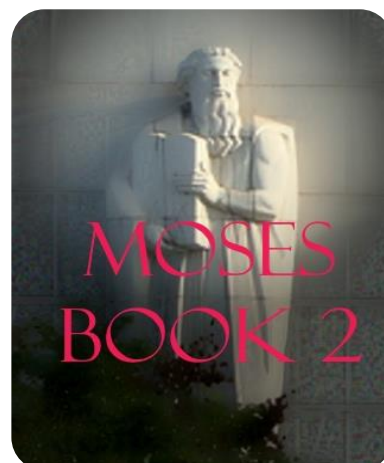


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This chapter continues and concludes God's discourse with Moses at the burning bush concerning this great affair of bringing Israel out of Egypt. Moses objects the people's unbelief, and God answers that objection by giving him power to work miracles: to turn his rod into a serpent, and then into a rod again; to make his hand leprous, and then whole again, and to turn the water into blood -- Matthew Henry. It is interesting to note; this last miracle Moses did not work; which begs the question, is it kept for when he appears in the revelation?



¹ And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken to my voice: for they will say, The LORD has not appeared to you.

² And the LORD said to him, What is that in your hand? And he said, A rod.

³ And He said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

⁴ And the LORD said to Moses, Put forth your hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

⁵ that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.

⁶ And moreover, the LORD said to him, Now put your hand into your bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.

⁷ And he said, Put your hand into your bosom again. So, he put his hand into his bosom again; and took it from his bosom, and behold, it was restored again like his other flesh.

⁸ And it will happen, if they will not believe you, nor heed the voice of the first sign, **that they may believe the voice of the latter sign.** / and remember, what is a sign? It is valuable information pointing a direction; a good sign is always instructive. The signs given to the prophets always are intended to point our minds and hearts to our Father God; and to what He has declared.

⁹ And it will happen, if they will not believe also these two signs, nor heed your voice, that you will take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: **and the water that you take from the river will become blood upon the dry land.**

And just an aside: nowhere do we read that Moses took water... and poured it upon the land, and then it became blood upon the dry land. But we do read, in the latter days, two witnesses will one last time stand in Jerusalem; and the people having rejected the Living God, will reject the two witnesses He sent.

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The response of Moses,

10 And Moses said to the LORD, O my LORD, I am not eloquent, not now, nor since you have spoken to your servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. / The Bible is interesting. Paul tells us, Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in word and deed – **Acts 7**. Perhaps Moses, who was very humble, spoke Egyptian as his primary language, and even learned other dialects of the 72 world languages, but was not fluent in Hebrew.

11 And the LORD said to him, Who has made man's mouth? or who makes the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Is it not I the LORD?

12 Now go, and I will be with your mouth, and teach you what you will say.

13 And he said, O my LORD, I pray you, send by any hand whomever You will send / after his plea of unfit is overruled, Moses argues with God, send your message by any hand – but not mine.

14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said, Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he comes forth to meet you: and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

15 And you will speak to him, and put words in his mouth: and I, even I will be with your mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what you will do.

16 And he will be your spokesman to the people: and he will be, even he will be as a mouth to you, and you will be as God to him.

17 And you will take this rod in your hand, wherewith you will do signs.

18 And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said to him, Let me go, I pray you, and return to my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

19 And the LORD said to Moses in Midian, Go, return to Egypt: for all the men are dead who sought your life.

20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.



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²¹ And the LORD said to Moses, When you go to return to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I put in your hand: but I will harden his heart, that he will not let the people go.

²² And you will say to Pharaoh, Thus says the LORD, **Israel** is my son, even my firstborn:

²³ and I say to you, Let my son go, that he may serve Me: and if you refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay your son, even your firstborn.

²⁴ And it happened by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.

²⁵ Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely you are a bloody husband to me.

²⁶ So he let him go: then she said, you are a bloody husband, because of the circumcision.

Moses neglected to circumcise his child; and was there an objection raised by his wife from Midian; had Moses become ill? Leaving his wife to perform the duty, sparing Moses? Whatever happened, it is clear it is clear the wife and children of Moses returned to her father, while Moses went to Egypt.

²⁷ And the LORD said to Aaron, Go to the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the Mount of God, and kissed him.

²⁸ And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him.

²⁹ And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of **Israel**:

³⁰ and Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD spoke to Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

³¹ And the people believed: and when they heard the LORD visited the children of **Israel**, and that He looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.



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