



PARSHA SHEMOT

בְּרָאשִׁית שְׁמוֹת

Exodus 1:1-6:1

Isaiah 27:6–28:13; 29:22–23

Hebrews 11:23–27

The Power of the Name

Shemot ~ the Power of the Name

✧ *Sh'mot 1:*

✧ *1 These are the names of the sons of Isra'el who came into Egypt with Ya'akov; each man came with his household:*

✧ *2 Re'uven, Shim'on, Levi, Y'hudah,*

✧ *3 Yissakhar, Z'vulun, Binyamin,*

✧ *4 Dan, Naftali, Gad and Asher.*

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✧ *Sh'mot 1:*

✧ *5 All told, there were seventy descendants of Ya'akov; Yosef was already in Egypt.*

✧ *6 Yosef died, as did all his brothers and all that generation.*

✧ *7 The descendants of Isra'el were fruitful, increased abundantly, multiplied and grew very powerful; the land became filled with them.*

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✧ *Sh'mot 3:*

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– *Moshe said to Elohim (אֱלֹהִים), "Look, when I appear before the people of Isra'el and say to them, 'The Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) of your ancestors has sent me to you'; and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"*

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✧ *Sh'mot 3:*

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– *Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) said to Moshe, “HahYah (הִיָּה) Asher (אֲשֶׁר) HahYah (הִיָּה) [I am/will be what I am/will be],” and added, “Here is what to say to the people of Isra'el: ' HahYah (הִיָּה) [I Am or I Will Be] has sent me to you.’”*

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☆ *Sh'mot 3:*

☆ *15*

– *Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) said further to Moshe, "Say this to the people of Isra'el: 'Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh (יְהוָה) [Yahweh], the Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) of your fathers, the Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) of Avraham, the Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) of Yitz'chak and the Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) of Ya'akov, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how I am to be remembered generation after generation.*

Shemot ~ the Power of the Name

- ψ *Although in English the second book of Torah is called Exodus it's original title, still used today is: Shemot – Names*
- ψ *Shemot is also considered the “final” book of Torah because children start their formal Torah training in Leviticus and end in Exodus*

The Egyptian Exile ~ The Iron Furnace

- ψ *Exodus can be read on two levels*
 - *Physical...The story of Israel's exodus from Egypt (Mitzrayim) and wanderings*
 - *Spiritual...The story of Israel's development into God's people*
- ψ *The ultimate purpose of the Torah - to conform us to the image of God.*

The Egyptian Exile ~ The Iron Furnace

- ψ The Egyptian exile is known as, *“the iron furnace that smelts away the imperfections in the gold”*.
 - The underlying principle to every event is that everything happens for a purpose.
- ψ *It is all part of God's "master plan" to "lower" something before bringing it to new heights.*

The Egyptian Exile ~ The Iron Furnace

ψ In watching God's master plan in action we see such things as –

- Struggling with leaving the comfort of the physical world for spiritual enlightenment
- Dealing with forces from the evil realm that challenge you at every level
- Frustration at what seems to be obeying God only to find things getting worse

Conformed to His Image

ψ Israel in Egypt at this point can be viewed as us in our physical world/bodies.

– The more we become absorbed by the world the dimmer the spiritual plane becomes.

ψ The death of Joseph plunges Israel into their downward spiral.

– The death of our spiritual heroes can do the same for us

Conformed to His Image

ψ Within the community of Israel are those who remain faithful.

- The midwives Shiphrah and Puah*
- Miriam, the older sister of Moses*



ψ On the "other side" we also have a good person - the daughter of Pharaoh

- One teaching says she was so sickened by her father's decree to kill the Hebrew children that she went to the river to convert to Judaism*

Conformed to His Image

- ✧ *One of the purposes of Israel's enslavement was to set up the conditions for Moses to be born and raised as he was.*
- ✧ *Moses first achieves success in the physical realm.*
- ✧ *He begins to sense there is more to life (and himself) when he sees an Egyptian beating an Israeli.*

