

## God's Patience, Plan & Power

Exodus 6:14-7:13 (page 44 in the black Bibles)

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On the heels of failing to convince Pharaoh to let the sons of Israel go and the despondency of the sons of Israel due to the increased hardship Moses goes to God with questions. The LORD doesn't answer His questions but keeps Moses focused on the His plan and reassures Moses that he's still part of that plan.

**Proposition:** We can trust that when the Lord begins a work, He will complete it, whether that work is in His people or in the world.

### Context

<sup>31</sup>So the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD was concerned about the sons of Israel and that He had seen their affliction, then they bowed low and worshiped. (Exodus 4:29-31)

<sup>22</sup>Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "O Lord, why have You brought harm to this people? Why did You ever send me? <sup>23</sup>"Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done harm to this people, and You have not delivered Your people at all." (Exodus 5:1-23)

**10**Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **11**"Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the sons of Israel go out of his land." **12**But Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "**Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me; how then will Pharaoh listen to me, for I am unskilled in speech?**" **13**Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a charge to the sons of Israel and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt. (Exodus 6:10-13)

### Inclusio:

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6:30 But Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am unskilled in speech (lit. "of uncircumcised lips"); how then will Pharaoh listen to me?

## I. Selective Genealogy of Aaron & Moses (6:14-27)

**These are the heads of their fathers' households.**

A. The sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn: Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben. (v. 14)

B. The sons of Simeon: Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and Jachin and Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon. (v. 15)

C. These are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon and Kohath and Merari; and the length of Levi's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years. (v. 16)

The sons of **Gershon**: Libni and Shimei, according to their families. (v. 17)

The sons of **Kohath**: **Amram** and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel; and the length of Kohath's life was one hundred and thirty-three years. (v. 18)

The sons of **Merari**: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their generations. (v. 19)

**Amram** married his father's sister Jochebed, and she bore him **Aaron and Moses**; and the length of Amram's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years. (v. 20)

The sons of Izhar: Korah and Nepheg and Zichri.

The sons of Uzziel: Mishael and Elzaphan and Sithri.

**Aaron** married Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, and she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

The sons of Korah: Assir and Elkanah and Abiasaph; these are the families of the Korahites. (Numbers 16)

**Aaron's son Eleazar** married one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him **Phinehas**.

**These are the heads of the fathers' households of the Levites according to their families.**

**It was *the same Aaron and Moses*** to whom the LORD said, “Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their hosts.”

They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing out the sons of Israel from Egypt; **it was *the same Moses and Aaron***.

### **Reconnection to Exodus 6:10-13**

<sup>28</sup>Now it came about on the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, <sup>29</sup>that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “I am the LORD; speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak to you.” <sup>30</sup>But Moses said before the LORD, “Behold, I am unskilled in speech; how then will Pharaoh listen to me?”

## **II. The LORD’s Plan (7:1-7)**

### a. Obedience of God’s Servants (vv. 1-2, 6)

I make you as God to Pharaoh and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet (v. 1)

You shall speak what I command you (v. 2)

### b. The Effect (vv.3-5)

Hardening of Pharaoh’s heart

Judgment on the Egyptians and salvation for God’s people

The Egyptians shall know who the LORD is.

### c. The age of God’s servants doesn’t limit God. (v. 7)

### **III. The First Sign before Pharaoh and its Effect (7:8-13)**

Pharaoh demands a miracle (v. 9)

Aaron's staff becomes a serpent (v. 10)

Pharaoh's magicians' staffs also became serpents (vv. 11-12a)

Aaron's staff/serpent swallowed up the magicians' staffs/serpents (v. 12b)

Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said. (v. 13)

#### **Application:**

God's not limited by our age or abilities to work in and through us. He does, though, demand our obedience.

We are called to be God's representatives and share God's message.