

Exodus 6:1-7:7

GETTING BACK ON TRACK

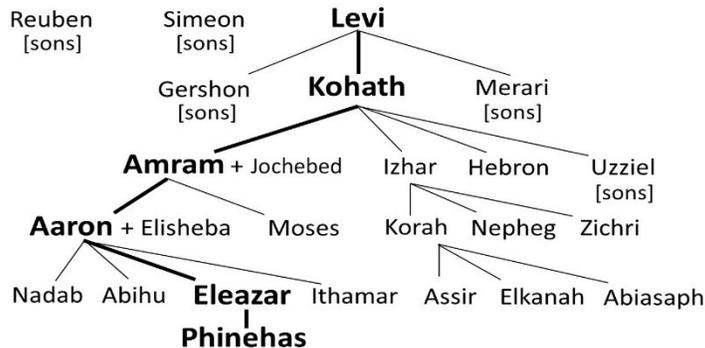
It is **not** Moses who will make things happen in Egypt, or who will be trusted to bring powerful deliverance, or whose own eloquence or lack of eloquence will matter at all... The determining Presence will be Yahweh's... We have allowed centuries of the glorification of Moses to color over much of our interpretation of the Exodus narratives. We need to note with more precision the amount of attention really given to Moses, how flawed a hero he actually is, how often his involvement is a kind of springboard for an emphasis on the activity of real consequence—the activity of Yahweh—and how at every crucial point, the presence of Moses is either forgotten or at least obscured by the Presence of Yahweh... A reluctant Moses, an unbelieving Pharaoh, a crushed and dispirited Israel, a proud and ruling Egyptian people, a non-nation against the greatest of nations, are brought together...so that the proof of Yahweh's Presence, which is to turn everything upside down, may be established irrevocably.

—John I. Durham

At the end of Exodus 5, Moses is rejected, dejected, and ready to throw in the towel. He questions God's goodness, His plan, and His power. It is at this stage in the story that God chooses to act.

In our own moments of doubt, discouragement, and despair, this passage can show us the way to get back on track...

COMMIT YOUR _____ TO THE LORD (6:14-27).



COMMIT YOUR _____ TO THE LORD (6:10-13, 28-30).

- Moses fears that he cannot do what God has asked him to do because he is of “uncircumcised lips” (cf. Isaiah 6:5).
- I must yield my mouth to the Lord so that He can teach me *how* to speak and *what* to speak (cf. Ex. 4:10-12; Jam. 3:2; Eph. 4:29).

The hinge of the whole Exodus enterprise comes with the **Now** of 6:1. It is a ‘turn your eyes upon Jesus’ moment, for transformation comes through seeing the Lord as He is—past, present, and future.

—J. Alec Motyer

Aaron married a Judahite woman, Elisheba, whose father and brother were ancestors of Jesus Christ [cf. Num. 1:7; Matt. 1:4; Luke 3:32].

—Douglas K. Stuart

Aaron is mentioned before Moses as a son of Amram, and Aaron's wife, four of his sons, and one of his grandsons are named. None of Moses' family is mentioned

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The **lips** represent his speech. The term **uncircumcised** makes a comparison between his speech and that which Israel perceived as unacceptable, unprepared, foreign, and of no use to God. The heart is described this way when it is impervious to good impressions (Lev 26:41; Jer 9:26) and the ear when it hears imperfectly (Jer 6:10).

—NET Bible Notes

COMMIT YOUR _____ TO THE LORD.

- God will deal with Pharaoh (6:1; cf. 3:20; 7:4-5; 13:3, 9, 14, 16).
- God will fully reveal the saving, all-sustaining, promise-fulfilling power of His name—Yahweh, the great I AM (6:2-3).

A I am the LORD (6:2)

- B I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (6:3)
- C I established My covenant to give them the land (6:4)
- D I will bring you out from bondage in Egypt (6:5-6)
- E I will take you as My people and be your God (6:7a)**
- D I will bring you out from bondage in Egypt (6:7b)
- C I will bring you into the land which I swore to give (6:8a)
- B I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (6:8b)

A I am the LORD (6:8c)

- God is absolutely faithful to His covenant with Abraham (6:4-5).
- God will fulfill His promises to Israel ... and to us! (6:6-8)
- In our pain, we can struggle to believe God's promises (6:9).

COMMIT YOUR _____ TO THE LORD.

- God desires that we would know Him in relationship (6:7).
- God desires that we would represent Him to the world (7:1-5).

The Four Cups of Passover

1. The Cup of Sanctification: *I will bring you out...*
2. The Cup of Deliverance: *I will rescue you...*
3. The Cup of Redemption: *I will redeem you...*
4. The Cup of Hope/Praise: *I will take you as My people...*

COMMIT YOUR _____ TO THE LORD.

Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the Lord commanded them. (7:6,10,20; 12:28,50; 16:34; 34:4; 39:1,5,7,21,26,29,31,43; 40:19,21,23,25)

God assured Moses that there was only One sovereign and it is not the man with the snake on his head! God never answered the question 'Why?' He simply reminded Moses that His plan would not be thwarted. He reminded Moses that He is in control. —Tony Merida

The supreme need in every hour of difficulty and depression is a vision of God. To see Him is to see all else in proper proportion and perspective. —G. Campbell Morgan

*Ex. 6:3 does not say that God is now giving a new name, but that God's name is now going to be **fully** known; i.e., the significance of the name is going to be understood at this most pivotal time in Israel's history. God's character as a saving God is to be fully revealed. —Peter Enns*

Our surest standing ground is always the promises of God. —J. Alec Motyer

Redeem. Hebrew, *ga'al*. "to act as a kinsman-redeemer." It is a family member who has the power and the resources to save.

The Israelites were enslaved by their slavery. Their very chains were what prevented them from hearing the cry of freedom... Their spirits were broken—so broken that they would not listen to the promise of deliverance. What kept them in bondage was their bondage itself. —Philip Ryken

The pharaoh was considered to be a divine being. So by calling Moses God, Yahweh is beating Pharaoh at his own game. It is not the king of Egypt who is god; rather, it is the shepherd and leader of slaves who is God. —Peter Enns