

We continue to see the chiastic structure to convey the message in these chapters in Exodus. In chapter 5 we see the outside verses show the relation between Moses and Aaron with Israel, the center of the story highlighting the aim to distract from God's Word.

A¹ Moses and Aaron accepted by Israel (4:29-31)

B¹ Fruitless appeal to Pharaoh: refusal to recognize the Lord (5:1-5)

C¹ The New and harsher regime (5:6-14)

a¹ Oppressive conditions (5:7-8)

b Aimed at distracting attention from the word of God (5:9)

a² Physical affliction (5:10-14)

B² Fruitless appeal to Pharaoh: refusal to allow worship of the Lord (5:15-18)

A² Moses and Aaron Rejected by Israel (5:19-21)

Motyer, J.A., "The Message of Exodus"

We are invited in to see some very interesting dialogue as part of the witness to God's providence in delivering His people.

Act I

1. Moses, Aaron and Pharaoh
2. Foreman of the sons of Israel and Pharaoh
3. Foreman of the sons of Israel and Moses
4. Moses and the LORD (Part A)

a. Strong Arm

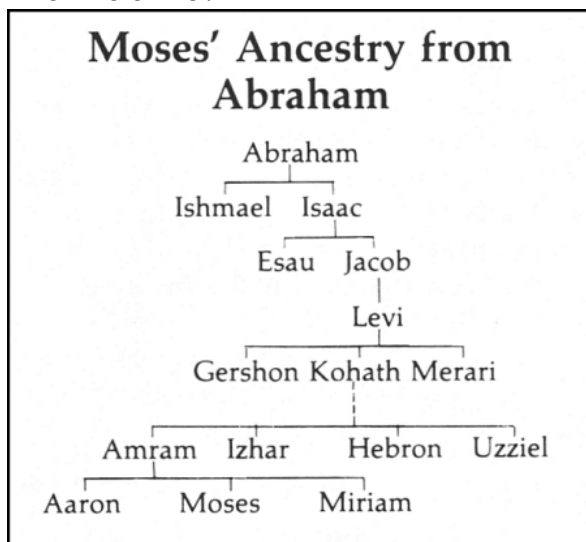
POA: How do we see His strong arm in our lives, does it give comfort, peace and strength?

God's power is seen in the great phenomena of nature, and even in the lesser matters of every-day life. His hand guides the fall of every sere leaf, and adorns each blade of grass with its own drop of dew; but chiefly his way is in the whirlwind, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. The mighty hand of the Lord is to be seen in the events of human history; his power is manifest in courts and armies, in the rise and fall of empires, in the growth of nations, or in their overthrow. Behold how he broke Egypt in pieces as one that was slain, and scattered his enemies with his strong arm. His people did not refuse to sing of his great power when he smote great kings and slew famous kings, because his mercy to his people endures forever. C. Spurgeon

b. "but by my name Jehovah"

Act II

The line of Levi



Act III

4. (continued) Moses and the LORD (Part B)

5. Moses and Pharaoh

A¹ Moses, transmitter of the Lord's Word (6:28-29)

B¹ The Lord, sovereign over Moses' speech (6:30-7:2)

B² The Lord, sovereign over Pharaoh's heart (7:3-5)

A² Moses, obedient in deed and word (7:6-7)

a. First miracle

b. Second miracle, first judgment (plague)

POA: Don't be distracted by the busyness, troubles and pressures of the world. Don't be fooled by the deception and treachery of the evil one. In whom do you put your trust? Are you seeking God's wisdom, strength, kingdom?

Mark 9:24 Lord, I believe, help my unbelief

Psalm 40:5 (NASB)

⁵ Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders which You have done, And Your thoughts toward us; There is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, They would be too numerous to count.

Psalm 73:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ But *it is* good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.