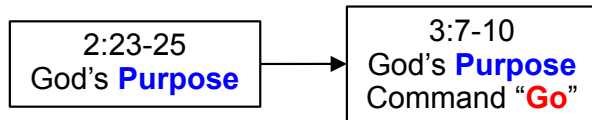


For Discussion 4:10-18

- What is unusual in Moses' address to the Lord in 4:10, 13?
- How can we generalize the Lord's assurance to Moses in 4:11?
- Why does the Lord call Aaron "the Levite" in 4:14, given that Moses is also a Levite?
- What general principle do we see in the Lord's provision of Aaron to work with Moses?
- What other examples of this principle can you recall?
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Some Helpful References

4:10, 13 “O my Lord”

[Eliezer] Gen 24:12 And he said, **O LORD God** of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

[Jacob] Gen 49:18 I have waited for thy salvation, **O LORD**.

[Moses] Exo 15:6 Thy right hand, **O LORD**, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, **O LORD**, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. (also vv. 11, 16, 17).

4:12 I will be with thy mouth

Jer 1:4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. 6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, **I cannot speak**: for I am a child. ... 9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, **I have put my words in thy mouth**.

Mat 10:18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for **it shall be given you** in that same hour what ye shall speak. 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

Luk 21:14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: 15 For **I will give you a mouth and wisdom**, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

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The Tribe of Levi

Exo 6:16 And these are the names of the sons of **Levi** according to their generations; Gershon, and **Kohath**, and Merari: ... 18 And the sons of Kohath; **Amram**, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: ... 20 And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him **Aaron and Moses**: ...

Why “The Levite”?

Gen 29:34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband **be joined** [לוה *lavah* H3867] unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called **Levi**.

Num. 18:2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may **be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee**: but thou and thy sons with thee shall minister before the tabernacle of witness.

Aaron the Levite

God’s Pattern for Partnership

Gen 2:18 ... It is **not good** that the man should be **alone**; ...

Mrk 6:7 And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth **by two and two**; ...

Luk 10:1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them **two and two** before his face ...

Act 13:2 ... the Holy Ghost said, Separate me **Barnabas and Saul** for the work whereunto I have called them.

Act 15:39 ... **Barnabas took Mark**, and sailed unto Cyprus; 40 And **Paul chose Silas**, and departed, ...

4:14 ... he cometh ... to meet thee ...

Exo 4:27 And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

God and Prophet

Moses and Aaron

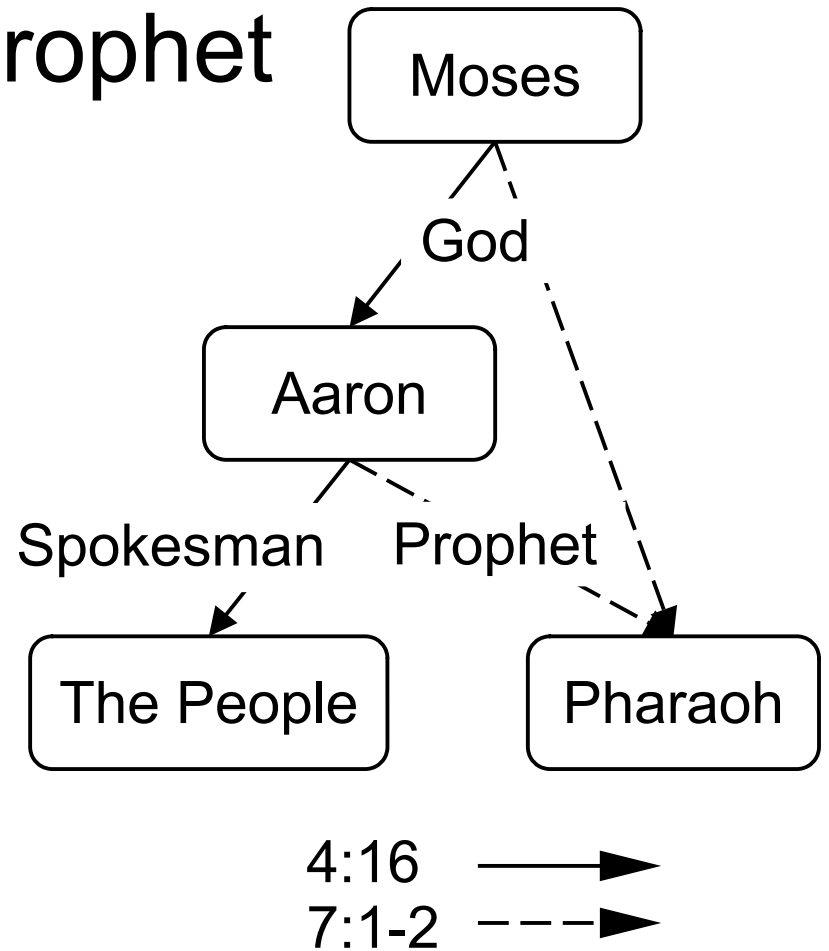
4:16 And he shall be thy **spokesman** unto the people:

and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth,
and thou shalt be to him instead of **God**.

Exo 7:1 And the LORD said unto Moses,
See, I have made thee a **god** to Pharaoh:
and Aaron thy brother shall be thy **prophet**.
2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.

The Pagan Expectation

Act 14:11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. 12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.



The New Order

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers **by the prophets**, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us **by his Son**, ...

Whose Rod?

4:17 And thou shalt take **this rod** (מַטֵּה *matteh* H4294) in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

20x in Exodus with meaning “rod, staff” (7x meaning “tribe”)

- 7x: Moses’ rod
- 10x: Aaron’s rod
- 2x: God’s rod
- 1x: the rods of the Egyptian magicians

Gen 38:18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy **staff** that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. ... 25 When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and **staff**.

(cf. Numbers 17, the trial of the rods)

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