

# **“Moses: God’s First Round Draft Pick”**

## **Exodus 3-4, Unlocking the Old Testament**

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**3:1-6, 13-15** Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.<sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.”<sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”<sup>5</sup> Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”<sup>6</sup> He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.....

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I Am Who I Am.”<sup>a</sup> He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I Am has sent me to you.’”<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord,<sup>b</sup> the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

**1. God doesn’t need the highest rated player**

**2. God provides what is needed for the task**

**3. When God calls you to something your response shouldn’t be “I can’t do this.”, but rather “How is God going to do this through me?”**

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<sup>a</sup> Or *I AM WHAT I AM* or *I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE*

<sup>b</sup> The word “LORD” when spelled with capital letters stands for the divine name, *YHWH*, which is here connected with the verb *hayah*, “to be”