

¹فَأَجَابَ مُوسَى، وَلَكِنْ هَا هُمْ لَا يُصَدِّقُونِي وَلَا يَسْمَعُونَ لِقَوْلِي، بَلْ يَقُولُونَ لَمْ يَطْهَرْ لَكَ الرَّبُّ.² فَقَالَ لَهُ الرَّبُّ، مَا هَذِهِ فِي يَدِكَ. فَقَالَ، عَصَا.³ فَقَالَ، اطْرَحْهَا إِلَى الْأَرْضِ. فَطَرَحَهَا إِلَى الْأَرْضِ فَصَارَتْ حَيَّةً، فَهَرَبَ مُوسَى مِنْهَا.⁴ ثُمَّ قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِمُوسَى، مَدِّ يَدَكَ وَأَمْسِكْ يَدَيْهَا فَمَدَّ يَدَهُ وَأَمْسَكَ بِهِ، فَصَارَتْ عَصَاً فِي يَدِهِ لَكِنْ يُصَدِّقُوا أَنَّهُ قَدْ طَهَرَ لَكَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ آبَائِهِمْ، إِلَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِلَهُ إِسْحَاقَ وَإِلَهُ يَعْقُوبَ.⁵ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ الرَّبُّ أَيْضاً، ادْخُلْ يَدَكَ فِي عُثْبِكَ فَادْخُلْ يَدَهُ فِي عُثْبِهِ ثُمَّ أَخْرَجَهَا، وَإِذَا يَدُهُ بَرَصَاءُ مِثْلَ التَّلَاجِ.⁶ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ، رُدِّ يَدَكَ إِلَى عُثْبِكَ فَرُدَّ يَدَهُ إِلَى عُثْبِهِ ثُمَّ أَخْرَجَهَا مِنْ عُثْبِهِ، وَإِذَا هِيَ قَدْ عَادَتْ مِثْلَ جَسَدِهِ فَيَكُونُ إِذَا لَمْ يُصَدِّقُوا وَلَمْ يَسْمَعُوا لَصَوْتِ الْآيَةِ الْأُولَى، أَنَّهُمْ يُصَدِّقُونَ صَوْتَ الْآيَةِ الْآخِرَةِ.⁷ وَيَكُونُ إِذَا لَمْ يُصَدِّقُوا هَاتَيْنِ الْآيَتَيْنِ، وَلَمْ يَسْمَعُوا لِقَوْلِكَ، أَتَاخُذُ مِنْ مَاءِ النَّهْرِ وَتَسْكُبُ عَلَى الْيَابِسَةِ، فَيَصِيرُ الْمَاءُ الَّذِي تَأْخُذُهُ مِنَ النَّهْرِ دُمًا عَلَى الْيَابِسَةِ.⁸ فَقَالَ مُوسَى لِلرَّبِّ، اسْمِعْ أَهْلًا السَّيِّدُ، لَسْتُ أَنَا صَاحِبُ كَلَامٍ مُنْذُ أَمْسِ وَلَا أَوَّلِ مِنْ أَمْسٍ، وَلَا مِنْ جِبْنِ كَلَمَتِ عَبْدِكَ، بَلْ أَنَا ثَقِيلُ الْقَمَرِ وَاللِّسَانِ.⁹ فَقَالَ لَهُ الرَّبُّ، مَنْ صَنَعَ لِلإِنْسَانِ قَمًا، أَوْ مَنْ يَصْنَعُ أَحْرَسَ أَوْ أَصَمَّ أَوْ بَصِيرًا أَوْ أَعْمَى. أَمَا هُوَ أَنَا الرَّبُّ.¹⁰ فَلَا تَأْخُذْ أَذْهَبْ وَأَنَا أَكُونُ مَعَكَ وَأَعْلَمُكَ مَا تَتَكَلَّمُ بِهِ.¹¹ فَقَالَ، اسْمِعْ أَهْلًا السَّيِّدُ، أُرْسِلْ يَدِي مَن تُرْسِلُ. فَخَمِي عَصَبُ الرَّبِّ عَلَى مُوسَى وَقَالَ، أَلَيْسَ هَارُونَ الْلاَوِيُّ أَخَاكَ. أَنَا أَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ هُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، وَأَيْضاً هَا هُوَ خَارِجٌ لِاسْتِقْبَالِكَ. فَجِئْتَا بِرَاكَ يُفْرَخُ بِقَلْبِهِ.¹² فَتَكَلَّمْهُ وَيَضَعُ الْكَلِمَاتِ فِي فَمِهِ، وَأَنَا أَكُونُ مَعَكَ وَمَعَ فَمِهِ، وَأَعْلَمُكُمْ مَاذَا تَصْنَعَانِ.¹³ وَهُوَ يُكَلِّمُ الْشَّعْبَ عَنْكَ. وَهُوَ يَكُونُ لَكَ قَمًا، وَأَنْتَ تَكُونُ لَهُ إِلَهًا.¹⁴ وَتَأْخُذُ فِي يَدِكَ هَذِهِ الْعَصَا الَّتِي تَضَعُ بِهَا الْآيَاتِ. فَمَضَى مُوسَى وَرَجَعَ إِلَى بَنُوْنَ حَمِيهِ وَقَالَ لَهُ، أَنَا أَذْهَبُ وَأَرْجِعُ إِلَى إِخْوَتِي الَّذِينَ فِي مِصْرَ لَأَرَى هَلْ هُمْ بَعْدَ أَحْيَاءَ. فَقَالَ بَنُوْنَ لِمُوسَى، أَذْهَبْ إِلَى مِصْرَ، لَأَنَّ قَدْ مَاتَ جَمِيعُ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا يَطْلُبُونَ نَفْسَكَ.¹⁵ فَأَخَذَ مُوسَى أَمْرَاتِهِ وَبَنِيهِ وَأَرْكَبَهُمْ عَلَى الْخِمِيرِ وَرَجَعَ إِلَى أَرْضِ مِصْرَ. وَأَخَذَ مُوسَى عَصَا اللَّهِ فِي يَدِهِ.¹⁶ وَقَالَ الرَّبُّ لِمُوسَى، عِنْدَمَا تَذْهَبُ لَتَرْجِعْ إِلَى مِصْرَ أَنْظُرْ جَمِيعَ الْعَجَائِبِ الَّتِي جَعَلْتُهَا فِي يَدِكَ وَأَصْنَعُهَا قُدَّامَ فِرْعَوْنَ. وَلَكِنِّي أَسَدِّدُ قَلْبَهُ حَتَّى لَا يُطِيعَ

¹And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.²And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.³And 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.⁴And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand.⁵That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.⁶And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.⁷And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.⁸And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.⁹And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.¹⁰And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow

السَّعْبَ. ²²فَتَقُولُ لِفِرْعَوْنَ، هَكَذَا يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ، إِسْرَائِيلُ
 ابْنِي الْبِكْرُ. ²³قُلْتُ لَكَ، أَطْلِقْ ابْنِي لِيَعْبُدَنِي، فَأَيَّتَ أَنْ
 تُطْلِقَهُ. هَا أَنَا أَقُولُ ابْنُكَ الْبِكْرُ. ²⁴وَحَدَثَ فِي الطَّرِيقِ فِي
 الْمَنْزِلِ أَنَّ الرَّبَّ اتَّقَاهُ وَطَلَبَ أَنْ يَقُولَهُ. ²⁵فَأَخَذَتْ
 صَفُورَهُ صَوَّائَةً وَقَطَعَتْ عُزْلَةً مِنْهَا وَمَسَّتْ رِجْلَيْهِ.
 فَقَالَتْ، إِنَّكَ عَرِيسٌ دَمٍ لِي. ²⁶فَانْقَلَبَ عَنْهُ. حِينَئِذٍ قَالَتْ،
 عَرِيسٌ دَمٍ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْخِثَّانِ. ²⁷وَقَالَ الرَّبُّ لِهَارُونَ، اذْهَبْ
 إِلَى الْبَرِّيَّةِ لِاسْتِقْبَالِ مُوسَى. فَذَهَبَ وَاتَّقَاهُ فِي جَبَلِ
 اللَّهِ وَقَبِلَهُ. ²⁸فَأُخْبِرَ مُوسَى هَارُونَ بِجَمِيعِ كَلَامِ الرَّبِّ
 الَّذِي أَرْسَلَهُ، وَكُلَّ الْآيَاتِ الَّتِي أَوْصَاهُ بِهَا. ²⁹ثُمَّ مَضَى
 مُوسَى وَهَارُونَ وَجَمَعَا جَمِيعَ سُيُوحِ بَنِي
 إِسْرَائِيلَ. ³⁰فَتَكَلَّمَ هَارُونَ بِجَمِيعِ الْكَلَامِ الَّذِي كَلَّمَ الرَّبُّ
 مُوسَى بِهِ، وَصَنَعَ الْآيَاتِ أَمَامَ عُيُونِ الشَّعْبِ. ³¹فَأَمِنَ
 الشَّعْبُ. وَلَمَّا سَمِعُوا أَنَّ الرَّبَّ افْتَقَدَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَأَنَّهُ
 تَطَرَّ مَدْلَتَهُمْ، حَرُّوا وَسَجَدُوا.

tongue. ¹¹And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? ¹²Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. ¹³And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. ¹⁴And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. ¹⁶And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. ¹⁷And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs. ¹⁸And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace. ¹⁹And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life. ²⁰And 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. ²¹And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he

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shall not let the people go.²² And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:²³ And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.²⁴ And it came to pass 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 a bloody husband art thou to me.²⁶ So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.²⁷ And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into 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 spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.³¹ And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.