

Week 13: January 18, 2025

Shabbat Message

# Shemot / *Names* / שמות

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## My Way or Yah's Way

### The Backside of the Mountain

#### Introduction

- Shemot is the name for Exodus which actually really means names because the book of Exodus starts out with the name of Jacob and His sons and their families going into

Egypt.

- The two Hebrew midwives Shiprah and Puah who are faithful to their people and they save the lives of the Hebrew boys and by disobeying the Pharaoh's orders saved many of the Hebrew boys from certain death.
- Moshe was one of them and was sent to down the Nile river and was drawn out (Moshe) of the Nile by Pharaoh's daughter who thought it was a gift from her gods.
- Miriam asks if she wants her to find a nurse for the boy and so his mother weened Moshe and was given back to Pharaoh's daughter to be raised as an Egyptian prince.
- Moses grows up and observe his people and found an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.
- He was discovered, and so he fled to Midian and that is where we pick up our account today.
- Moshe was chosen to go ahead of His people much like Joseph was chosen to go ahead of his people.

It's not disrespectful to say that things that Yehovah does in our lives don't make sense to us until things start to fall into place. Remember we walk by faith and not by sight. We see through a glass dimly in what Yehovah is doing in our lives. The same with Moses... do you think things made sense to him at all?

- What was he doing a prince of Egypt?
- What was he doing seeing the Hebrews and how did he find out He was a Hebrew?

These are questions that we do not know and probably will not know. One thing is for sure

though Yehovah has a good work in us to complete to the Day of Messiah Yeshua... Amein.

### **Exodus 3:1**

1. Moses thought He was mind His own business when He was tending His sheep but in actuality He was being prepared for his calling whilst tending sheep in the wilderness.
2. Mount Sinai is the same mountain that Yehovah gave the commandments to the Israelites. Sinai can also mean desolation. (Hebrews 12:11; Ephesian 4:1-32).
3. Yehovah sometimes has to take to the backside of a mountain to get our attention. What does he have to do to get your attention? Are you listening to Him? Is what you are doing allowing you get closer to him or is what you are doing putting you further away from Him? If further away from Him then maybe there needs to be a reevaluation.

### **Exodus 3:2**

1. It wasn't until He was at the farthest end of the mountain when the Malakh of Yehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire. The Malakh appeared in the midst of the bush which the Hebrew say Tavek where we get Genesis 1:6 or Psalms 116:19.
2. Moshe gazed at the bush to find out what was going on as he approached it. Psalm 27:4 is great example of this. Sometimes all you can do is gaze at Yehovah because if you look away you will fall.
3. Look at Matthew 14:29-30 Kefa (Peter) was commanded to come out of the boat to

Yeshua on the sea of Galilee during a fierce storm that hit the disciples. The Literal translation of vs 30 is that when Kefa saw the effects of the wind that He started to sink. Yeshua saved him when he cried out.

### **Exodus 3:3**

1. You have heard it said curiosity kills the cat but have heard the saying curiosity calls the prophet?
2. This lesson shows that you must seek out the Lord while He might be found Isaiah 55:6 and Jeremiah 29:12. Are you seeking Yehovah as you should? Or are you just doing what you have to do to get by in your spiritual life.
3. What Moshe saw and heard changed his life direction. (Caution...What you are about to hear could change your life).

### **Exodus 4:4-5**

1. When Yehovah saw Moses turn to Him He called to him. Maybe the reason you haven't heard from Yehovah yet is because you haven't turned to Him.
2. The very next thing You see Him do is call His name. Has Yehovah called your name? Are you listening to for His voice? John 10:27. Only the sheep of Yeshua can hear His voice. His answer Hineni!
3. When you answer His call the next thing He will call you to do is worship Him. Take off

your shoes for the place you are standing is Set Apart. Taking off shoes in the Middle East is still very common practice even in synagogues. We don't treat our worship as set apart instead we treat it as just another activity in the service. Do we carry our worship over to the 6 day work week? Do you worship in your house, car, workplace?

### **Exodus 4:6**

1. Yehovah said I am the Elohim of your father Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Present tense meaning they are still alive. Anokhi meaning I am right now the God of your father. Mk 12:27.
2. Moses Hid his face. He was afraid of what Yehovah was going to do to him! He is omnipotent. All Power!
3. A healthy fear of Yehovah is good. The Fear of Yehovah is the beginning of Wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10. You have heard it said Knowledge is power. knowledge is more than power! Habakkuk 2:14.

### **Take Away**

1. As Moshe went on the back side of the mountain to hear from Yehovah sometimes we must also go on the back side of the mountain and hear from Yehovah.
2. Moshe went to the same mountain that Yehovah revealed His commandments to His people.

3. A healthy fear of Yehovah is good because it actually teaches us knowledge and wisdom.

## **Application**

1. Today I will hear the voice of Yehovah and respond to Him.
2. Today I will turn toward Yehovah and respond to His work in my life.
3. I will have knowledge not for myself to hoard but for myself to fall more in love with Yeshua.

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