Conformed to His Image

- ✧ *Moses departs from Egypt and goes into the wilderness.*
- ✧ *There is much that has to be done (to him, by God) to prepare him for his task ahead.*
- ✧ *When God selects you there is an inevitable choice, you can take the short route or the longer (more "painful") one.*

Moshe - A Type of Yahshua HaMashiach

נְבִיא מִקִּרְבְּךָ מֵאַחֶיךָ כָּמוֹנִי יִקִּים לְךָ

for you He will like me from thy out of thy A prophet
raise up brethren midst

יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֵלָיו תִּשְׁמָעוּן

shall you listen to him your God the LORD

- *Yahweh your Elohai will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers - it is to him you shall listen. (Deut 18:15)*

Moshe ~ A Type of Yahshua HaMashiach



- ✧ Stephen the martyr declared that Yahshua was the promised Messiah:
- ✧ *"This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'The lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear.' "* (Acts 7:37-38).

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!



- ✧ There were 400 years of silence before Adonai sent Moses to deliver Israel from her bondage to Pharaoh.
- ✧ There were 400 of years of silence before Adonai sent His own Son, Yahshua the Messiah, to utterly deliver Israel from her ultimate bondage to sin and death.

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!



- ✧ Both Moses and Yahshua were sent from God (Exod. 3:1-10; John 8:42).
- ✧ Both Moses and Yahshua were Jews (Exod. 2:1-2; Matt. 1:1-16; Luke 1-2; Heb. 7:14).
- ✧ Both had faithful Jewish parents (Exod. 2:2; Heb. 11:23; Matt. 2:13-14).

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!



- ✧ Both were born under foreign rule (Exod. 1:8-14; Luke 2:1).
- ✧ Both were threatened by wicked kings (Exod. 1:15-16; Matt. 2:16).

Exodus 1:15-16



- ✧ 15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah:
- ✧ 16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.

Matthew 2:16



✧ 16 *Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.*

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!



✧ Both Moses and Yahshua spent their early years in Egypt, miraculously protected from those who sought their lives (Exod. 2:10; Matt. 2:14-15).

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

- ✧ Both rejected the possibility to become rulers in this age.
- ✧ Moses was raised as a son in the royal family and could have enjoyed a lavish lifestyle as a powerful ruler, but he chose differently (Heb. 11:24);
- ✧ Satan offered Yahshua the rule over the kingdoms of this world (Matt. 4:8-9), but rejected that offer and chose to suffer and die for the sake of the people of Israel.

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

- ⌘ Both Moses and Yahshua were "sent from a mountain of God" to free Israel.
- ⌘ Moses was sent from (physical) Mount Sinai in Midian, Arabia;
- ⌘ Yahshua was sent from a spiritual "Mount Zion" in Heaven (Heb. 12:22).



Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

- ✧ Both were initially rejected by the Jews (Exod. 32:1; Isa. 53: 3; Matt. 27:21-2; Rom. 11:25).
- ✧ Both were accepted by Gentiles
 - ✧ (Moses by the Midianites (Exod. 2:14-22);
 - ✧ Yahshua by the world (Acts 10:45; 1 Tim. 3:16)).
- ✧ Both were criticized by their families (Num. 12:1; Mark 3:20-21).

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

- ψ Both knew God *panim l'panim* (face to face). God spoke directly to both Moses and Yahshua (Exod. 3:1-10; Deut. 34:10; Luke 9:34-36).
 - All other prophets received their revelation by visions or dreams (Deut. 34:10; John 1:18).
 - Both were authoritative spokesmen for God (Matt. 17:5; John 3:34).

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

- ✧ Both revealed God's Name (Exod. 3:13-14; John 17:6, 11-12).
- ✧ Both gave the people bread from Heaven (Exod. 16:14-15; Matt. 14:19-20) and performed various miracles (Exod. 4:21-8; Deut. 34:10-12; John 5:36; 12:37-8).
- ✧ Both were appointed as saviors of Israel (Moses as Israel's deliverer from the bondage to Pharaoh; Yahshua as Israel's deliverer from the bondage to Satan).

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

ω Both were shepherds of Israel

- (Moses led the Israelites through the wilderness (Exod. 3:1; Numbers),
- Yahshua led His followers as the Good Shepherd (John 10:10-11; Matt. 9:36)).

