

Exodus 3:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt (עַתָּה לֹכֶה וְאֶשְׁלַחֲךָ אֶל־) —God's commission: **I will send thee** (אֶשְׁלַחֲךָ), eshlachakha). **Come... and I will send**—Moses must draw near before being sent. **Unto Pharaoh**—direct confrontation with world's greatest power. **Bring forth my people**—**bring forth** (הֵצֵא אֶת־עֲםִי) (יָצָא, yatsa, "exodus/go out") gives the book its name. **My people** emphasizes covenant relationship. This is Moses' life-defining call—leading the greatest deliverance in OT history, typifying Christ's greater redemption (Luke 9:31, Jesus' "exodus" at Jerusalem). Moses will resist (vv. 11, 13; 4:1, 10, 13), but God's call stands firm.

Historical Context

Moses' commission comes after 80 years of preparation: 40 in Pharaoh's court learning Egyptian politics/culture, 40 in Midian's wilderness learning humility and survival. God's call is specific (unto Pharaoh), purposeful (bring forth), and personal (my people). This pattern of long preparation followed by specific commissioning appears throughout Scripture (Joseph, David, John the Baptist, Paul).

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Moses' 80-year preparation encourage you during seasons of waiting before clear calling emerges?
2. What does God's direct commission ('I will send you') teach about the authority and responsibility of those called to difficult ministry?

Interlinear Text

לְכָה וְעַתָּה	וְאַשְׁלַחֲךָ	אֶל	פַּרְעֹה הַ
H6258	H1980	H7971	H413
now therefore and I will send			thee unto Pharaoh
			H6547
וְהַזֵּאת אַתָּה	עַתָּה אַתָּה	בְּנֵי	מִמִּצְרַיִם:
that thou mayest bring forth	H853	my people	of Israel
H3318	H5971	H1121	H4714
וְשַׁבָּא לְ			out of Egypt

Additional Cross-References

Micah 6:4 (References Egypt): For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

Psalms 105:26 (Parallel theme): He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.

1 Samuel 12:6 (References Egypt): And Samuel said unto the people, It is the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

Acts 7:34 (References Egypt): I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

Psalms 77:20 (Parallel theme): Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Hosea 12:13 (References Israel): And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

Acts 7:36 (References Egypt): He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

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