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Exodus 3:13-22 – Scene 7: What’s Your Name?		
13	<p>Then Moses said to God,</p> <p>“Look!</p> <p>(a) [When] I go to the children of Israel,</p> <p>(b) and I say to them,</p> <p>‘The God of your fathers sent me to you.’</p> <p>(c) and they say to me,</p> <p>‘What [is] his name?’</p> <p>What shall I say to them?”</p>	▪
14a	<p>God said to Moses,</p> <p>“I am who I am”.</p>	▪
14b	<p>And he said,</p> <p>“Thus</p> <p>you shall say to the children of Israel,</p> <p>‘I AM sent me to you.’”</p>	
15a	<p>Continuing,</p> <p>God said to Moses,</p> <p>“Thus</p> <p>you shall say to the children of Israel,</p>	<p>▪ NET: The Hebrew word “remembrance” is a poetical synonym for “name” and conveys the idea that the character of the person is to be remembered and praised.</p>
15b	<p>“The LORD,</p> <p>= the God of your fathers,</p> <p>= the God of Abraham,</p> <p>= the God of Isaac,</p> <p>= and the God of Jacob,</p> <p>sent me to you.’</p>	
15b	<p>(a) This [is] my name to forever,</p> <p>(b) and this [is] my memorial to all generations.</p>	

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16a	<p>(a) Go_{walk}</p> <p>(b) and gather the elders of Israel</p> <p>(c) and say to them,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ YHWH speaks to Moses. ▪ Moses is to speak to the elders. ▪ Moses will relate what YHWH said.
16b	<p>“The LORD,</p> <p>= the God of your fathers,</p> <p>= the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,</p> <p>appeared_{see} to me,</p> <p>saying,</p>	
16c	<p>“I have surely_{visit} taken note_{visit}</p> <p>➤ of you</p> <p>➤ and what is being done to you in Egypt.</p>	
17a	<p>So I said,</p> <p>I will bring you up</p>	▪
17b	<p>(x) from of the affliction of Egypt</p> <p>(y) to the land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ of the Canaanite and the Hittite ▪ and the Amorite and the Perizzite ▪ and the Hivite and the Jebusite, <p>(y) to a land flowing</p> <p>with milk and honey.”</p>	
18a	<p>(a) “They will listen to your voice,</p> <p>(b) and you</p> <p>and the elders of Israel</p> <p>(b) will go</p> <p>to the king of Egypt</p> <p>(c) and you will say to him,</p>	▪ Note that the elders listen to the words of YHWH through Moses.
18b	<p>“The LORD,</p> <p>= the God of the Hebrews,</p> <p>met with us.</p>	
18c	<p>So now,</p> <p>(a) let us go_{walk} now [on] a three days' journey</p> <p>into the wilderness,</p> <p>(b) that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.’</p>	

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19	<p>But I know that_{for} the king of Egypt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ will not allow_{give} you to go_{walk}, ▪ and not [<i>even</i>] by a strong hand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arrogance & irony. ▪ NET: Pharaoh’s point of view is that he plans to resist letting the Israelites go, regardless of the exercise of a strong hand against him.
20a	<p>(a) So I will send my hand</p> <p>(b) and smite Egypt with all my wonders</p> <p>which I shall do in its interior.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ God will to “do to Egypt” what Egypt “did to them” (See 3:16).
20b	<p>(c) But after that he will send you away.</p>	
21	<p>(a) I will give this people favor</p> <p>in the sight of the Egyptians;</p> <p>(b) and it will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ that_{for} when you go_{walk}, ➤ you will not go_{walk} empty-handed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
22a	<p>(a) Now every woman shall ask</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ of her neighbor ➤ and the one staying in her house, ▪ articles of silver ▪ and articles of gold, ▪ and clothing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snatch = <i>Inclusio</i>
22b	<p>(b) Then you all will put [<i>those things</i>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ on your sons ▪ and on your daughters. 	
22c	<p>(c) So, you will strip_{snatch} the Egyptians.”</p>	

Literature Type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Main Character: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ YHWH does most of the speaking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Other Characters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moses: makes an objection (3:13). ➤ Children of Israel: Moses is to inform them that YHWH sent him. ➤ Elders of Israel: Moses is to inform them of the plan deliver Israel from Egypt and take them to the land of Canaan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pharaoh: He won’t let the people go, even with a strong hand. So, YHWH will send his strong hand and Pharaoh will send the people away. ➤ Egyptians: They will send gold, silver, and clothing with the people as they leave Egypt. 	
<p>Story Obstacles (<i>new tensions</i>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Obstacle: Moses objects to the mission, because the Israelites will want to know God’s name. (2) Resolution: God tells Moses that his name is “I am.” (3) Resolution: Moses is to tell the <u>people</u> that the God of their fathers sent him. (4) Resolution: Moses is to tell the <u>elders</u> that YHWH has taken note of their sufferings and will bring them up to a land flowing with milk and honey. (5) Resolution: The elders will listen and go with you to Pharaoh. (6) Obstacle: Moses is to tell <u>Pharaoh</u> to let them go on a three-day journey into the wilderness to worship YHWH. (7) Obstacle: Pharaoh will not let you go, even by a strong hand. (8) Resolution: I will send my strong hand, and he will send you away. (9) Resolution: I will give you favor with the Egyptians and you will plunder them. <p>☐ Foreshadowing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The land of destination is inhabited by Canaanites and various other tribes. There may be conflict in the future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
<p>Plot Summary (<i>obstacles + resolution</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The people and elders will listen to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ YHWH’s words through Moses, ▪ but Pharaoh will not, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ so YHWH will send his strong hand, ▪ and then Pharaoh will let them go, ▪ and the people will plunder the Egyptians. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>What is the main point of this scene?</i>

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Theme <i>(to original audience):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ YHWH proves he is the “I am who I am” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ by encouraging the children of Israel, ▪ by recruiting the elders to confront Pharaoh, ▪ by easily convincing Pharaoh via his strong hand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to let his people worship him in the wilderness, ▪ and by giving the Israelites favor with the Egyptians, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ so they exit with abundant silver, gold, and clothing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>This is the author’s main point to his ancient audience.</i>
Theological Statement <i>(for all audiences):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ God easily carries out his impossible rescue plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ and richly blesses his people in the process. ☐ <i>Note: this is a general statement and not a promise.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>This is a general statement based on the Theme that works for any audience.</i> ▪ <i>Old Testament passages many need filtering by the New Testament.</i>
Big Idea <i>(for our audience):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rely on Jesus to completely cleanse you <i>(for various audiences; connect with 1 John 1:9).</i> ➤ Know that God can deliver you from financial chaos <i>(for a money management workshop; include qualifiers that occur later in the story like in Exodus 5:6-19).</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>These are examples of Big Ideas for a few specific audiences.</i> ▪ <i>The Big Idea should be based on the Theological Statement.</i>

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