a flame of fire from a bush (similar to cloud of fire that would lead Israelites in wilderness).**
- **Exodus 14:19** (ESV) ¹⁹ Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them,
- **Joshua 5:13–15** (ESV) ¹³ When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?” ¹⁴ And he said, “No; but **I am**

the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, “What does my lord say to his servant?”¹⁵ And the commander of the LORD’s army said to Joshua, “Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

- **Daniel 3:25 (ESV)**²⁵ He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a **son of the gods.**”

V. 3 Moses asks himself why the bush isn’t being consumed so he goes in for a closer look

Bush is burning yet not consumed (similar to Daniel 4 and fiery furnace).

V. 4 God called out of the bush Moses’ name. God’s voice comes from the bush the same place as the angel of the Lord making a strong case that the LORD and Angel of the Lord are one in the same. This also fits nicely with Jesus’ declaration that He is “I Am.”

V. 5 Moses is told not to come near because the place he is standing is holy. He is then called to remove his shoes

V. 6 Yahweh identifies himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

V. 7-9 Twice the Lord affirms that He has heard the cry of His people and He is going to bring deliverance from Pharaoh and the land of bondage, Egypt, and into their own land of promise.

THE CALL

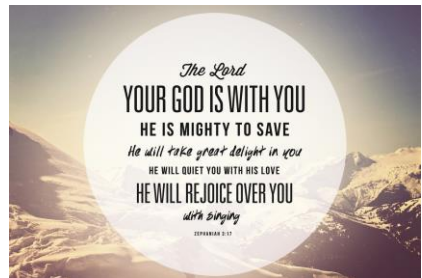
V. 10 the Lord calls Moses to go before Pharaoh and be the human element and spokesman for this promised deliverance



- V. 11 Moses responds by saying in essence, Who Me? Or Why Me?
- V. 12 Yahweh responds not with why Moses is uniquely equipped, but rather affirms that He (Yahweh) will be with him.

“I am with you”

- -Moses
- -Deuteronomy 31:6 I will never leave you nor forsake you
- Isaiah 41:10 Fear not for I am with you
- Zephaniah 3:17 “he Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save, he He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, he will rejoice over you with singing.”
- -Hebrews 13:5 I will never leave you nor forsake you
- -Matthew 28:19-20 I will be with you to the end of the age
- -Revelation 21-22 God will be in their midst



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Ex. 3:13

What Will I Say?

GOD'S RESPONSE
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God responds...
Ex. 3:15-22

*I AM has sent you...
with a promise of deliverance*

- V. 13 Moses asks by what name should he tell his people that God is going by...who sent him..."I AM WHO I AM.'
- John 8:58 "Before Abraham was I am..."
- Commentary on "I Am" from Mann
- "Whatever the original intention of these verses, in their present position they point away from any revelation of Yahweh's identity in a single and private moment of unveiling, and point instead toward the progressive disclosure of Yahweh's identity as it is rendered by the narrative that follows. Accordingly, another possible translation of God's or even 'I am what I will be.' Yahweh's identity cannot be reduced to a single word-even if that word be his personal name-can be grasped only in and through the story that relates all of his words and deeds"
- v. 15-22 Yahweh lays out that He will be with Moses, The Israelites will listen to Moses, Pharaoh will not listen until Yahweh shows His strong hand. All of this told to Moses before Moses witnesses firsthand God unfolding His plan.



Chapter 4

- V. 1 MOSES'S 1ST OBJECTION – The people won't believe or listen to Moses and will say that the LORD did not appear to you
- V. 2-9 YAHWEH'S RESPONSE – Miraculously causes Moses' rod to turn into a snake and has Moses' hand turn leprous then healed upon putting hand into his cloak

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Moses says...
Ex. 4:10

I Can't Speak Well

GOD'S RESPONSE
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God responds...
Ex. 4:11-12

I Made Your Mouth... Trust Me!

V. 10 MOSES' 2ND OBJECTION-I'm unable to speak well

V. 11-12 YAHWEH'S RESPONSE – I made your mouth, Use it!

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GOD'S RESPONSE

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Vs. 13 Moses' 3rd OBJECTION-Send someone else

Vs. 14-17 YAHWEH'S RESPONSE-Your brother Aaron is coming to meet you and he is a good speaker and he will be your mouthpiece, now get your rod and head back to Egypt.

V. 18-31 Moses takes his family and heads towards Egypt along the way Yahweh reminds him that Pharaoh will be hardened (v.23), Zipporah circumcises Moses' firstborn so that Yahweh would not kill him (v. 24-26), Aaron goes out to the wilderness to meet Moses as commanded by God (v. 27) and Moses tells him all that God has told him and then they tell the nation and as a whole they believe Moses and bowed their heads and worshiped Yahweh (v. 28-31).

Conclusion: Moses and Aaron address the people and they respond in faith and worship!

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