

# The Scriptures

## Exodus 4:18-31 NKJV

### **Family Travels to Egypt**

<sup>18</sup> So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, “Please let me go and return to my brethren who are in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive.” And Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.” <sup>19</sup> Now the LORD said to Moses in Midian, “Go, return to Egypt; for **all the men who sought your life are dead.**” <sup>20</sup> Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt.

### **God’s Instructions to Moses**

And Moses took the rod of God in his hand. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders **before Pharaoh** which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. <sup>22</sup> “Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Israel is My son, **My firstborn.**” <sup>23</sup> “So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.”

### **God Seeks to Kill Moses**

<sup>24</sup> And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him. <sup>25</sup> Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses’ feet, and said, “Surely you are a husband of blood to me!” <sup>26</sup> So He let him go. Then she said, “You are a husband of blood!”—because of the circumcision.

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### **Moses Meets Aaron**

<sup>27</sup> And the LORD said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.” So he went and met him on the mountain of God, and kissed him. <sup>28</sup> So Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him.

### **In Egypt the First Meeting with Elders of Israel**

<sup>29</sup> Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. <sup>30</sup> And Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses. Then he did the signs in the sight of the people. <sup>31</sup> So the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.

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## Exodus 4:18-31 NIV

### **Family Travels to Egypt**

<sup>18</sup> Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me go back to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well." <sup>19</sup> Now the LORD had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for **all the men who wanted to kill you are dead.**" <sup>20</sup> So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand.

### **God's Instructions to Moses**

<sup>21</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. <sup>22</sup> Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the LORD says: Israel is my **firstborn son**,<sup>23</sup> and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill **your firstborn son.**'"

### **God Seeks to Kill Moses**

<sup>24</sup> At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met [Moses] and was about to kill him. <sup>25</sup> But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched [Moses'] feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said. <sup>26</sup> So the LORD let him alone. (*At that time she said "bridegroom of blood," referring to circumcision.*)

### **Moses Meets Aaron**

<sup>27</sup> The LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the desert to meet Moses." So he met Moses **at the mountain of God** and kissed him. <sup>28</sup> Then Moses told Aaron everything the LORD had sent him to say, and also about all the miraculous signs he had commanded him to perform.

### **In Egypt the First Meeting with Elders of Israel**

<sup>29</sup> Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, <sup>30</sup> and Aaron told them everything the LORD had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, <sup>31</sup> and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshipped.