

A Template for Redemption:

Exodus 2-7 and Moshe's Life

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1: The way out?

Exodus 2:11-22

(11) Some time after that, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his kinsfolk and witnessed their labors. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his kinsmen. (12) He turned this way and that and, seeing no one about, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

(13) When he went out the next day, he found two Hebrews fighting; so he said to the offender, "Why do you strike your fellow?" (14) He retorted, "Who made you chief and ruler over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Moses was frightened, and thought: Then the matter is known!

(15) When Pharaoh learned of the matter, he sought to kill Moses; but Moses fled from Pharaoh. He arrived in the land of Midian, and sat down beside a well. (16) Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came to draw water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock; (17) but shepherds came and drove them off. Moses rose to their defense, and he watered their flock. (18) When they returned to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come back so soon today?" (19) They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds; he even drew water for us and watered the flock." (20) He said to his daughters, "Where is he then? Why did you leave the man? Ask him in to break bread." (21) Moses consented to stay with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah as wife. (22) She bore a son whom he named Gershom, for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land."

שמות ב': י"א-כ"ב

(יא) ויהי | בימים ההם ויגדל משה ויצא אל-אחיו וירא בסבלתם וירא איש מצרי מכה איש-עברי מאחיו: (יב) ויפן כה וכה וירא כי אין איש ויהי את-המצרי ויטמנהו בחול:

(יג) ויצא ביום השני והנה שני-אנשים עברים נצים ויאמר לרשע למה תכה רעה: (יד) ויאמר מי שמך? לאיש שר ושפט עלינו הלהרגני אתה אמר כפ אשר הרגת את-המצרי וירא משה ויאמר אכן נודע הדבר:

(טו) וישמע פרעה את-הדבר הזה ויבקש להרג את-משה ויברח משה מפני פרעה וישב בארץ-מדן וישב על-הבאר: (טז) ולכתו מדן שבע בנות ותבאנה ותדלנה ותמלאנה את-הרהטים להשקות צאן אביהן: (יז) ויבאו הרעים ויגרשו ויגם משה וישעז וישק את-צאנם: (יח) ותבאנה אל-רעואל אביהן ויאמר מדוע מהרתן בא היום: (יט) ותאמרן איש מצרי הצילנו מיד הרעים וגם-דלה דלה לנו וישק את-הצאן: (כ) ויאמר אל-בנותיו ואיו למה זה עזבתן את-האיש קראן לו ויאכל לחם: (כא) ויואל משה לשבת את-האיש ויתן את-צפרה בתו למשה: (כב) ותלד בן ויקרא את-שמו גרשם כי אמר גר היליתי בארץ נכריה: {פ}

2. The man who saw

Exodus 3:1-4

(1) Now Moses, tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian, drove the flock into the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. (2) A messenger of יהוה appeared to him in a blazing fire out of a bush. He gazed, and there was a bush all aflame, yet the bush was not consumed. (3) Moses said, "I must turn aside to look at this marvelous sight; why doesn't the bush burn up?" (4) When יהוה saw that he had turned aside to look, God called to him out of the bush: "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am."

Deuteronomy 34:1-5

(1) Moses went up from the steppes of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the summit of Pisgah, opposite Jericho, and יהוה showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan...(4) And יהוה said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, 'I will assign it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your own eyes, but you shall not cross there." (5) So Moses the servant of יהוה died there, in the land of Moab, at the command of יהוה.

שמות ג:א-ד'

(א) ומֹשֶׁה הָיָה רֹעֵה אֶת־צֹאן יִתְרוֹ חֹתְנוֹ כִּתְּנוּ מִדְּבָר וַיִּנְהַג אֶת־הַצֹּאן אַחֲרֵי הַמִּדְבָּר וַיָּבֹא אֶל־הַר הַהַרְיֵהִים חֹרֶב־הַיְהוּדָה אֵלָיו בְּלִבְתַּאֲשׁ מִתּוֹךְ הַסִּינָה וַיֵּרָא וְהִנֵּה הַסִּינָה בֹעֵר בָּאֵשׁ וְהַסִּינָה אֵינָנוּ אֲכָלָה: (ג) וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶסְרֶה־נָּא וְאֶרְאֶה אֶת־הַמְרָאָה הַגְּדֹלָה הַזֶּה מִדּוֹעַ לֹא־יִבְעַר הַסִּינָה: (ד) וַיֵּרָא יְהוָה כִּי סָר לִרְאוֹת וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו אֱלֹהִים מִתּוֹךְ הַסִּינָה וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי:

