

Timeline of Truth – God Calls Moses to Lead – Part 2 (Exodus 4:1-17)

Moses Investigates a Burning Bush (3:1-3)

God Identifies Himself to Moses (3:4-6)

God Reveals His Purpose to Moses (3:7-9)

God Calls Upon Moses to Lead Israel Out of Egypt (10)

Excuse #1: Who Am I? (3:11-12) – God’s Answer: I will certainly be with you.

Excuse #2: Who Would I Say Sent Me? (3:13-15) – God’s Answer: I AM WHO I AM

God Gives Moses an Overview of the Plan (3:16-22)

- 1) *Speak to the Elders (16a)*
 - *God has seen (16b)*
 - *God will bring you out (17)*
- 2) *The Elders Will Listen (18a)*
- 3) *Speak to the King (18b)*
- 4) *The King Will NOT Listen (19)*
- 5) *God Will Strike Egypt with Wonders (20a)*
- 6) *Then the King Will Let You Go (20b)*
- 7) *God Will Give You Favor with the Egyptians (21)*
- 8) *Israel Will Plunder the Egyptians (22)*

^{4:1} Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'"
² So the LORD said to him, "What *is* that in your hand?" He said, "A rod."
³ And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.
⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take *it* by the tail " (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), ⁵ "that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."
⁶ Furthermore the LORD said to him, "Now put your hand in your bosom." And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous, like snow. 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 behold, it was restored like his *other* flesh. ⁸ "Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign.
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 will become blood on the dry *land*."

1. Excuse #3: Suppose They Will Not Believe or Listen?

God’s Answer: 3 Signs (or Proofs)

- *Proof #1: Your Rod Will Turn to a Serpent (2-5)*
- *Proof #2: Your Hand Will Turn Leprous (6-7)*
- *Proof #3: River Water Will Turn to Blood (8-9)*

¹⁰ Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I *am* slow of speech and slow of tongue."
¹¹ So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? *Have* not I, the LORD? ¹² "Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."

2. Excuse #4: I’m a Lousy Public Speaker

God’s Answer:

- *I have made your mouth!*
- *I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.*

¹³ But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever *else* You may send."

3. Moses’ Suggestion: Send Someone Else

¹⁴ So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵ "Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶ "So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God. ¹⁷ "And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs."

4. God Provides Aaron to Assist Moses