

Moses Confronts Pharaoh

CHARACTERS: Pharaoh, Vizier, Moses, Aaron, Israelite 1 and 2, Foreman 1 & 2

RUN TIME: 3 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON Exodus 5

MOSES: Pharaoh, Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: Let My people go, so that they may hold a festival for Me in the wilderness.

PHARAOH: (*snarky and prideful*) Who is Yahweh that I should obey Him by letting Israel go? I do not know anything about Yahweh, and besides, I will not let Israel go.

AARON: The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go on a three-day trip into the wilderness so that we may sacrifice to Yahweh our God, or else He may strike us with plague or sword.

PHARAOH: Moses and Aaron, why are you causing the people to neglect their work? Get to your work!

NARRATOR 1: That day Pharaoh commanded the overseers of the people as well as their foremen.

PHARAOH: Don't continue to supply the people with straw for making bricks, as before.

VIZIER: We'll make them gather straw for themselves.

PHARAOH: But require the same quota of bricks from them as they were making before.

VIZIER: We won't reduce the quota.

PHARAOH: They are slackers—that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.'

VIZIER: If we impose heavier work on the men, then they will be occupied with it and not pay attention to deceptive words.

FOREMAN 1: This is what Pharaoh says: 'I am not giving you straw. Go get straw yourselves wherever you can find it, but there will be no reduction at all in your workload.'

FOREMAN 2: Finish your assigned work each day, just as you did when straw was provided.

NARRATOR 2: The Israelite foremen, whom Pharaoh's slave drivers had set over the people, were beaten.

FOREMAN 1: Why haven't you finished making your prescribed number of bricks yesterday or today, as you did before?

ISRAELITE 1: (*to PHARAOH*) Why are you treating your servants this way?

ISRAELITE 2: No straw has been given to your servants, yet they say to us, 'Make bricks!'

ISRAELITE 1: Look, your servants are being beaten, but it is your own people who are at fault.

PHARAOH: You are slackers. Slackers! That is why you are saying, 'Let us go sacrifice to the Lord.' Now get to work. No straw will be given to you, but you must produce the same quantity of bricks.

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ISRAELITE 2: (*worried, to ISRAELITE 1*) We're in trouble.

ISRAELITE 1: Let's confront Moses and Aaron.

ISRAELITE 2: (*harshly*) May the Lord take note of you and judge because you have made us reek in front of Pharaoh and his officials.

ISRAELITE 1: (*discouraged*) You may as well have put a sword in their hand to kill us!

MOSES: (*praying*) Lord, why have You caused trouble for this people? Why did You ever send me? Ever since I went in to Pharaoh to speak in Your name he has caused trouble for this people, and You haven't delivered Your people at all.

VOICE OF GOD: Now you are going to see what I will do to Pharaoh; he will drive the Israelites out of his land because of My strong hand.