דברים ל"ד:א-ה'

(א) וַיַּעַל מֹשֶׁה מֵעֲרֵבְתַּת מוֹאָב אֶל־הַר נְבוֹ רֹאשׁ הַפְּסִגָה אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי יַרְחוֹ וַיֵּרְאֶהוּ יְהוָה אֶת־כָּל־הָאָרֶץ אֶת־הַגִּלְעָד עַד־דָּן... (ד) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלָיו זֹאת הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וְלְיַעֲקֹב לֵאמֹר לְזֶרְעֶךָ אֶתְנַנְנָהּ הִרְאִיתִיךָ בְּעֵינַיִךָ וְשָׂמָה לֹא תַעֲבֹר: (ה) וַיָּמָת שָׁם מֹשֶׁה עַבְד־יְהוָה בְּאָרֶץ מוֹאָב עַל־פִּי יְהוָה:

3. Facing the Egyptians

Exodus 3:5-10

(5) And [God] said, "Do not come closer! Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground!" (6) and continued, "I am the God of your father's [house]—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. (7) And יהוה continued, "I have marked well the plight of My people in Egypt and have heeded their outcry because of their taskmasters; yes, I am mindful of their sufferings. (8) I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians and to bring them out of that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey, the region of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. (9) Now the cry of the Israelites has reached Me; moreover, I have seen how the Egyptians oppress them. (10) Come, therefore, I will send you to Pharaoh, and you shall free My people, the Israelites, from Egypt."

שמות ג:ה-י'

(ה) וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵי־תִקְרַב הַלֵּם שֶׁל־נַעֲלִיךָ מֵעַל רַגְלֶיךָ כִּי הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה עוֹמֵד עָלָיו אֲדָמַת־קֹדֶשׁ הוּא: (ו) וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנֹכִי אֱלֹהֵי אָבִיךָ אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב וַיִּסְתֵּר מֹשֶׁה פָּנָיו כִּי יָרָא מִהִבֵּט אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים: (ז) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה רְאֵה רְאִיתִי אֶת־עַנְיֵי עַמִּי אֲשֶׁר בְּמִצְרַיִם וְאֶת־צַעֲקוֹתָם שְׁמַעְתִּי מִפְּנֵי נַגְשָׁיו כִּי יִדְעִתִּי אֶת־מַכְאֲבָיו: (ח) וְאַרְדֹּף לְהַצִּילוֹ מִיַּד מִצְרַיִם וְלְהַעֲלֹתוֹ מִן־הָאָרֶץ הַהִוא אֶל־אָרֶץ טוֹבָה וְרַחְבָּה אֶל־אָרֶץ זָבַת חֶלֶב וּדְבַשׁ אֶל־מָקוֹם הַכְּנַעֲנִי וְהַחִתִּי וְהָאֱמֹרִי וְהַפְּרִזִּי וְהַחִוִּי וְהַיְבוּסִי: (ט) וְעַתָּה הִנֵּה צַעֲקַת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל בָּאָה אֵלָי וְגַם־רְאִיתִי אֶת־הַלֹּחֵץ אֲשֶׁר מִצְרַיִם לֹחֲצִים אֹתָם: (י) וְעַתָּה לְכוּ וְאַשְׁלַחְכֶם אֶל־פַּרְעֹה וְהוֹצֵא אֶת־עַמִּי בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמִּצְרַיִם:

4: Facing the Israelites

Exodus 5:20-21

(20) As they left Pharaoh's presence, they came upon Moses and Aaron standing in their path, (21) and they said to them, "May יהוה look upon you and punish you for making us loathsome to Pharaoh and his courtiers—putting a sword in their hands to slay us."

Numbers 16:12-14

(12) Moses sent for Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab; but they said, "We will not come! (13) Is it not enough that you brought us from a land flowing with milk and honey to have us die in the wilderness, that you would also lord it over us? (14) Even if you had brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and given us possession of fields and vineyards, should you gouge out the eyes of those involved? We will not come!"

Rashi on Exodus 2:13

(1) TWO MEN OF THE HEBREWS — viz., Dathan and Abiram (Nedarim 64b); it was they, too, who left over some of the manna (Exodus Rabbah 1:29).

שמות ה': כ"ב-כ"א

(כ) וַיִּפְגְּעוּ אֶת־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶת־אַהֲרֹן נֹצְבִים לְקִרְיָתְכֶם בְּצֵאתְכֶם מֵאֶת פְּרַעֲהוּ. (כא) וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֲלֵהֶם יְהוָה עֲלֵיכֶם וַיִּשְׁפֹּט אֲשֶׁר הִבְאַשְׁתֶּם אֶת־רֵיחֹנוּ בְּעֵינַי פְּרַעֲהוּ וּבְעֵינַי עֲבָדָיו לְתַת־חֶרֶב בְּיָדָם לְהַרְגֵנוּ:

במדבר ט"ז: י"ב-י"ד

(יב) וַיִּשְׁלַח מֹשֶׁה לְקַרְא לְדָתָן וְלֵאבִירָם בְּנֵי אֵלִיאָב וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא נֵעֲלֶה. (יג) הַמֵּלֵט כִּי הֵעֲלִיתָנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ זְבַת חֶלֶב וְדָבַשׁ לְהַמִּיתָנוּ בַּמִּדְבָּר כִּי־תִשְׁתַּרְרַר עָלֵינוּ גַם־הַשְּׂתַרְרָה. (יד) אִף לֹא אֶל־אֶרֶץ זְבַת חֶלֶב וְדָבַשׁ הִבִּיאָתָנוּ וּתְתַן־לָנוּ נַחֲלַת שָׂדֵה וְכַרְם הַעֵינַי הָאֲנָשִׁים הַהֵם תִּנְקַר לֹא נֵעֲלֶה:

5: Access to water

Exodus 15:22-26

(22) Then Moses caused Israel to set out from the Sea of Reeds. They went on into the wilderness of Shur; they traveled three days in the wilderness and found no water...(24) And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" (25) So he cried out to יהוה, and יהוה showed him a piece of wood; he threw it into the water and the water became sweet. There [God] made for them a fixed rule; there they were put to the test. (26) [God] said, "If you will heed your God יהוה diligently, doing what is upright in God's sight, giving ear to God's commandments and keeping all God's laws, then I will not bring upon you any of the diseases that I brought upon the Egyptians, for I יהוה am your healer."

שמות ט"ו: כ"ב-כ"א

(כב) וַיִּסַּע מֹשֶׁה אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵיַם־סוּף וַיֵּצְאוּ אֶל־מִדְבַר־שׁוּר וַיֵּלְכוּ שְׁלֹשַׁת־יָמִים בַּמִּדְבָּר וְלֹא־מָצְאוּ מַיִם... (כד) וַיִּלְנוּ הָעָם עַל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר מַה־נִּשְׁתַּהֲוֶה: (כה) וַיִּצְעַק אֶל־יְהוָה וַיֹּרְהוּ יְהוָה עֵץ וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶל־הַמַּיִם וַיִּמְתְּקוּ הַמַּיִם שָׁם שָׁם לֹן חֵק וּמִשְׁפָּט וְשָׁם נִסָּהוּ: (כו) וַיֹּאמֶר אֱ־שָׁמוּעַ תִּשְׁמָע לְקוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְהִיִּשְׁרָ בְּעֵינָיו תִּעֲשֶׂה וְהִאֲזַנְתָּ לְמִצְוֹתָיו וְשָׁמַרְתָּ כָּל־חֻקָּיו כָּל־הַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר־שָׁמַתִּי בְּמִצְרַיִם לֹא־אֲשִׁים עָלֶיךָ כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה רַפְּאֵךְ: {ס}

Bava Kamma 82a:5-6

..As it is taught in a *baraita* with regard to the verse: "and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water" (Exodus 15:22). Those who interpret verses said that water here is referring to nothing other than Torah, as it is stated: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come for water" (Isaiah 55:1). The verse means that since the Jews traveled for three days without hearing any Torah they became weary, and therefore the prophets among them arose and instituted for them that they should read from the Torah each Shabbat, and pause on Sunday, and read again on Monday, and pause on Tuesday and Wednesday, and read again on Thursday, and pause on Shabbat eve, so they would not tarry three days without hearing the Torah.

6. Moshe's future withdrawal

Deuteronomy 1:6-14

(6) Our God יהוה spoke to us at Horeb, saying: You have stayed long enough at this mountain. (7) Start out and make your way to the hill country of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, the hill country, the Shephelah, the Negeb, the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and the Lebanon, as far as the Great River, the river Euphrates. (8) See, I place the land at your disposal. Go, take possession of the land that יהוה swore to your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to assign to them and to their heirs after them. (9) Thereupon I said to you, "I cannot bear the burden of you by myself. (10) Your God יהוה has multiplied you until you are today as numerous as the stars in the sky.— (11) May יהוה, the God of your ancestors, increase your numbers a thousandfold, and bless you as promised.— (12) How can I bear unaided the trouble of you, and the burden, and the bickering! (13) Pick from each of your tribes candidates who are wise, discerning, and experienced, and I will appoint them as your heads." (14) You answered me and said, "What you propose to do is good."

