

Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 4; Job 21; Luke 7; 1 Cor. 8

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Exodus 4

In Exodus 4:1, Moses asked a very reasonable question to YHWH. He asked, what if the people do not believe what I say nor listen to my voice? We all should be able to relate to that question. YHWH goes on to give Moses **three signs** to ensure that the people will believe and listen; the rod that would turn into a serpent or naḥash; his hand that would become leprous; and lastly water from the river poured on the dry land would turn into blood.

Moses Given Powerful Signs

Exo 4:1 And Mosheh answered and said, “And if they do not believe me, nor listen to my voice, and say, ‘יהוה has not appeared to you?’ ”

Exo 4:2 And יהוה said to him, “What is that in your hand?” And he said, “A rod.”

Exo 4:3 And He said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent. And Mosheh fled from it.

Exo 4:4 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Reach out your hand and seize it by the tail” – so he reached out his hand and took hold of it, and it became a rod in his hand –

Exo 4:5 so that they believe that יהוה Elohim of their fathers, the Elohim of Aḇraham, the Elohim of Yitshaq, and the Elohim of Ya’aqob, has appeared to you.”

Exo 4:6 And יהוה said to him again, “Now put your hand in your bosom.” And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, and see, his hand was leprous, like snow.

Exo 4:7 And He said, “Put your hand in your bosom again.” So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and see, it was restored like his other flesh.

Exo 4:8 “And it shall be, if they do not believe you, nor listen to the voice of the first sign, they shall believe the voice of the latter sign.

Exo 4:9 “And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river and pour it on the dry land. And the water which you take from the river shall become blood on the dry land.”

Besides being in the presence of YHWH, one would think the signs would provide Moses with the confidence needed. But it doesn't. Moses has doubts about himself which makes one wonder how the past 40 years had been for him. Life had not turned out the way he had planned and now **he was being asked to return to the scene of his former life and his pain**. His memories still existed of how he once tried to help a Hebrew brother and failed miserably.

Exo 4:10 And Mosheh said to יהוה, "ו יהוה, I am not a man of words, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant, for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

Exo 4:11 And יהוה said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, יהוה?"

Exo 4:12 "And now, go, and I shall be with your mouth and teach you what to say."

Exo 4:13 But he said, "ו יהוה, please send by the hand of him whom You would send."

Exo 4:14 And the displeasure of יהוה burned against Mosheh, and He said, "Is not Aharon the Lēwite your brother? I know that he speaks well. And see, he is also coming out to meet you. And when he sees you, he shall be glad in his heart.

Exo 4:15 "And you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I am with your mouth and with his mouth, and I shall teach you what to do.

Exo 4:16 "And he shall speak for you to the people. And it shall be that he shall be a mouth for you, and you shall be an **elohim**^a for him. **Footnote: ^aOr mighty one.**

Exo 4:17 "And take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs."

Moses is hesitant. YHWH is not pleased with Moses' lack of faith and relents by sending Aaron, his Levite brother, to be Moses' mouthpiece. YHWH has Aaron meet Moses at the mountain of Elohim.

Exo 4:27 And יהוה said to Aharon, "Go to meet Mosheh in the wilderness." And he went and met him on the mountain of Elohim, and kissed him.

The following verses are instructions given to Moses for Pharaoh. Shortly afterwards, we see a strange twist of events and the immediate circumcision of Moses' son by Zipporah.

In the instructions to Pharaoh, one of the first things Moses is to tell Pharaoh is, “**But if you refuse to let him go, see, I am killing your son, your first-born.**” We know that the killing of the first-born son was the 10th plague that YHWH sends upon Egypt. One wonders why it was mentioned here first. Possibly, YHWH wanted Pharaoh to know that the situation could escalate to the death of his first-born son if he refused to let YHWH’s people go, who were His first born – Israel. Pharaoh was given many opportunities.

Moses Returns to Egypt

Exo 4:18 Then Mosheh went and returned to Yether^b his father-in-law, and said to him, “Please let me go and return to my brothers who are in Mitsrayim to see whether they are still alive.” And Yithro^c said to Mosheh, “Go in peace.” Footnotes: ^bA title meaning “Excellency.” ^cA title meaning “his Excellency.”

