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Jer. 1:4-10-⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you
were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to
the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Alas, Lord God! Behold, **I do not
know how to speak**, Because I am a youth.” ⁷But the Lord said
to me, “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ Because everywhere I send
you, you shall go, And all that I command you, **you shall speak**.
⁸“Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you,”
declares the Lord. ⁹Then the Lord stretched out His hand
and **touched my mouth**, and the Lord said to me, “**Behold, I
have put My words in your mouth**. ¹⁰“See, I have appointed
you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up
and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to
plant.”

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Exodus 7:1-2-¹Then the Lord said to Moses, “See, I make
you *as* God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your
prophet. ²You shall speak all that I command you, and your
brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he let the sons of Israel
go out of his land.”

2 Tim. 2:2-The things which **you** have heard from **me** in the
presence of many witnesses, entrust these to **faithful men** who
will be able to teach **others** also.

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Luke 16:10-He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also
in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is
unrighteous also in much.

Neh. 2:2-3-² So the king said to me, “Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart.” Then I was very much afraid. ³ I said to the king, “Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers’ tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?”

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Exod. 2:21-Moses was willing to dwell with the man, and he gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses.

Exod. 2:22-Then she gave birth to a son, and he named him Gershom, for he said, “I have been a sojourner in a foreign land.”

Exod. 18:4-The other was named Eliezer, for he said, “The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.”

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Hos. 11:1-When Israel was a youth I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.

Jer. 31:9-20-⁹ “With weeping they will come, And by supplication I will lead them; I will make them walk by streams of waters, On a straight path in which they will not stumble; For I am a father to Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn.” ¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, And declare in the coastlands afar off, And say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him And keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.” ¹¹ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob And redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he. ¹² “They will come and shout for joy on the height of Zion, And they will be radiant over the bounty of the Lord—Over

the grain and the new wine and the oil, And over the young of the flock and the herd; And their life will be like a watered garden, And they will never languish again. ¹³ “Then the virgin will rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together, For I will turn their mourning into joy And will comfort them and give them joy for their sorrow. ¹⁴ “I will fill the soul of the priests with abundance, And My people will be satisfied with My goodness,” declares the Lord. ¹⁵ Thus says the Lord, “A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; She refuses to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more.” ¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, “Restrain your voice from weeping And your eyes from tears; For your work will be rewarded,” declares the Lord, “And they will return from the land of the enemy. ¹⁷ “There is hope for your future,” declares the Lord, “And your children will return to their own territory. ¹⁸ “I have surely heard Ephraim grieving, ‘You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained calf; Bring me back that I may be restored, For You are the Lord my God. ¹⁹ ‘For after I turned back, I repented; And after I was instructed, I smote on my thigh; I was ashamed and also humiliated Because I bore the reproach of my youth.’ ²⁰ “Is **Ephraim My dear son**? Is he a delightful child? Indeed, as often as I have spoken against him, I certainly still remember him; Therefore, My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him,” declares the Lord.

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Exod. 1:22-Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is born you are to **cast into the Nile**, and every daughter you are to keep alive.”

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Gen. 17:10-This is **My covenant**, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: **every male among you shall be circumcised**.

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While most interpret Zipporah's words of contempt as recorded in these verses as being directed at Moses, Allen offers compelling evidence that these words were actually directed against Yahweh. Ronald B. Allen, "The 'Bloody Bridegroom' in Exodus 4:24-26," *Bibliotheca Sacra* 153 (July-September 1996): 259-69.

Conclusion

Num. 6:24-26-²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;
²⁵ The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
²⁶ The Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.'