



MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

Exodus 3: 1-3; 13-15

NARRATOR: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led his flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.

MOSES: I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

NARRATOR: When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush

GOD: Moses, Moses!

MOSES: Here am I

GOD: Do not come near. Put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

NARRATOR: At this Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

GOD: I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

And now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to me, and I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring forth my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.

MOSES: Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?

GOD: I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain.

MOSES: If I come to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?

GOD: I AM WHO I AM.



GOD: Say this to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' Say this to the sons of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.