דברים א' וי-י"ד

(ו) יהוה אלהינו דבר אלינו בחרב לאמר רב-לכם שבת בהר הזה. (ז) פנו ויסעו לכם ובאו הר האמרי ואל-כל שכניו בערבה בהר ובשפלה ובנגב ובחוף הים ארץ הפנעני והלבנון עד-הנהר הגדל גהר-פרת: (ח) ראה נתתי לפניכם את-הארץ באו ורשו את-הארץ אשר נשבע יהוה לאבותיכם לאברהם ליצחק וליעקב לתת להם ולזרעם אחריהם: (ט) ואמר אלכם בעת ההוא לאמר לא-אוכל לבדי שאת אתכם: (י) יהוה אלהיכם הרבה אתכם והנכם היום ככוכבי השמים לרב: (יא) יהוה אלהי אבותכם יסר עליכם ככם אלף פעמים ויברה אתכם כאשר דבר לכם: (יב) איכה אשא לבדי טרחכם ומשאכם וריבכם: (יג) הבו לכם אנשים חכמים ונבנים וידעים לשבטיכם ואשימם בראשיכם: (יד) ותענו אתי ותאמרו טוב-הדבר אשר-דברת לעשות:

7. A deficiency of speech

Exodus 4:10-12

(10) But Moses said to יהוה, "Please, O my lord, I have never been a man of words, either in times past or now that You have spoken to Your servant; I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." (11) And יהוה said to him, "Who gives humans speech? Who makes them dumb or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, יהוה? (12) Now go, and I will be with you as you speak and will instruct you what to say."

שמות ד' י'-י"ב

(י) ויאמר משה אל-יהוה בני אדני לא איש דברים אנכי גם מתמול גם משלשם גם מאז דברה אל-עבדך כי כבד-פה וכבד לשון אנכי: (יא) ויאמר יהוה אליו מי שם פה לאדם או מי-ישום אלים או חרש או פקח או עור הלוא אנכי יהוה: (יב) ועתה לה ואנכי אהיה עם-פיה והוריתיך אשר תדבר:

Exodus 2:23-25

(23) A long time after that, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites were groaning under the bondage and cried out; and their cry for help from the bondage rose up to God. (24) God heard their moaning, and God remembered the covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. (25) God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

שמות ב' כ"ג-כ"ה

(כג) ויהי בימים הרבים ההם וימת מלך מצרים ויאנחו בני-ישראל מן-העבדה ויצעקו ותעל שועתם אל-האלהים מן-העבדה: (כד) וישמע אלהים את-נאקתם ויזכר אלהים את-בריתו את-אברהם את-יצחק ואת-יעקב: (כה) וירא אלהים את-בני ישראל וידע אלהים: {ס}

8: Brotherhood and redemption

Exodus 4:13-16

But he said, “Please, O my lord, make someone else Your agent.” יהוה became angry with Moses and said, “There is your brother Aaron the Levite. He, I know, speaks readily. Even now he is setting out to meet you, and he will be happy to see you. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth—I will be with you and with him as you speak, and tell both of you what to do—and he shall speak for you to the people. Thus he shall serve as your spokesman, with you playing the role of God to him.

שמות ד': י"ג-ט"ז

וַיֹּאמֶר בְּנִי אֲדֹנָי שְׁלַח-נָא בְיַד-תְּשַׁלַּחַ: וַיַּחַר-אַף
 יְהוָה בְּמֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר הֲלֹא אֶהְרֵן אֶחִיךָ הֲלֹוֹי
 יָדַעְתִּי כִּי-דַבֵּר יִדְבַר הוּא וְגַם הִנֵּה-הוּא יֵצֵא
 לְקִרְאָתְךָ וְרָאֶה וְשָׁמַח בְּלִבּוֹ: וְדַבַּרְתָּ אֵלָיו
 וְשָׁמַתְּ אֶת-הַדְּבָרִים בְּפִיו וְאֲנֹכִי אֶהְיֶה עִם-פִּיךָ
 וְעִם-פִּיהוּ וְהוֹרִיתִי אֶתְכֶם אֶת אֲשֶׁר תִּעְשֹׂון:
 וְדַבַּר-הוּא לָךְ אֶל-הָעָם וְהָיָה הוּא יְהִיֶה-לְךָ
 לִפֹּה וְאַתָּה תְּהִיֶה-לּוֹ לְאֱלֹהִים:

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..when the Holy One, blessed be He, told Moses to go to Pharaoh as His messenger, he replied: *O Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom Thou wilt send* (Exod. 4:13). Put out of your mind the thought that Moses was distressed because he was not willing to go. That is not so. He actually was concerned about Aaron's prestige. Moses said: Before I was designated (to go), my brother Aaron prophesied in Egypt for them for eighty years, as it is written: *And I made known to them in the land of Egypt* (Exod. 20:5)...Throughout all these years my brother prophesied, and if I should now intrude into his area (of service) he will be deeply distressed. That is why Moses did not wish to go. The Holy One, blessed be He, replied to Moses: Aaron will not be offended. In fact, not only will he not be displeased, but he will rejoice. You know this is so, for He said to him: *And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee; when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart* (Exod. 4:14). It does not say “he will be glad with his mouth” or simply “he will be glad,” but rather, he will glad to see him, *in his heart*.

Shemot Rabbah 5:9

"**And God said to Aharon, 'Go to meet Moshe in the wilderness'**": This is that which is written (Job 37:5), "God thunders wonders with His voice" - what is it that he thunders?.. Rabbi Reuven said, "At the time that the Holy One, blessed be He, said to Moshe in Midian, 'Go return to Egypt' (Exodus 4:19), the speech divided into two voices and it became two faces. And Moshe heard in Midian, 'Go return to Egypt,' but Aharon heard, 'Go to meet Moshe in the wilderness.'" Hence, "God thunders wonders with His voice."

9: There will be blood

Exodus 4:24-26

(24) At a night encampment on the way, יהוה encountered him and sought to kill him. (25) So Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin, and touched his legs with it, saying, “You are truly a bridegroom of blood to me!” (26) And when [God] let him alone, she added, “A bridegroom of blood because of the circumcision.”

שמות ד': כ"ד-כ"ו

(כד) וַיִּתֵּנִי בַדְרֹךְ בַּמַּלְאָךְ וַיִּפְגְּשֵׁהוּ יְהוָה
 וַיִּבְקֶשׂ הַמִּיתוֹ: (כה) וַתִּקַּח צִפּוֹרָה צֹר
 וַתְּכַרֵּת אֶת-עֶרְלַת בְּנֹהּ וַתַּגֵּעַ לְרַגְלָיו
 וַתֹּאמֶר כִּי חַתּוּן-דָּמִים אַתָּה לִּי: (כו) וַיִּרְרָה
 מִפְּנֵי אֵז אֲמָרָה חַתּוּן דָּמִים לְמוֹלַת: {פ}

10: Regaining identity

Exodus 5:22-23

(22) Then Moses returned to יהוה and said, “O my lord, why did You bring harm upon this people? Why did You send me? (23) Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has dealt worse with this people; and still You have not delivered Your people.”

שמות ה':כ"ב-כ"ג

(כב) וישב מֹשֶׁה אֶל־יְהוָה ויאמר אֲדֹנָי לָמָּה הִרְעִיתָהּ לְעַם הַזֶּה לָמָּה זֶה שְׁלַחְתָּנִי וּמֵאֵף בָּאתִי אֶל־פַּרְעֹה לְדַבֵּר בְּשֵׁמֶךָ הִרַע לְעַם הַזֶּה וְהִצַּל לֹא־הִצַּלְתָּ אֶת־עַמֶּךָ:

Exodus 6:10-7:2

(10) יהוה spoke to Moses, saying, (11) “Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites depart from his land.” (12) But Moses appealed to יהוה, saying, “The Israelites would not listen to me; how then should Pharaoh heed me, me—who gets tongue-tied!” (13) So יהוה spoke to both Moses and Aaron in regard to the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, instructing them to deliver the Israelites from the land of Egypt. (14) The following are the heads of their respective clans. The sons of Reuben, Israel’s first-born: Enoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi; those are the families of Reuben... (18) The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel; and the span of Kohath’s life was 133 years... (20) Amram took into his [household] as wife his father’s sister Jochebed, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and the span of Amram’s life was 137 years... (23) Aaron took into his [household] as wife Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab and sister of Nahshon, and she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar... (26) It is the same Aaron and Moses to whom יהוה said, “Bring forth the Israelites from the land of Egypt, troop by troop.” (27) It was they who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt to free the Israelites from the Egyptians; these are the same Moses and Aaron. (28) For when יהוה spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt (29) and יהוה said to Moses, “I am יהוה; speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I will tell you,” (30) Moses appealed to יהוה, saying, “See, I get tongue-tied; how then should Pharaoh heed me!”... (1) יהוה replied to Moses, “See, I place you in the role of God to Pharaoh, with your brother Aaron as your prophet. (2) You shall repeat all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh to let the Israelites depart from his land.

שמות ו':י'-ז:ב'

(י) וידבר יהוה אל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: (יא) בֵּא דַבֵּר אֶל־פַּרְעֹה מֶלֶךְ מִצְרָיִם וְיִשְׁלַח אֶת־בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרְצוֹ: (יב) וידבר מֹשֶׁה לִפְנֵי יְהוָה לֵאמֹר הֵן בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא־שָׁמְעוּ אֵלַי וְאִיךָ־שָׁמְעֵנִי פַרְעֹה וְאֲנִי עֶרְל שִׁפְתַּיִם: {פ} (יג) וידבר יהוה אל־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶל־אַהֲרֹן וַיְצַוֵם אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶל־פַּרְעֹה מֶלֶךְ מִצְרָיִם לְהוֹצִיא אֶת־בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם: {ס} (יד) אֵלֶּה רְאשֵׁי בֵית־אֲבֹתֶם בְּנֵי רְאוּבֵן בְּכֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל חֲנֹךְ וּפְלוּאֵל חֲצֹרֶן וְכַרְמִי אֵלֶּה מִשְׁפַּחַת רְאוּבֵן... (יח) וּבְנֵי קְהָת עֲמָרָם וַיִּצְהָר וְחִבְרוֹן וְעֻזִּיאֵל וּשְׁנֵי־חַיִּי קְהָת שְׁלֹשׁ וּשְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאֵת שָׁנָה... (כ) וַיִּקַּח עֲמָרָם אֶת־יֹכְבֵד דֹּדְתוֹ לֵוִי לְאִשָּׁה וַתֵּלֶד לּוֹ אֶת־אַהֲרֹן וְאֶת־מֹשֶׁה וּשְׁנֵי־חַיִּי עֲמָרָם שִׁבְעָה וּשְׁלֹשִׁים וּמֵאֵת שָׁנָה... (כג) וַיִּקַּח אַהֲרֹן אֶת־אֵלִישֶׁבַע בַּת־עַמִּינָדָב אַחֲתוֹת נַחֲשֹׁן לֵוִי לְאִשָּׁה וַתֵּלֶד לּוֹ אֶת־נָדָב וְאֶת־אֲבִיהוּא אֶת־אֶלְעָזָר וְאֶת־אִיתָמָר... (כו) הֵנּוּ אַהֲרֹן וּמֹשֶׁה אֲשֶׁר אָמַר יְהוָה לְהֵם הוֹצִיאוּ אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם עַל־צַבְאֹתָם: (כז) הֵם הַמְדַבְּרִים אֶל־פַּרְעֹה מֶלֶךְ־מִצְרָיִם לְהוֹצִיא אֶת־בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמִּצְרָיִם הוּא מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן: (כח) וַיְהִי בַיּוֹם דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם: {ס} (כט) וידבר יהוה אל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר אֲנִי יְהוָה דַּבֵּר אֶל־פַּרְעֹה מֶלֶךְ מִצְרָיִם אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי דֹבֵר אֵלֶיךָ: (ל) ויאמר מֹשֶׁה לִפְנֵי יְהוָה הֵן אֲנִי עֶרְל שִׁפְתַּיִם וְאִיךָ־שָׁמְעֵנִי פַרְעֹה... (א) ויאמר יהוה אל־מֹשֶׁה רְאֵה נִתְתִּיבֶיךָ אֱלֹהִים לְפַרְעֹה וְאַהֲרֹן אַחֲיֶיךָ יִהְיֶה נְבִיאֶיךָ: (ב) אַתָּה תְדַבֵּר אֶת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר אֲצַוְנֶךָ וְאַהֲרֹן אַחֲיֶיךָ יְדַבֵּר אֶל־פַּרְעֹה וְיִשְׁלַח אֶת־בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרְצוֹ: