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Shabbat Message

# **Shemot / Names / שמות**

**EXODUS 1:1-6:1**

## **Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life**

### **The Circumcised Seed**

#### **Introduction**

When you read the Bible you begin to see things you have never seen before some of them are strange and some of them are hard to understand and there are even some that are just plain confusing. This week we finally begin the book of Exodus where we will see the plagues of Egypt and the crossing of the Red Sea. Exodus shows that there was a new generation of people that did not know Joseph or that whole entire generation and therefore He put the entire Israelite population under the bondage of slavery. This week we are going to see a less

discussed part of this portion but it really needs to be addressed.

## **Moses' Departure from Jethro**

### **Exodus 4:18-19**

1. Moses's Love for His Father in Law Jethro. Yitro means His Excellency while Reuel is His name means Friend of EL.
2. He was a Priest of the Kenites that were eventually absorbed into the Tribe of Judah
3. He eventually showed back up in Exodus 18

## **Moses' Exodus out of Midian**

### **Exodus 4:19-20**

1. Yehovah again tells Moses to go back to Egypt because everyone who was after him was dead.
2. Moses took His wife Zipporah and His two sons and set out back to Egypt.
3. The last thing that you see mentioned is that He takes the staff of God in his Hand. This is the symbol of his authority and Yehovah's Judgement.

## **Moses's Sign to the People**

### **Exodus 4:21-23**

1. He told Moses make sure you do all the wonders that I told you to do but I will still harden Pharaoh's heart.
2. He said this is what you are to say Israel is my firstborn son. Honor Israel Pharaoh!
3. Let my people go but He refused to let him go so he said to tell him I will slay your son, your firstborn. Apparently this was His first warning about the killing of His firstborn son.

## **Moses the Midian**

### **Exodus 4:24-26**

1. Moses raised His two sons as Midianites and so He did not circumcise them because Midianites practiced circumcision but they didn't circumcise their sons until right before marriage meaning this is possible evidence that Gershom was being raised in the Midianite customs and Zipporah knew what action to take because Moses was literally arrested by Yehovah.
2. Perhaps Moses deferred to Midianite custom out of respect to His Father in Law and that Zipporah was the cause of the delay and she corrected it because the circumcision was to happen on the eighth day Genesis 21:6. Zipporah touched his feet a Hebrew euphemism for under his thigh which was Midianite custom.

3. When she said you are a bridegroom of blood it mean you now have the authority to extend the family. It was a vow of covenant what she said not something negative. Also we see that Yehovah takes His covenant of Brit Milah seriously. Also Circumcision of the heart matters more right now. (Colossians 2:11-12; Ephesians 4:22; Romans 6:6 Romans 2:29).

## **Moses and Aaron at the Mountain of Elohim**

### **Exodus 4:27-31**

1. Yehovah told Aaron to meet him in the wilderness and where did he find him at Mt. Sinai!
2. Moses told Aaron everything Yehovah told all of the signs and things that He told Him to do.
3. Moses then meets with the elders of Israel and performs all of the signs in their sight. The people believed when they heard that Yehovah had remembered and seen their affliction and they bowed their heads and worshiped.

## **Take Away**

1. Moses lived with and dwelt as a Midianite for 40 years and was still a Hebrew at heart.
2. Zipporah performed the act of circumcision as a sign of faith in covenant.
3. Aaron and Moses met the elders of Israel and they believed the signs and worshipped.

# **Application**

1. I will continue to take the covenant that Yehovah made with us seriously because it is life and death.
2. I will continue to thank Yehovah that I have been circumcised in the heart which is my faith in Yeshua our Messiah.
3. I will continue to worship Yeshua not for the signs He performed but for His payment for my sin debt and allowing me to be apart of His people.

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