

For Discussion 4:19-31

Theme	First Panel 1:1-4:18	Second Panel 4:19-40:38
Entering Egypt	1:1-7, Eleven tribes go to Egypt & multiply	4:19-31, Moses returns to Egypt with his family
Oppression	1:8-22, Pharaoh oppresses Israel	5:1-6:1, Oppression increases
Leaders raised up	2:1-4, Moses born	6:2-27, Moses & Aaron appointed
Moses & Pharaoh	2:5-10, Moses as a son	6:28-13:16, Moses as a deliverer
Travel to Horeb	2:11-15, Moses flees to Midian	13:17-17:7, Israel from Egypt to Sinai
Conflict	2:16-17, Moses overcomes shepherds	17:8-16, Moses overcomes Amalek
Moses and Jethro	2:18-22, Moses' Midianite family	18:1-27, Moses' Midianite family
Encounter with God at Horeb	2:23-4:18, Moses to "serve God upon this mountain," 3:12	19:1-40:38, At Horeb, Israel enters covenant with God

- What rhetorical mechanism is used to organize 4:19-31?
- Why does 4:20 call Moses' rod "the rod of God"?
- Who acts first in hardening Pharaoh's heart—God or Pharaoh?
- What does God call Israel for the first time in Exodus 3-4?
- How did he describe his relation with them before then?
- What is significant about this order?
- Why did the Lord threaten to kill Moses on his way to Egypt?
- What parallel events happen elsewhere when someone starts a mission for God?
- Why does God do this?
- How do 4:28-30 fulfill God's plan in 4:15-16?
- How do 4:29-31 fulfill 3:16-18?

Scene 1, 4:19-23: God Briefs Moses

Who: God and Moses. Where: Midian

**4:19 ... all the men
are dead ...**

Exo 2:23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: ...

4:21 and the Road to Hardening

	3:18-20	4:21	ch.5-12
Request for 3-day holiday	18 let us go 3 days journey		5:1 Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.
Pharaoh refuses	19 the king ... will not let you go		5:2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice?
Signs and wonders	20a I will smite Egypt with all my wonders	Do all those wonders before Pharaoh	7:1-12 first sign (rod to serpent)
Pharaoh's heart hardened		I will harden his heart	7:13 [God] hardened Pharaoh's heart
Israel released	20b after that he will let you go		12:31 Get you forth

4:22 ... Israel is my son ...

Exo 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of **my people** which are in Egypt, ... 10 ... I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth **my people** the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Gen 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, **to be a God unto thee**, and to thy seed after thee. 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and **I will be their God**.

Scene 2, 4:24-26

Who: God, Moses, Zipporah, Eliezer. Where: Inn

Importance of Circumcision

1Ti 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

Gen 17:14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

Warnings to God's Servants

Gen 32:24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled **a man** with him until the breaking of the day. ... 30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for **I have seen God** face to face, and my life is preserved.

Num 22:22 And God's anger was kindled because [Balaam] went: and **the angel of the LORD** stood in the way for an adversary against him.

What Happens to the Family?

Exo 18:2 Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back, 3 And her two sons; ... 5 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God:

Scene 3, 4:27-28

Who: Moses and Aaron.

Where: Mountain of God

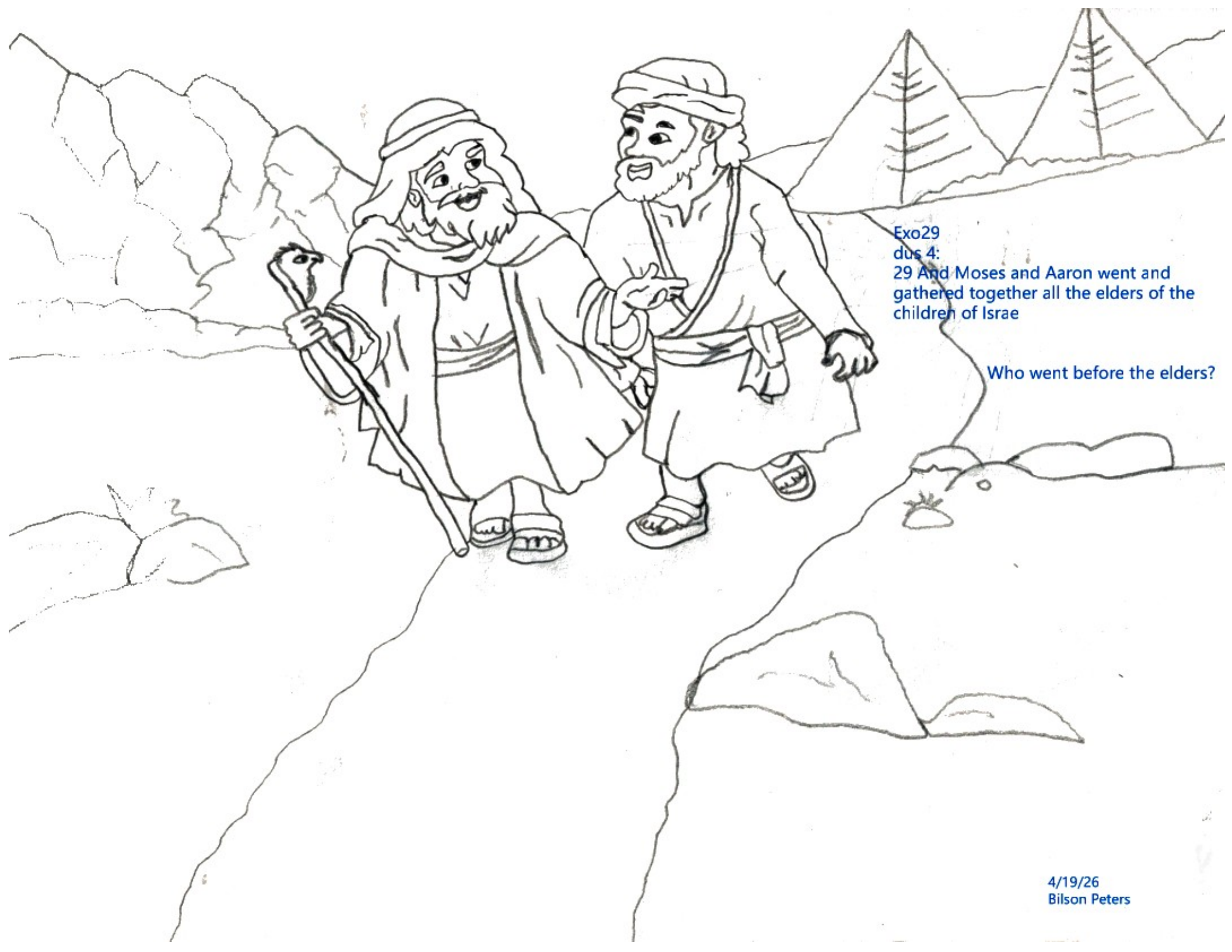
27 ... kissed him ...

Exo 2:14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian?

Plan 4:14-15	Execution 4:28-30
15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth:	28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.
16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people:	30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.



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Exo29
dus 4:
29 And Moses and Aaron went and
gathered together all the elders of the
children of Israe

Who went before the elders?

Scene 4, 4:29-31

Who: Moses,
Aaron, Elders
Where: Egypt

Mode	Question, Positive		Statement, Negative
Focus	God Said ...		The LORD Said ...
Moses	3:11-12 Moses: Who am I? God: I will be with you.		4:10-12 Moses: I cannot speak The LORD: Go , I will be with your mouth
The People	3:13-15 Moses: (They will ask) What is his name? God: The LORD God of your fathers		4:1-9 Moses: They will not believe The LORD: Three signs
3:16-22 Go + God's Purpose			

Plan, 3:16-18	Execution, 4:29-31
16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together,	29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:
and say unto them , The LORD God of your fathers ... appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: ...	30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.
18 And they shall hearken to thy voice:	31 And the people believed : and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction , then they bowed their heads and worshipped.