

# Exodus 19:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;**

Moses ascends as mediator between God and people—foreshadowing Christ's superior mediation. The dual naming 'house of Jacob' and 'children of Israel' is deliberate: Jacob represents their natural descent from the trickster-turned-patriarch, while Israel recalls Jacob's wrestling and transformation. God addresses both their origins (Jacob) and their destiny (Israel). The mountain becomes the meeting point—Moses climbing up while God calls down, establishing the pattern of divine-human covenant engagement where God initiates and man responds.

## Historical Context

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This is Moses' first of many ascents up Mount Sinai during the covenant-making process. Ancient Near Eastern treaties often involved mountain settings as witnesses, but here the mountain itself is the site of divine presence.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## 1 John 4:8 — God is love

### Study Questions

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1. Why does God use both 'Jacob' and 'Israel' to address the people, and what does this reveal about their identity?
2. How does Moses' role as mediator prefigure Christ's superior priesthood (Hebrews 3:1-6)?

### Interlinear Text

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וּמֹשֶׁה	עָלָה	אֶל	הָאֱלֹהִים	וַיִּקְרָא	אֵלַי	יְהוָה	מִן
And Moses	went up	H413	unto God	called	H413	and the LORD	H4480
H4872	H5927		H430	H7121		H3068	
הָרֶקֶת	תֹּאמַר	כֹּה	תֹּאמַר				
unto him out of the mountain	Thus shalt thou say	H3541	Thus shalt thou say				
H2022	H559		H559				
לְבֵית	יַעֲקֹב	וְתִגֵּד	לְבָנֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל:			
to the house	of Jacob	and tell	the children	of Israel			
H1004	H3290	H5046	H1121	H3478			

### Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 3:4** (References God): And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

**Acts 7:38** (Parallel theme): This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: