

Exodus 1-6 - Moses, Aaron, and Miriam

- Moses is probably the most important person in the Jewish Scriptures. Read **Exodus 1:1-2:25** and tell whether the following statements are true or false.

T / F The descendants of Jacob (a.k.a. Israel) and his 12 sons became weaker and weaker in Egypt.

T / F The new king in Egypt remembered Joseph and his work.

T / F The more the Egyptians afflicted the Israelites, the stronger they grew.

T / F Shiphrah and Puah were midwives for the Hebrews.

T / F They were told to drown all newborn baby boys and girls in the Nile River.

T / F When Moses was born, his mother hid him in a basket in the river.

T / F Moses brother Aaron secretly watched over him.

T / F Pharaoh's daughter, named Miriam, found Moses and adopted him.

T / F When he grew up, Moses killed an Egyptian who beat a Hebrew worker.

T / F Moses fled to India.

T / F Moses got married and had a son.

T / F When the Israelite slaves cried to God, the LORD paid attention to them.
- According to **Exodus 3:1-4:17**, God spoke to Moses from out of a burning bush and told him to go back to Egypt and tell the king (that is, the Pharaoh) to free the Israelites. But Moses objected! Match his four excuses with the Lord's answers.

_____ Who am I to confront the Pharaoh?

_____ I don't know your name.

_____ The people won't believe you have appeared to me.

_____ I am not an eloquent speaker.

A. You can turn your rod into a snake and make your hand leprous.

B. I, the LORD, will go with you.

C. Your brother Aaron can speak for you.

D. My names is Yahweh, I Am Who I Am.
- Read all the footnotes connected with **Exodus 3:14-15**. Whenever you see the word LORD, in all uppercase letters, it really stands for the divine name, which is:

Why do you suppose we seldom use this name in our worship today?

4. Read **Exodus 4:18-31**. Circle the detail do you find most encouraging. Underline the one you find most challenging.

- Moses took his wife and sons with him back to Egypt.
- He took his shepherd's staff with him.
- The LORD promised to harden Pharaoh's heart.
- One night the LORD tried to kill Moses.
- Zipporah circumcised their son, touched Moses, and they were saved.
- Aaron met Moses in the wilderness.
- When they talked with the Israelite leaders, the people believed them.

5. **Exodus 5:1-23** tells how the Pharaoh reacted to Moses and Aaron.

He ordered the Israelites to make the same number of _____.
But he wouldn't give them any _____; they had to find their own.
So the Israelite slaves complained to _____, and then to _____.
And then Moses complained to _____

6. List all the things which the LORD promised to do for the Israelites, according to **Exodus 6:1-13**.

7. Where do you suppose Miriam was all this time?