

# Exodus 4:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה לֵז עַד תָּבֹא אֶלְךָ בְּמִקְדָּשָׁךְ וְיִבְאֶלְךָ (בְּחִיקָן וַיַּצָּא אֵת וְהַנְּהֵרֶת מִצְרָעָת פְּשָׁלָג—The second sign: instantaneous **leprosy** (צְרָעָת, tsara'at, severe skin disease). **Leprous as snow** (צְרָעָת פְּשָׁלָג)—white, diseased skin. In Israel, leprosy symbolized sin's corruption, requiring isolation (Leviticus 13-14). Moses experiences both affliction and healing (v. 7) instantaneously—demonstrating God's power over life, death, health, and disease. This sign previewed God's judgment on Egypt (plagues) and healing for obedient Israel. Symbolically, Moses learns that God's power both judges and restores.

## Historical Context

Leprosy (tsara'at) included various skin diseases, all rendering a person ceremonially unclean and socially isolated. The instant onset and healing demonstrated supernatural power over biology and disease—something no Egyptian magic could replicate. This sign also prepared Moses for intercession—experiencing affliction creates compassion for the afflicted (Hebrews 4:15).

## Related Passages

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## James 2:17 — Faith and works

## Study Questions

1. How does Moses' experience of both affliction and healing prepare him for ministry to a suffering people?
2. What does this sign teach about God's sovereignty over sickness and health, judgment and mercy?

## Interlinear Text

יָדִי	יְהִי הָלָזֶן	וְעַד	יְהִי אֶת	יְהִי אֶת	יְהִי אֶת	יְהִי אֶת
<b>said</b>	<b>And the LORD</b>	H0	<b>furthermore</b>	<b>And he put</b>	H4994	<b>his hand</b>
H559	H3068		H5750	H935		H3027
into his bosom	And he put	his hand	into his bosom	and when he took		H2009
H2436	H935	H3027	H2436	H3318		
his hand	was leprosy	as snow				
H3027	H6879	H7950				

## Additional Cross-References

**2 Kings 5:27** (Parallel theme): The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

**Numbers 12:10** (Parallel theme): And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

