

THE LIFE OF MOSES

I. Moses Returns to Egypt (Exodus 4:18-31)

1. What reason does Moses give to Jethro for why he is returning to Egypt? (4:18)

Why might he not have offered the "whole story"?

2. What might verse 19 suggest about when the burning bush exchange took place, relative to the death of Pharaoh in 2:23?

Why else might the Lord have had to "notify" Moses of this event?

3. Who comes with Moses as he heads back to Egypt? (4:20)

4. Along the way, the Lord sought to kill Moses. (4:24-27) What apparently was the reason for that, and what stopped it?

What lessons can we draw about the importance of the "basics" in our service to God, especially among our leaders?

5. While Moses was heading to Egypt, whom does the Lord send out into the wilderness? (4:27-28)

6. When they arrived in Egypt, what did Moses and Aaron say to the people, and what did they do? (4:29-30)

What was the response of the Israelites? (4:31) Was this in keeping with what the Lord had predicted? (3:18)

7. What did the Lord reiterate on the journey to Egypt would be the reaction of Pharaoh to Moses' proposals? (4:21)

How did the Lord characterize the nature of the impasse between Him and Pharaoh that was coming? (4:22-23)

II. Moses' First Encounter with Pharaoh (Exodus 5:1-23)

1. What specifically did Moses say the Lord demanded of Pharaoh? (5:1, 3)

To whom were threats of punishment from God directed in this exchange?

2. What objections did Pharaoh have? (5:2, 4-5)

What action did Pharaoh take in response? (5:6-14)

3. The foremen of the Israelites apparently thought there was some mix-up in the new instructions from the taskmasters, so they appealed to Pharaoh (4:15-16)

What "reasoning" does Pharaoh offer to explain his new quotas? (4:17-18)

Once they understood this was not a mix-up, to whom did they turn? (4:19-21)

What does this sequence demonstrate about the Israelite's understanding of the power of God versus Pharaoh?

III. Moses Turns to the Lord (Exodus 5:22-6:9)

1. Given the negative fallout from his first encounter with Pharaoh, what is the question Moses has for the Lord? (5:22-23)

2. In His response, what point does the Lord make about His name? (6:2-3)

What four things does the Lord say he has done in the past? (6:2-5)

What seven things does the Lord state He will do in the future? (6:6-8)

3. When Moses relayed this message to the Israelites, how did they receive it? (6:9) What reason is given for their reception?

4. What options did Moses have at this point in his life?