## **Timeline of Truth – Moses Returns to Egypt (Exodus 4:18-31)**

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<sup>18</sup> So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please let me go and return to my brethren who <i>are</i> in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."	1. Moses <u>Appeals</u> to His Father-in-law
<sup>19</sup> And the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go, return to Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead."	2. God <u>Calms</u> Moses' Unspoken <u>Fear</u>
<sup>20</sup> Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt.	3. Moses & His Family Return to Egypt
And Moses took the rod of God in his hand.	4. Moses Carries the Rod of God
<ul> <li>And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.</li> <li>Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel <i>is</i> My son, My firstborn.</li> </ul>	5. God Gives Moses Additional <u>Information</u>
23 "So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.""	
<ul> <li>And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him.</li> <li>Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast <i>it</i> at <i>Moses</i> ' feet, and said, "Surely you <i>are</i> a husband of blood to me!"</li> <li>So He let him go. Then she said, "You are a husband of blood!" because of the circumcision.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>God Forces Moses' <u>Wife</u> to <u>Obey</u> His Command</li> <li>The importance of <u>full</u> <u>obedience</u></li> <li>The impact of <u>wives</u> on <u>husbands</u></li> </ul>
<sup>27</sup> And the LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So he went and met him on the mountain of God, and kissed him.	7. God Sends <u>Aaron</u> to <u>Meet</u> Moses
<sup>28</sup> So Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him.	8. Moses Shares God's Message with Aaron
<sup>29</sup> Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel.	9. Moses & Aaron Gather All the Elders of Israel
<sup>30</sup> And Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses. Then he did the signs in the sight of the people.	10. Aaron Shares God's Words & Signs
<sup>31</sup> So the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.	11. The <u>People</u> <u>Believe</u> that God Sent Moses

## God Gives Moses an Overview of the Plan (3:16-22)

Speak to the Elders (16a)

- God has seen (16b)
- God will bring you out (17)

The Elders Will Listen (18a)
Speak to the King (18b)
The King Will NOT Listen (19)
God Will Strike Egypt with Wonders (20a)
Then the King Will Let You Go (20b)
God Will Give You Favor with the Egyptians (21)
Israel Will Plunder the Egyptians (22)

## The 3 Signs God Gave to Moses for Israel (4:2-9)

- Proof #1: Your <u>Rod</u> Will Turn to a <u>Serpent</u> (4:2-5)
- Proof #2: Your <u>Hand</u> Will Turn <u>Leprous</u> (4:6-7)
- Proof #3: River <u>Water</u> Will Turn to <u>Blood</u> (4:8-9)