Exo 4:19 And יהוה^a said to Mosheh in Midyan, “Go, return to Mitsrayim, for all the men are dead who sought your life.”

Exo 4:20 So Mosheh took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Mitsrayim. And Mosheh took the rod of Elohim in his hand.

Exo 4:21 And יהוה^a said to Mosheh, “As you go back to Mitsrayim, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I am going to strengthen his heart, so that he does not let the people go.

Exo 4:22 “And you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus said יהוה^a, “**Yisra’ël is My son, My first-born,**

Exo 4:23 so I say to you, let My son go to serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, see, I am killing your son, your first-born.” ’ ’ ”

Exo 4:24 And it came to be on the way, in the lodging place, that יהוה^a met him and sought to kill him.

Exo 4:25 And Tsipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and threw it at his feet, and said, “You are indeed a bridegroom of blood to me!”

Exo 4:26 So He let him go. Then she said, “You are a bridegroom of blood,” because of the circumcision.

Exo 4:27 And יהוה^a said to Aharon, “Go to meet Mosheh in the wilderness.” And **he went and met him on the mountain of Elohim**, and kissed him.

Note: Some may consider this a trip up the mount by Moses as well.

Exo 4:28 Mosheh then told Aharon all the words of יהוה^a who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him.

Exo 4:29 And Mosheh went with Aharon and gathered together all the elders of the children of Yisra’ël.

Exo 4:30 And Aharon spoke all the words which יהוה^a had spoken to Mosheh. Then he

did the signs before the eyes of the people.

Exo 4:31 And the people believed. And they heard that יהוה had visited the children of Yisra'el and that He had looked on their affliction, and they bowed their heads and did obeisance.

In Exo 4:22 – YHWH identified Israel (Jacob) as **His first-born son**, not Esau.

Exo 4:22 “And you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus said יהוה, “**Yisra'el is My son, My first-born,**

In Exo 4:23 – Pharaoh’s refusal would bring about the killing of his first-born son.

Exo 4:23 so I say to you, let My son go to serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, see, I am killing your son, your first-born.” ’ ’ ”

In Exo 4:24-26, it is believed that wrath came toward Moses’ son because he had not been circumcised. Gen 17:10 **“This is My covenant which you guard between Me and you, and your seed after you: Every male child among you is to be circumcised.** Zipporah acts quickly to resolve the issue and save her son by performing the circumcision. We know both sons were with Moses and Zipporah as stated from Exo 4:20; but nothing is stated about the second son unless they followed through with obedience based on this encounter. We just don’t know.

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Exo 4:25 And Tzipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and threw it at his feet, and said, “You are indeed a bridegroom of blood to me!”

Exo 4:26 So He let him go. Then she said, “You are a bridegroom of blood,” because of the circumcision.

The chapter closes with Moses and Aaron meeting with the elders and the people; performing the signs YHWH had given them; and the people believed and did obeisance to YHWH.

Job 21

Job replies to Zohar’s mocking. He shares that the wicked can prosper and have joy. Just because someone is not experiencing a trial doesn’t mean they are right before YHWH. **Bad things can happen to good people; and good things can happen to bad people.**

Job Replies: The Wicked Do Prosper

Job 21:1 And Iyob answered and said,

Job 21:2 “Listen closely to my word, and let this be your comfort.

Job 21:3 Bear with me and let me speak, and after I have spoken, keep mocking.

Job 21:4 As for me, is my complaint against man? And why should I not be impatient?

Job 21:5 Look at me and be appalled, then put your hand on your mouth.

Job 21:6 And when I consider it I am frightened, and my body shudders.

Job 21:7 Why do the wrong live, become old, and become mighty in power?^a Footnote:

^a [Psa 73:3](#) and [Psa 73:17](#), [Jer 12:1-2](#).

Job 21:8 Their seed is established with them before their face, and their offspring before their eyes.

Job 21:9 Their houses are peace without fear, neither is the rod of Eloah upon them.

Job 21:10 Their bull breeds and does not fail, their cow calves without miscarriage.

