

# Exodus 4

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## Signs for Moses

<sup>1</sup> And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

<sup>2</sup> And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

<sup>3</sup> And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

<sup>4</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

<sup>5</sup> That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.

<sup>7</sup> And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.

<sup>8</sup> And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

<sup>9</sup> And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

**10** And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

**11** And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?

**12** Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

**13** And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.

**14** And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

**15** And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

**16** And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.

**17** And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

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### **Moses Returns to Egypt**

**18** And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

**19** And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.

**20** And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

**21** And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

**22** And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:

**23** And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

**24** And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.

**25** Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.

**26** So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

**27** And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

**28** And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

**29** And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:

**30** And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

**31** And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### **Believe** — אָמֵן (Aman)

To believe, trust, be faithful

The Hebrew **aman** (אָמֵן) means to believe or confirm—the root of 'Amen.' It conveys firm trust and reliability. Abraham 'believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness' (Genesis 15:6).

### **Lord** — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### **Blood** — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

### **Repent** — שׁוּב / נָחַם (Shuv / Nacham)

To turn back, relent

The Hebrew **shuv** (שׁוּב) means to turn or return—a physical turning that represents spiritual redirection back to God. **Nacham** (נָחַם) conveys grief or relenting, often used of God 'repenting' of judgment.

### **God** — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

### **Word** — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

## CROSS REFERENCES

**Exodus 4:1**    **References Lord:** Exodus 3:18

**Exodus 4:2**    **Parallel theme:** Exodus 4:17; 4:20; Genesis 30:37; Isaiah 11:4; Micah 7:14.

**References Lord:** Leviticus 27:32; Psalms 110:2

### **Exodus 4:5**

**Faith:** Exodus 4:31; 19:9; John 11:42. **References God:** Exodus 3:15; Genesis 48:3. **References Lord:** Genesis 12:7; 18:1; 26:2

**Exodus 4:6** **Parallel theme:** Numbers 12:10; 2 Kings 5:27

**Exodus 4:7** **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 32:39; 2 Kings 5:14; Matthew 8:3

**Exodus 4:8** **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 32:39; Isaiah 28:10

**Exodus 4:10** **References Lord:** Exodus 4:1; 6:12; Jeremiah 1:6. **References Moses:** Acts 7:22. **Parallel theme:** Job 12:2; 2 Corinthians 10:10; 11:6

**Exodus 4:11** **References Lord:** Psalms 51:15; 146:8; Jeremiah 1:6; 1:9; Ezekiel 33:22; Amos 3:6. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 94:9; Isaiah 6:7; 42:7; Matthew 11:5

**Exodus 4:12** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 32:9; 143:10; Isaiah 49:2; 50:4; Jeremiah 1:9; Mark 13:11; Luke 11:1; John 14:26; Ephesians 6:19

**Exodus 4:13** **References Lord:** Exodus 4:1; Jonah 1:3

**Exodus 4:14** **References Lord:** Exodus 4:27. **Parallel theme:** 1 Chronicles 21:7

**Exodus 4:15** **Word:** Numbers 23:5; 23:16; Deuteronomy 18:18; Isaiah 51:16; 59:21; Jeremiah 1:9. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 4:12; Numbers 23:12; Matthew 28:20; Luke 21:15

**Exodus 4:16** **References God:** Exodus 18:19

**Exodus 4:17** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 4:2; 1 Corinthians 1:27

**Exodus 4:18** **Word:** Exodus 3:1

**Exodus 4:19** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 2:20. **References Egypt:** Exodus 2:23. **References Moses:** Exodus 2:15

**Exodus 4:20**

**References God:** Exodus 17:9. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 4:2. **References Moses:** Numbers 20:11

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**Parallel theme:** John 12:40; Romans 9:18. **References Lord:** Exodus 7:13; 9:12; 10:20; 14:8; Joshua 11:20; Isaiah 63:17. **References Egypt:** Exodus 3:20; 7:3

**Exodus 4:22** **References Israel:** Jeremiah 31:9; Hosea 11:1; Romans 9:4. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 12:23. **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 14:1; Isaiah 63:16; 64:8

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**Exodus 4:24** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 17:14; 42:27; 1 Kings 13:24; Hosea 13:8. **References**  
**Lord:** Exodus 3:18; Leviticus 10:3; 1 Chronicles 21:16

**Exodus 4:25** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 17:14. **Blood:** 2 Samuel 16:7

**Exodus 4:27** **References God:** Exodus 3:1

**Exodus 4:29** **References Israel:** Exodus 3:16

**Exodus 4:31** **References Lord:** Exodus 3:16; 3:18. **Worship:** Exodus 12:27; Genesis 24:26.  
**References Israel:** Exodus 2:25. **Faith:** Luke 8:13

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