

Exodus 4:1-17 **Final words and instructions at Burning Bush**

¹ Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'" ² So the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A rod." ³ And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail" (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), ⁵ that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." ⁶ Furthermore the LORD said to him, "Now put your hand in your bosom." And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, like snow. ⁷ And He said, "Put your hand in your bosom again." So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his other flesh. ⁸ Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. ⁹ And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river and pour it on the dry land. And the water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry land."

¹⁰ Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹ So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? ¹² Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say." ¹³ But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send." ¹⁴ So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵ Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶ So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. ¹⁷ And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs."
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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Moses has doubts that the Children of Israel will believe him or even listen to him. He remembers the problem 40 years before that caused him to flee from Egypt to Midian in the first place, when the people he attempted to help did not believe he meant them any good. [\[Exodus 2:11-15\]](#)
- ✧ Yehowah gave Moses three signs to take to the Children of Israel:
 - ✧ Rod becomes a Serpent.
 - ✧ Hand becomes Leprous.
 - ✧ Water becomes Blood.
- ✧ Moses said to Yehowah, "O Adoney, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

When He was in Egypt 40 years before, he spoke Egyptian fluently being a General in the Egyptian military.

But now he is going to the Hebrews and hasn't spoken Hebrew much at all and it has been 40 years since he has spoken Egyptian, because he has been speaking Arabic so long being in Midian in Arabia.

It is understandable that he would feel he will have to think about how to speak either language since he has not used them for such a long time, and he would certainly be slow of speech as he searches for words to say.

- ☆ Yehowah assured Moses that He would be with Moses and would guide his mouth.
In this assurance God reveals a few things we do not think about in our daily lives.
 - ◇ It is God Who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind.
 - ◇ Since God Himself creates these infirmities in the first place, God is also able to reverse the situation and guide the tongue in bringing His message to anyone.

After all God gave a donkey the ability to speak to Balaam. [\[Numbers 22:28\]](#) Of course at the time of Moses commission at the Burning Bush, Balaam had not yet come on the scene, that was to happen later when Israel is ready to enter the Promised Land.

- ☆ Moses still asked God to send someone else, and in disgust God said He would send Aaron the brother of Moses with Moses since he is still in Egypt and speaks both languages fluently. However God would speak to Moses and Moses would tell Aaron what to say.
- ☆ God told Moses that Aaron is coming out to meet him and will be glad when he sees Moses.
- ☆ God repeated the chain of command and told Moses to speak to Aaron with the assurance that God will be with Moses' mouth and will teach Moses what to say and do.
- ☆ Aaron will be a mouth piece for Moses, and Moses will speak for God Himself.
- ☆ The rod will be used to do the signs that God will bring on Egypt to demonstrate to Moses, the Children of Israel, Pharaoh, the Egyptians, and the world, that God truly is God. [\[Exodus 6:7, 7:5, 7:17, 9:14, 10:2\]](#)