

# The First Audience with Pharaoh



**EXODUS 5:1-7:7**

# The Battle of the “Gods”



**Thus says the LORD, 5:1**

“Let my people go!” 5:1

Sacrifice to me. 5:3

**Thus says Pharaoh, 5:10**

“Get to your labors!” 5:4

“Make bricks!” 5:16

# Moses' Complaint, 5:22-23



The NET Bible has an interesting note on the passage.

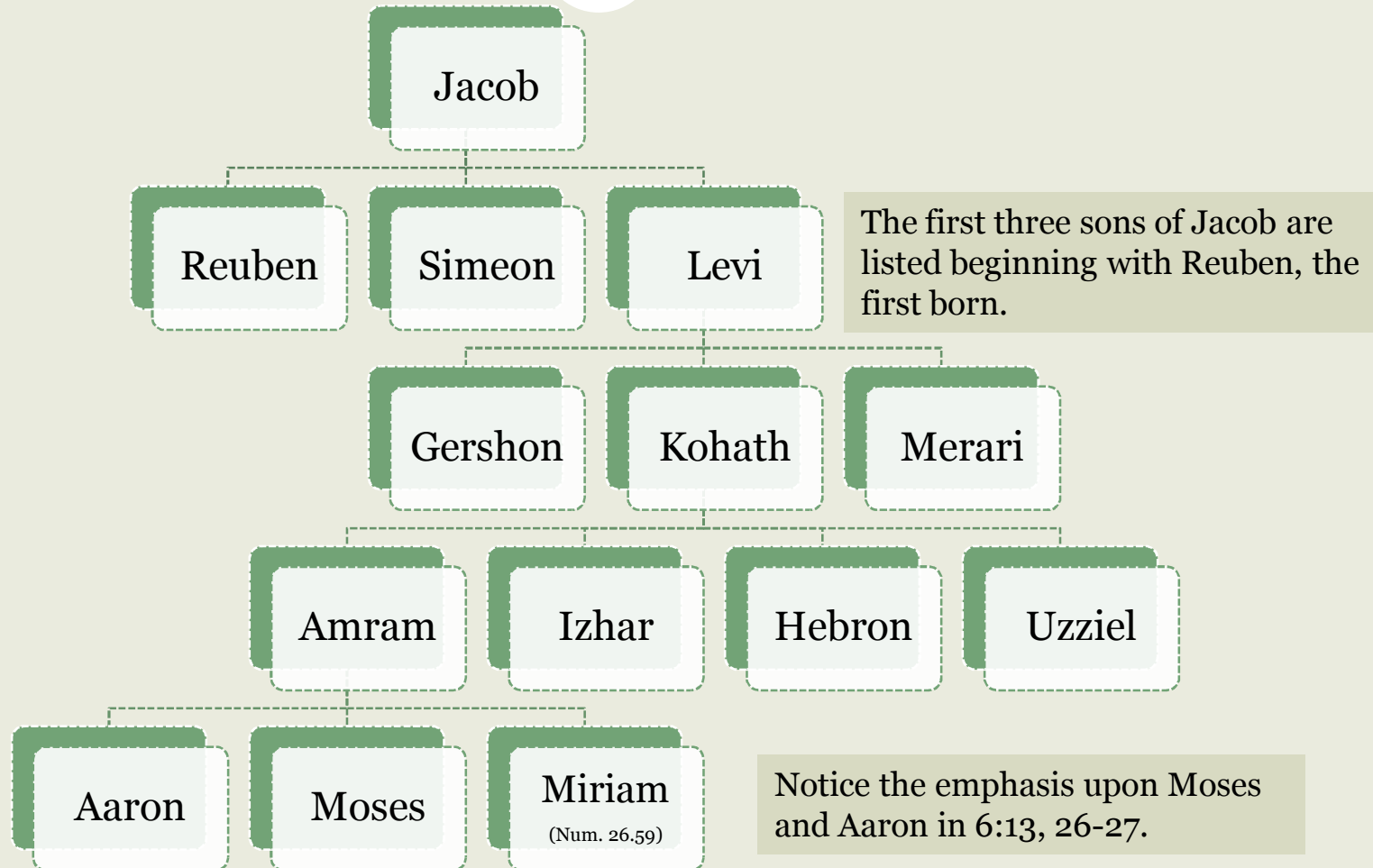
The passage can be divided into three parts: the complaint of Moses (5:22–23), the promise of Yahweh (6:1–9), and the instructions for Moses (6:10–13). Moses complains because God has not delivered his people as he had said he would, and God answers that he will because he is the sovereign covenant God who keeps his word. Therefore, Moses must keep his commission to speak God's word. ... The message is very similar to that found in the NT, "Where is the promise of his coming?" (2 Pet 3:4). The complaint of Moses (5:22–23) can be worded with Peter's "Where is the promise of his coming?" theme; the assurance from Yahweh (6:1–9) can be worded with Peter's "The Lord is not slack in keeping his promises" (2 Pet 3:9); and the third part, the instructions for Moses (6:10–13) can be worded with Peter's "Prepare for the day of God and speed its coming" (2 Pet 3:12). The people who speak for God must do so in the sure confidence of the coming deliverance – Moses with the deliverance from the bondage of Egypt, and Christians with the deliverance from this sinful world.

# Yahveh's Perfect Assurance, Exodus 6:1-9



- **I (am the) LORD**
  - I will bring you out (wəhōṣēʔtî)
  - I will deliver you (wəhiṣṣaltî)
  - I will redeem you (wəḡāʔaltî)
  - I will take you to me for a people (wəlāqaḥtî)
  - I shall be for you a God (wəhāyîṯî )
  - I shall bring you up to the land (wəhēbēʔtî)
  - I will give it to you for a possession (wənāṯattî)
- **I (am the) LORD**

# Moses' Genealogy, Exodus 6:14-26



# The Charge Reiterated, Exodus 6:28—7:7



- The genealogy of Moses is give in 6:14-27 in order to give Moses credentials as a deliverer of Israel.
- The interruption of the narrative from Ex. 6:10-13 is picked up again and the charge reiterated in 6:28 ff. The actual words of the charge are given in 6:26. Further detail concerning the role of Aaron is also given here.
- The LORD emphasizes to Moses that he will harden Pharaoh's heart in order to bring Israel out of Egypt with great judgments and to show he is the LORD