

Parshah Insights 2021

Parshah: Shemot

(Exodus 1:1-6:1)

שמות

“Names”

Exodus 1:1

And these are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household:

ואלה שמות בני ישראל הבאים...

שביה

(shiv'yah)

“captivity”

Deuteronomy 4:20

“But Adonai has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, from Egypt, to be a people for His own possession, as today.”

Isaiah 48:10

“Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver. I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.”

Matthew 3:11

“As for me, I immerse you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals. He will immerse you with the holy spirit and fire.”

James 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Proverbs 22:1

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

What's in a name?

נשמה (neshamah)

שם "name" / "there"

ש = fire מ = water

שמים "Heaven"

השם "the Name"

משה "Moses"

משיח "Mashiach" = Messiah

שם חי "a living Name"

שלום "Shalom"
"to Him"

Exodus 1:13

The Egyptians **enslaved** the Children of Israel...

ויעבדו מצרים את בני ישראל...

The Egyptians **served** the Children of Israel...

Exodus 1:16

And [Pharaoh] said, “When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them **upon the birthstool**, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.”

“עַל הַאֲבָנִים”

Occurs 4x in the Tanach:

1. Ex. 1:16 “**birthstool**” (lit. “**stones**”)
2. Deut. 27:8 Ten Commandments on **stones**
3. Josh. 8:2 Torah written on **stones**
4. Jer. 18:3 “potter’s **wheel**”

Exodus 1:17

But the midwives feared God and they did not do as the king of Egypt spoke to them, and they caused the boys to live.

Those who feared God saved Hebrew babies, while those who feared Pharaoh helped drown Hebrew babies ... It was the midwives' fear of God that liberated them from fear of the Egyptian tyrant. This point is overlooked: **Fear of God is a liberating emotion, freeing one from a disabling fear of evil, powerful people.**

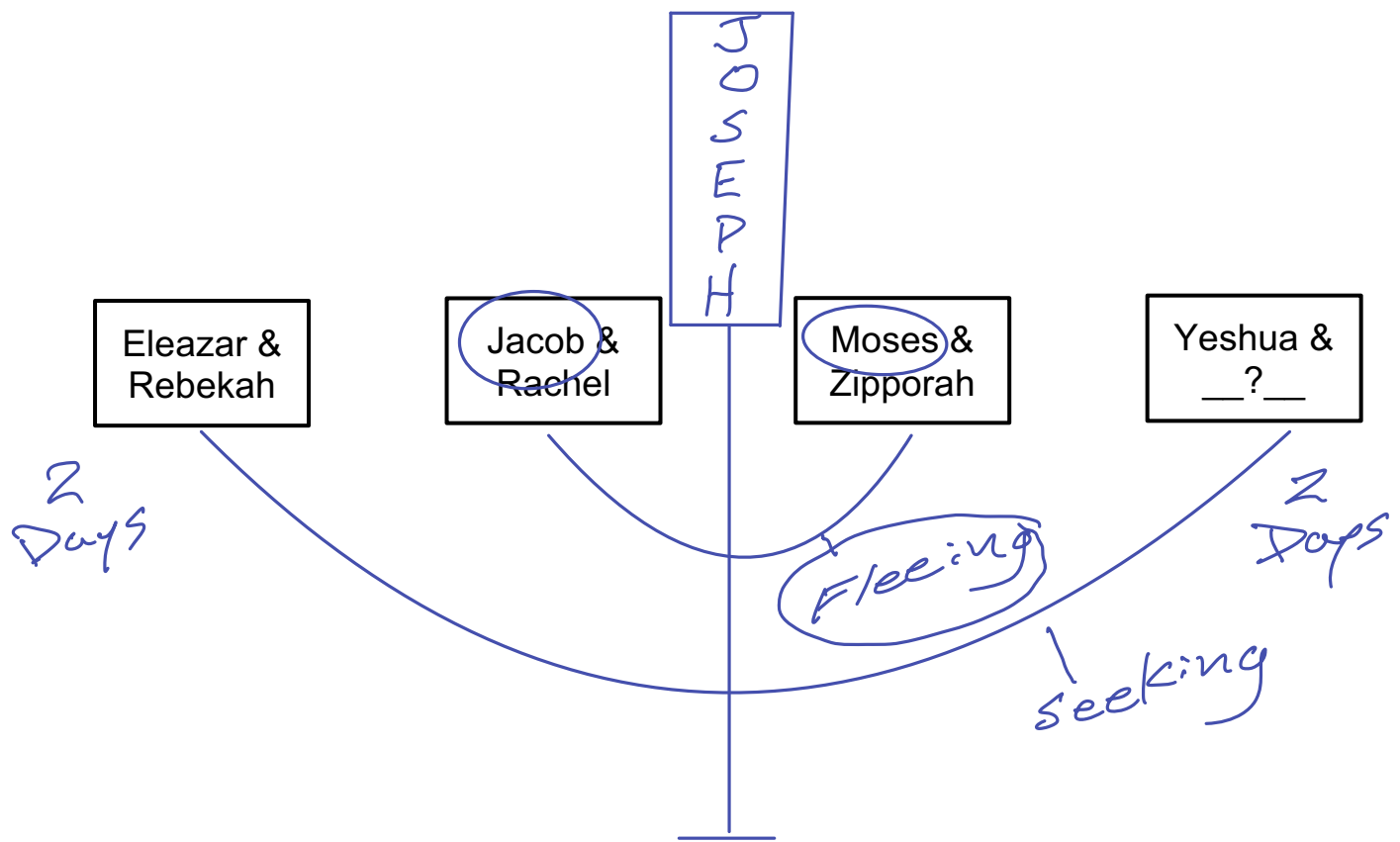
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Exodus 1:21

And because the midwives feared God, He gave them houses.

A Deep Subject

1. Eleazar & Rebekah
2. Jacob & Rachel
3. Moses & Zipporah
4. Yeshua & the Samaritan woman



Discussion Questions:

- Thank about what you have learned about names for a moment. In light of this, what are your thoughts on Rev. 2:17?
- Why is suffering unavoidable in this life? How have you been changed by it?
- On a scale of 1 to 10, how do you rate your fear of God? How do you rate your fear of everything else?
- We looked at stories of great men who met great women at wells. As part of the Bride, what well do you visit in order to meet with your Messiah?

NOTES:

Genesis 15:13-14 Then Adonai said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.”

Philippians 2:9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Deuteronomy 27:8 “And you shall write on the stones all the words of this Torah very distinctly.”

Joshua 8:32 And he wrote there on the stones a copy of the Torah of Moses, which he had written, in the presence of the sons of Israel.

Jeremiah 18:3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something on the wheel.

1 Samuel 12:6 And Samuel said to the people, “Adonai is witness, who made Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.”

Hebrews 11:24-27 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Messiah greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

Acts 7:35-37 “This Moses whom they disowned, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’ is the one whom God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush. This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, ‘God shall raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren.’”

Revelation 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the communities. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

John 4:40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.