Job 21:11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

Job 21:12 They sing to the tambourine and lyre, and rejoice to the sound of the flute.

Job 21:13 They spend their days in goodness, and in a moment go down to She’ol.

Job 21:14 And they say to Ĕl, ‘Turn aside from us, for we have no desire to know Your ways.

Job 21:15 Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?’

Job 21:16 See, is their good not in their own hand? (The counsel of the wrong has been far from me).

Job 21:17 How often is the lamp of the wrong put out, and does come upon them their calamity, sorrows He allots in His displeasure?

Job 21:18 They are like straw before the wind, and like chaff that a storm steals away.

Job 21:19 You say, ‘Eloah stores up one’s wickedness for his children.’ Let Him repay him, so that he knows it.

Job 21:20 Let his eyes see his destruction, and let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

Job 21:21 For what is his delight in his house after him, when the number of his new moons is cut off?

Job 21:22 Does anyone teach Ĕl knowledge, since He judges those that are exalted?

Job 21:23 One dies in his perfect strength, completely at ease and satisfied;

Job 21:24 His pails are filled with milk, and his bones are juicy with marrow.

Job 21:25 Another one dies in the bitterness of his being, and never eats with pleasure.

Job 21:26 Together they lie down in the dust, and worms cover them.

Then he speaks directly to Zohar.

Job 21:27 Look, I know your thoughts, and the plots with which you would wrong me.

Job 21:28 For you say, ‘Where is the house of the noble one? And where is the tent, the dwelling place of the wrong ones?’

Job 21:29 Have you not asked those passing by the way? And do you not know their signs?

Job 21:30 That the wicked is kept for the day of calamity. They are brought to the day of wrath.

Job 21:31 Who declares his way to his face? And who repays him for what he has done?

Job 21:32 As for him, he is brought to the burial-site, and a watch is kept over the heap.

Job 21:33 The clods of the wadi shall be sweet to him, and all men follow him, innumerable are those before him.

Job 21:34 **How then do you comfort me in vain, seeing that perverseness remains in your answers?”**

Luke 7

Luke 7 opens with the great faith of the Centurion. One of the Centurion’s servants that was very valuable to him was sick and about to die. This Centurion had a great reputation among the Yehudim and upon hearing about Yahusha, he sends the elders of the Yehudim to Yahusha requesting him to come and heal his servant. Upon waiting, the Centurion must have reconsidered and believed that he wasn’t worthy of Yahusha to even come under his roof and sends friends to tell him the same. Instead, the Centurion only asks for a spoken word of healing by Yahusha and he knew his servant would be healed. The Centurion understood the power of a commander’s spoken authority and refers to Yahusha as Master. By the Centurion’s great faith, Yahusha heals his servant without even going under his roof.

Not only does Yahusha repeatedly show His authority over sickness, in the next encounter, we see Yahusha raise the only son of a widow back to life. Some of John the Immerser’s taught ones go and share all that has happened with John while in prison. John sends a few of his taught ones back to Yahusha asking if ‘He was the Coming One.’

Before Yahusha sends his message back to John the Immerser and probably to demonstrate His great love for John, we see Yahusha do many, many miracles within the same hour and fulfills prophecies written in Isaiah.

Yahusha Heals a Centurion's Servant

Luk 7:1 And when He completed all His words in the hearing of the people, He went into Kephrah Naḥum.

Luk 7:2 And a certain captain's servant, who was valuable to him, was sick and about to die.

Luk 7:3 And hearing about יהושע, he sent elders of the Yehudim to Him, asking Him to come and heal his servant.

Luk 7:4 And when they came to יהושע, they begged Him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him,

Luk 7:5 for he loves our nation, and has built the congregation for us."

Luk 7:6 So יהושע went with them. However, He was not far from the house when the captain sent friends to Him, saying to Him,

✚ "Master, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should come under my roof.

✚ **Luk 7:7** "For this reason I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say a word, and my servant shall be healed.

- **Luk 7:8** "For I too am a man appointed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

Luk 7:9 And when יהושע heard this, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, not even in Yisra'el have I found such great belief!"

Luk 7:10 And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant who had been sick in good health.

