



Shabbat Torah Readings of Yeshua

And as Yeshua's custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Shabbat, and stood up to read. (Luke 4:16)

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Exodus 4:14-6:1

^{4:14} And the anger of Yahweh glowed against Moses, and Yahweh said: *“Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And behold, he is also coming out to meet you and he will see you and be glad in his heart. And you will speak to him and you shall put words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do. And he shall speak for you to the people. And it shall be, he shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be for him like an ELOHIYM (god).”*¹ *And you shall take this staff in your hand, which by it you shall do the signs.*ö

¹⁸ And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, *“Let me go now and return to my brethren who are in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive.”*ö And Jethro said to Moses, *“Go in SHALOM.”*²

¹⁹ And Yahweh said to Moses in Midian, *“Go, return to Egypt, for all the men seeking your life are dead.”* And Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on the donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of the ELOHIYM (god) in his hand. And Yahweh said to Moses, *“As you go to return to Egypt, see all the wonders which I have put in your hand and do them before Pharaoh. And I will harden his heart and he will send the people away. And you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says Yahweh: “My son, My firstborn, is Israel. And I say to you, send my son away and let him serve Me and you refuse to send him. Behold, I am about to kill your son, your firstborn.”’*öö

²⁴ And it happened, on the way, by the camp, that Yahweh met Moses and sought to kill him. And Zipporah took a flint and cut off the foreskin of her son and made it touch his feet. And she said, *“For you are a bridegroom of blood for the circumcision.”*ö

²⁷ And Yahweh said to Aaron, *“Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.”*ö And he went and met him on the mountain of ELOHIYM (a god), and kissed him. And Moses told Aaron all the words of Yahweh which Yahweh had sent him, and all the signs which Yahweh commanded him. And Moses and Aaron went and gathered all the elders of the sons of Israel. And Aaron spoke all the words which Yahweh had spoken to Moses. And he did the signs before the people. And the people believed; and they heard that Yahweh had visited the sons of Israel, and that Yahweh had seen their affliction; and they bowed and worshiped.

^{5:1} Afterward Moses and Aaron came in and said to Pharaoh, *“Thus says Yahweh, ELOHIYM of Israel: ‘Send away My people, and they shall feast to Me in the wilderness.’”*ö

² And Pharaoh said, *“Who is Yahweh, that I should listen to His voice to send away Israel? I do not know Yahweh, and also I will not send Israel.”*ö

³ And Moses and Aaron said, *“The ELOHIYM (god) of the Hebrews has met with us. Now, let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness and let us sacrifice to Yahweh our ELOHIYM (god), lest He fall upon us with a plague or with a sword.”*

⁴ And the king of Egypt said to them, *“Moses and Aaron, why do you loose the people from their work? Go to your burdens.”* And Pharaoh said, *“Look, the people of the land are many now, and you make them rest from their burdens!”* And the same day Pharaoh commanded the slave drivers of the people and their overseers, saying, *“You shall not continue giving the people straw to make brick as yesterday and the day before. They shall go and pick up straw for themselves. And you shall lay on them the quota of bricks which they made yesterday and the day before. You shall not reduce it; for they are lazy. So they are crying, saying, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our ELOHIYM (god).’ Let the bondage be heavy on the men, that they may work in it, and let them not trust in lying words.”*

¹⁰ And the slave drivers of the people and their overseers went out and spoke to the people, saying, *“Thus has Pharaoh said: ‘I will not give you straw. Go, get yourselves straw from wherever you can find it; for none of your work will be reduced.’”*

¹² And the people scattered in all the land of Egypt, to gather stubble for straw. And the slave drivers were urging them, saying, *“Finish your work, your daily quota, as when there was straw.”* And the chiefs of the sons of Israel were beaten, those whom Pharaoh’s slave drivers had put over them, saying, *“Why have you not finished your task to make bricks as a day ago and the day before?”*

¹⁵ And the chiefs of the sons of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, *“Why do you do thus to your servants? Straw is not given to your servants, and they say to us, ‘Make brick!’ And see, your servants are beaten. But your people are at fault.”*

¹⁷ And he said, *“You are lazy! Lazy! So you are saying, ‘Let us go and let us sacrifice to Yahweh.’ So go now and work; and straw will not be given to you, and a quota of bricks you will give.”*

¹⁹ And the chiefs of the sons of Israel saw that themselves in evil, saying, *“You shall not diminish from your bricks, from your daily quota.”* And as Moses and Aaron came from Pharaoh, they met Moses and Aaron who stood there to meet them. And they said to them, *“May Yahweh look on you and judge, who have made our odor stink in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants, to give a sword into their hand to kill us.”*

²² And Moses returned to Yahweh and said, *“Master, why have You done evil to this people? Why then have You sent me? And since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people; and surely You have not delivered Your people.”*

^{6:1} And Yahweh said to Moses, *“Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will send them, and with a strong hand he will drive them from his land.”*

¹ Note that the Hebrew text says *“like an ELOHIYM,”* not that he *“will be an ELOHIYM.”*

² SHALOM means *“totality, wholeness, completeness, in health, with safety, etc.”*

Look for themes or ideas in the haftarah reading below that are related to the Torah portion you just read above.

Haftarah Reading
Isaiah 55:12

For you shall go out with joy,
and be led out with SHALOM.
The mountains and the hills
shall break forth into singing before you,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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