☆ Both fasted for forty days in the wilderness (Exod. 34:28; Matt. 4:2).

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

- ψ Both were Mediators of a covenant of blood:
 - Moses of the older covenant (Exod. 24:7-8) and
 - Yahshua of the new covenant (Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; Heb. 9:11-15; 1 Cor. 11:25; 2 Cor. 3:6).
- ✧ Both offered to die on behalf of the people's sins (Exod. 32:30-33; John 17).

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

- ✧ Just as Moses instituted the LORD's Passover on Nisan 14 as the means by which the Angel of death would pass over those Israelites who trusted in God's promise regarding the blood of the lamb (Exod. 12:11-12),
 - So Yahshua offered Himself as the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29).

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

- ✧ Just as Moses brought about the "resurrection" of the children of Israel as they passed through the Red Sea;
 - So Yahshua became the Firstfruits of resurrection as He rose from the dead.
- ✧ Just as the Torah was given to Israel fifty days after the Exodus from Egypt (on Pentecost or Shavuot),
 - So Yahshua sent the Holy Spirit to form the Torah in our hearts fifty days after His resurrection.

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

- ✧ Both of their faces shone with the glory of heaven –
 - Moses on Mount Sinai (Exod. 34:34-5) and
 - Yahshua on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matt. 17:2).
- ✧ As Moses lifted up the brazen serpent in the wilderness to heal his people (Num. 21:8-9);
 - So Yahshua was lifted up on the cross to heal all believers from their sin (John 12:32).

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

- ✧ As Moses conquered the great enemy of Israel, the Amalekites with his upraised arms (Exod. 17:11),
 - so Yahshua conquered our ultimate enemy of sin and death by His upraised arms on the cross (John 19:18).
- ✧ As Moses sent twelve spies to explore Canaan (Num. 13),
 - So Yahshua sent twelve apostles to reach the world (Matt. 10:1);

Yashua ~ A Prophet Like Moshe!

- ✧ As Moses appointed seventy rulers over Israel (Num. 11:16-7),
 - So Yahshua anointed seventy disciples to teach the nations (Luke 10:1).



The Well and The Burning Bush

✧ *Moses helped Jethro's daughters -- a well being a symbol of truth and knowledge.*

✧ *After learning from Jethro, Moses was ready for the next step.*

✧ *God chooses to communicate with Moses through a burning bush
– the lowest form of life in the physical realm.*



A Higher Level of Accountability

- ✧ *In Sh'mot 4:24 we see Moses held to a higher level of accountability for not circumcising his son in a timely fashion.*
- ✧ *Later in the Torah we see Moses losing the right to enter the land.*
- ✧ *This is an important lesson for anyone embarking on the path of Torah student/teacher.*

Moses Was Prepared to Confront Pharaoh



- ψ Moses having a higher level of understanding and power than the Egyptian leader and his magicians was prepared when he met Pharaoh.*
- ψ Moses brings this higher realm into the life of Pharaoh, revealing to him that the Almighty God existed and wanted His people out of Egypt.*

Moses Came In The Name of YAHWAH!

ש *Sh'mot means the NAMES...*

ש *Moses found Power in His Names...*

ש " *Hah Yah (היה) Asher (אשר) Hah Yah (היה) [I am/will be what I am/will be],*"

ש 'Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh (יהוה) [Yahweh]

Moses Came In The Name of YAHWAH!

- ✧ *Moses' mission initially met with failure*
 - *not only did Pharaoh not release the people, he increased their work load.*
- ✧ *This is another important lesson for us all*
 - *our sincerity will be tested.*

Moses Did ~ Will We Pass the Test?

- ψ *God allows the adversary to make things difficult in order to attempt to convince us that God's Word is not true.*
- ψ *If we are faithful with what has been given us - more will be given.*
- ψ *Luke 19:17 'Excellent!' he said to him. 'You are a good servant. Because you have been trustworthy in a small matter, I am putting you in charge of ten towns.'* (Yahshua, CJB)

Messiah We Await Your Return!