Yahusha Raises a Widow's Son

Luk 7:11 And it came to be the next day, that He went into a city called Na'im. And many of His taught ones went with Him, and a large crowd.

Luk 7:12 And see, as He came near the gate of the city a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

Luk 7:13 And when the Master saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

Luk 7:14 And coming near He touched the bier, and those bearing it stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

Luk 7:15 And he who was dead sat up and began to speak, and He gave him to his mother.

Luk 7:16 And fear seized all, and they praised Elohim, saying, "A great prophet has been raised up among us," and, "Elohim has visited His people."

Luk 7:17 And this news about Him went out in all Yehudah and all the neighborhood.

Messengers from John the Baptist

Luk 7:18 And the taught ones of Yoḥanan reported to him about all this.

Luk 7:19 And Yoḥanan, calling two of his taught ones near, sent to יהושע, saying, **“Are You the Coming One, or should we look for another?”**

Luk 7:20 And coming to Him, the men said, **“Yoḥanan the Immerser has sent us to You, saying, ‘Are You the Coming One, or should we look for another?’ ”**

Luk 7:21 And in the same hour He healed many of diseases, and afflictions, and wicked spirits. And He gave sight to many blind ones.

Luk 7:22 And יהושע answering, said to them, **“Go, report to Yoḥanan what you have seen and heard: blind receive sight, lame do walk, lepers are cleansed, deaf do hear, [Isa 35:5-6](#) dead are raised, the Good News is brought to the poor. [Isa 61:1](#).**

Luk 7:23 “And blessed is he who shall not stumble in Me.”

Then Yahusha addresses the crowd. He clearly states who John the Immerser is.

Luk 7:24 And when the messengers of Yoḥanan had left, He began to speak to the crowds concerning Yoḥanan, **“What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?**

Luk 7:25 **“But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft garments? Look, those who are splendidly dressed and living in luxury are in the houses of sovereigns.**

Luk 7:26 **“But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.**

Luk 7:27 **“This is he concerning whom it has been written, ‘See, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You.’ [Mal 3:1](#).**

Then Yahusha says:

Luk 7:28 **“For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than Yoḥanan the Immerser, but he who is least in the reign of Elohim is greater than he.”**

Yahusha says that among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Immerser. I point this out to again confirm that Miriam, the virgin, was a surrogate mother of Yahusha. As we have discussed before, Yahusha’s flesh and bone were from heaven for He came in the ‘likeness’ of flesh. Otherwise, this statement in Luke 7:28, would have referenced Yahusha as being the greatest prophet ‘born of women’ and not John the Immerser.

What did he mean by: ...but he who is least in the reign of Elohim is greater than he.” John the Immerser, was the true Aaronic Levitical High Priest that functioned out in the wilderness due to the corruption in the temple. When John, mikvah’d (baptized) Yahusha, that was fulfilling the act of transferring the priesthood from one High priest to another.

Yahusha, was from the Tribe of Judah and holds the rod, the Scepter. He is our High Priest of the Melchizedek Priesthood of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. [See Rev. 5:9-10] **The least** in His Melchizedek priestly order would be greater than the highest of standards exhibited by John the Immerser under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. This is powerful to understand, and all made possible through faith in Yahusha HaMashiach. Believers are His kingdom of priest, His treasured possession, and set-apart nation.

We then see many in the crowd receive Yahusha by faith and praise Elohim; yet others do not.

Luk 7:29 And all the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard, declared Elohim righteous, having been immersed with the immersion of Yohanan.

Luk 7:30 But the Pharisees and those learned in the Torah rejected the counsel of Elohim for themselves, not having been immersed by him.

Mat 3:7 And seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his immersion, he said to them, “Brood of adders! Who has warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

Mat 3:8 “Bear, therefore, fruits worthy of repentance,

Mat 3:9 and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as father.’^a For I say to you that Elohim is able to raise up children^b to Abraham from these stones.^b Footnotes: ^aSee [Joh 8:33-44](#), [Rom 9:8](#) and [Rom 2:26-29](#). ^b**The only difference in Hebrew between children and stones is the first letter of the word. Children-banim. Stones-aḅanim.**

Luk 7:31 And the Master said, “To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like?

Luk 7:32 “They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to each other, saying, ‘We played the flute for you and you did not dance, we lamented for you and you did not weep.’

Luk 7:33 “For Yoḥanan the Immerser came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’

Luk 7:34 “The Son of Adam has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a man, a glutton and a winedrinker, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’

Luk 7:35 “And wisdom is declared right by all her children.”

Jer 8:8 “How do you say, ‘We are wise, and the Torah of יהוה is with us’? But look, the false pen of the scribe has worked falsehood.

Wisdom of man is earthly, judgmental, and exclusive. Wisdom of YHWH is heavenly, forgiving, and inclusive.

1Sa 16:7 But יהוה said to Shemu’el, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him, for not as man sees, **for man looks at the eyes, but יהוה looks at the heart.**”

A Sinful Woman Forgiven

Luk 7:36 **And one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went into the Pharisee’s house, and sat down to eat.**

Luk 7:37 And see, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that יהושע sat at the table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of perfume.

Luk 7:38 And **standing behind, at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and wiping them with the hair of her head, and was kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.**

Luk 7:39 And when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying,

✚ “This One, if He were a prophet, would know who and what kind of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”

Luk 7:40 And יהושע answering, said to him,

✚ “Shim’on, I have somewhat to say to you.” And he said, “Teacher, say it.”

Luk 7:41 “A certain creditor had two debtors. The one owed five hundred [denarii](#)^a, and the other fifty. [Footnote: ^aRoman monetary unit.](#)

Luk 7:42 “And when they were unable to repay, he forgave them both. Which of them, then, shall love him more?”

Luk 7:43 And Shim’on answering, said, **“I suppose the one whom he forgave more.”** And He said to him, **“You have rightly judged.”**

Luk 7:44 And turning to the woman He said to Shim’on,

✚ “Do you see this woman?

✚ I came into your house – you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wetted My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.

✚ Luk 7:45 “You gave Me no kiss, but she has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.

✚ Luk 7:46 “You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.

Luk 7:47 “Therefore I say to you,

- ✚ her many sins have been forgiven, because she loved much.
- ✚ But to whom little is forgiven, he loves little.”

Luk 7:48 And He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.”

Luk 7:49 And those who were sitting at the table with Him began to say among themselves, “**Who is this who even forgives sins?**”

Luk 7:50 And He said to the woman, “**Your belief has saved you. Go in peace.**”

1Cor. 8

But if anyone loves Elohim, this one is known by Him.

Food Offered to Idols

1Co 8:1 And concerning *food* offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

1Co 8:2 If anyone thinks that he knows somewhat, he does not yet know as he should know.

1Co 8:3 **But if anyone loves Elohim, this one is known by Him.**

1Co 8:4 So then, concerning the eating of *food* offered to idols, we know that an idol is no *matter* at all in the world, and **that there is no other Elohim but one.**

1Co 8:5 For even if there are so-called mighty ones, whether in heaven or on earth – as there are many mighty ones and many masters –

1Co 8:6 **for us there is one Elohim,^a the Father, from whom all came and for whom we live, and one Master יהושע Messiah, through whom all came and through whom we live.** Footnote: ^a [Eph 4:6](#), [1Ti 2:5](#), [Mar 12:32](#), [Mar 12:34](#).

Not all have this knowledge... We should be mindful not to be a stumbling block to weaker brethren in any respect that detracts them from their set-apart life in Messiah.

1Co 8:7 However, **not all have this knowledge.** But some, being aware of the idol, until now eat it as having been offered to an idol, so their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

1Co 8:8 **But food does not commend us to Elohim, for we are none the better if we eat, nor any worse for not eating.**

1Co 8:9 But look to it, lest somehow this right of yours becomes a stumbling-block to those who are weak.

1Co 8:10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's place, shall not his conscience, if he is weak, be built up to eat *food* offered to idols?

1Co 8:11 So this weak brother, for whom Messiah died, shall perish through your knowledge!

1Co 8:12 Now sinning in this way against the brothers, and wounding their weak conscience, you sin against Messiah.

1Co 8:13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I am never again going to eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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