

Exegetical Notes, Exodus 4:27-31
“Alliances for the Project”

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Verse 27

YHWH said to Aaron, “Go into the desert to meet Moses.” So he met Moses at the mountain of God and kissed him.

- Aaron was Moses’ older brother. He had remained in Egypt as a slave when Moses fled.
- How YHWH spoke to Aaron is unclear, but God told Aaron to go into the desert to meet Moses. So Aaron packed up and went out to find his brother whom he had not seen in years.
- YHWH had promised that he would reunite these men so that Aaron could be Moses’ spokesperson. See Exodus 4:14-16.
- The brothers were reunited at the mountain of God, Mount Horeb. Aaron expresses his affection for his brother by greeting him with a kiss.

Verse 28

Then Moses told Aaron everything YHWH had sent him to say, and also about all the miraculous signs he had commanded him to perform.

- Aaron becomes Moses’ chief confidant. Moses told Aaron all that had happened to him, all that God had sent him to do, and even told him about the signs he had been given to use to convince the people and Pharaoh that his words were from God. The word, “ALL,” means that no detail of Moses’ journey with YHWH was withheld from Aaron.

Verse 29-31a

Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, and Aaron told them everything YHWH had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, and they believed.

- Aaron works as Moses' inside man. He has always been among the slaves. He is recognized as a leader among them. With his help, Moses is able to assemble the elders of Israel and convince them that he has heard from God. As God had promised, the elders believed (Exodus 3:18) and Aaron was working as Moses' mouthpiece (Exodus 4:14-16).
- The stage is now set for Moses to go to Pharaoh with YHWH's demands.

Verse 31b

And when they heard that YHWH was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshipped.

- Apparently, the elders of Israel did not know that God was concerned about them or even knew of the circumstances they faced in Egypt. When they heard that God was concerned, they worshipped Him.

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