

# THE LIFE OF MOSES

## MOSES RETURNS TO EGYPT

Exodus 4:18-31

**INTRODUCTION** Forty years earlier Moses was sure that he could be Israel's emancipator; but now that God is calling and commissioning him he was sure that God had the wrong person, certain that no one would believe him. He could give no reasons for disobeying God but he certainly had plenty of excuses as we have seen. Billy Sunday once defined an excuse as the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie. In responding to the excuses of Moses God assured him that He would give him everything that he needed to accomplish the mission he was sending him on – He gave Moses a message and detailed instructions – He gave him powerful credentials to substantiate the message – He would also give him a companion. All that was necessary was for Moses to trust the great I AM Who was commissioning him.

**Moses exhibits** \_\_\_\_\_ - Exodus 4:18

<sup>18</sup> So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please let me go and return to my brethren who are in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

**God gives Moses** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_ - Exodus 4:19, 21-23

<sup>19</sup> Now the Lord said to Moses in Midian, "Go, return to Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead..." <sup>21</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. <sup>22</sup> Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord: "Israel is My son, My firstborn." <sup>23</sup> So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn." ' "

**God meets Moses in \_\_\_\_\_** - Exodus 4:24-26

<sup>24</sup> And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him. <sup>25</sup> Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast *it* at *Moses'* feet, and said, "Surely you *are* a husband of blood to me!" <sup>26</sup> So He let him go. Then she said, "*You are* a husband of blood!" — because of the circumcision.

**Aaron meets Moses with \_\_\_\_\_** - Exodus 4:27-28

<sup>27</sup> And the Lord said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he went and met him on the mountain of God, and kissed him. <sup>28</sup> So Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him.

**Aaron and Moses meet Israel's elders with \_\_\_\_\_** - Exodus 4:29-31

<sup>29</sup> Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. <sup>30</sup> And Aaron spoke all the words which the Lord had spoken to Moses. Then he did the signs in the sight of the people. <sup>31</sup> So the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.