

Moses Calls Aaron to the Ministry

Exodus 4:10, 14–16, 27; 5:1; 7:9; 8:6–17; 16:1–2; 24:9–10; 28:1; 40:12–16

Thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. Exodus 40:13

When the Lord called Moses to go to Egypt to free the Israelites, Moses did not feel he could do it. He said he was slow of speech and was afraid to talk to Pharaoh (see Exodus 4:10). The Lord was angry with Moses. He told Moses he could take his brother, Aaron, with him to be his spokesman. (See Exodus 4:14–16.) The Lord then spoke to Aaron: “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses” (Exodus 4:27). Aaron and Moses were happy to be together again.

The two brothers traveled to Egypt and went before Pharaoh. Aaron spoke for Moses, trying to get Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go (see Exodus 5:1). Through the power of the Lord, Moses and Aaron performed miracles

(see Exodus 7:9) and brought plagues upon the Egyptians (see Exodus 8:6–17).

Aaron was with Moses when he led the Israelites out of Egypt and into the wilderness (see Exodus 16:1–2). He was also with Moses and 72 other priesthood bearers when the Lord appeared to them (see Exodus 24:9–10).

Once when Moses was on Mount Sinai, the Lord told him to anoint Aaron and Aaron’s sons to serve as priests in the tabernacle (see Exodus 28:1). When the tabernacle was completed, Moses anointed Aaron and his sons to this calling. He gave them the priesthood of God and the authority to perform sacred ordinances. (See Exodus 40:12–16.)

Summary

When Moses went before Pharaoh to free the Israelites, his brother, Aaron, went with him to speak for him. Aaron helped Moses to accomplish what the Lord had commanded. After the Israelites were led out of Egypt, the Lord instructed Moses to anoint Aaron and Aaron’s

sons to serve as priests in the tabernacle. When the tabernacle was finished, Moses did as the Lord directed and gave Aaron and his sons the priesthood of God.

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