

SCENE ONE: THE MIDWIVES

CROWD: Shiphrah, Puah! Shiphrah, Puah!

PERSON: Shiphrah? Puah? What kind of names are those? Who are they?

CROWD: Good question!

LEADER: Who are they? (Hebrew midwives)

PERSON: Why are you cheering for them?

CROWD: Who knows?

LEADER: Who knows? (Because they wouldn't kill the first-born male children of the Hebrews)

SCENE TWO: MOSES IN THE BULRUSHES

MIRIAM: Shh, Moses, don't cry. Here I am, taking my little baby brother

and sailing him down the river. I hope I've got the right river. Now, what is the name of this river? (Nile)

MIRIAM: Look! Somebody's coming! She looks awfully familiar, but I can't quite place her. It's, it's.... (Pharaoh's daughter)

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER: A Hebrew baby! I think I'll keep him. (To Miriam)  
Who are you, child?

MIRIAM: Oh no, I'm so nervous I can't remember my own name. My name is...  
my name is... (Miriam)

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER: Well, Miriam, I'll keep this little boy, and I'll name him Moses.

MIRIAM: What kind of a name is that?

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER: Well now, for the life of me, I don't know. It must mean something, but I can't quite recall... (drawn out of the water)

SCENE THREE: MOSES IN MIDIAN

MOSES is drinking from a well. Jephro's daughters are there, getting water for their sheep.

MOSES: This is a lovely land. What's it called?

ZIPPORAH: I, I can't remember. I knew the name only a moment ago  
(Midian)

The shepherds come up and push the girls aside.

MOSES: Hey, what are you guys doing?

X SHEPHERD: We need water. We can't do our job properly unless we  
get  
some water.

MOSES: Well, what line of work are you in anyway?

X SHEPHERD: It's a little difficult to describe. We're... we're  
(shepherds)

MOSES: Well, you're rude shepherds. Let these lovely ladies have  
a turn  
first.

ZIPPORAH: Moses, come home with us. I want you to meet our  
father.

This is my father.... He's actually got two names (Reuel...  
Jethro).

X JETHRO: Hello Moses. I'm Jethro and this is my daughter  
(Zipporah).

We call her Zipper for short. It's sounds like you did a good  
job  
down by the well, so you can marry Zipper if you like.

#### SCENE FOUR: MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

X MOSES: Here I am, taking care of the sheep, just like I have been  
for the  
past 40 years or so, near the mountain... what's it's name?  
(Horeb) Wait, what's that? A campfire? Too early in the  
season?

A forest fire? It's something burning. It's a burning...  
(bush)

I'd better take a closer look. There's something strange about  
this  
bush... (It's not consumed)

GOD: Moses, Moses.

X MOSES: Here am I.

GOD: Mumble, mumble.

X MOSES: What did you say?

GOD: Mumble, mumble.

X MOSES: (To audience) What did He say? (Take off your shoes,  
because you're  
standing on holy ground)

GOD: I have seen the affliction of My people that are in Egypt,

and have heard their cry; and I am come to deliver them, and to bring them unto  
a land that is flowing with... with... (milk and honey)

X MOSES: Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh?

GOD: I will be with you.

X MOSES: But when the children of Israel ask what is His name, what shall I  
say to them?

GOD: I've got a new one, one they've never heard before. I think they're  
really gonna go for it. Just a minute, it's slipped my mind, it's...

(I am that I am)... well maybe I remember the Hebrew... (Ehyeh asher  
Ehyeh)

X MOSES: I don't know. I still don't think they'll believe me.

GOD: What is that in your hand?

X MOSES: I don't know. It looks like a... like a (rod)

GOD: Cast it on the ground.

X MOSES: Oh no, it's not a rod any more, it's a... a.... (snake)

GOD: If that doesn't do the trick, I'll give you a couple more signs and  
wonders, just in case. Now let me see, what shall I choose?  
(hand turning leprous, water turning to blood)

X MOSES: I still don't know, Lord. I'm not exactly what you'd call a  
clever speechmaker.

GOD: Don't you think I know that, Moses? Look, don't worry about it,

I'll be right there in your mouth, and teach you everything you need  
to speak. You're still not convinced? Give me a break! Wait, look!  
Who's coming?

X MOSES: I can't see. The light's in my eyes. (Aaron)

GOD: Right. Aaron. Let him do the talking.

#### SCENE FIVE: MOSES AND PHARAOH

MOSES & AARON: Pharaoh, thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel: Let  
my people go.

PHARAOH: Let you go? You guys must be crazy. Who would build my cities  
for me? I've never heard of this god anyway. Back to work!

Taskmasters! These Hebrews are bored and lazy. Their life is too easy,  
that's why they're causing trouble. I tell you what. Don't give  
them any more, any more.... (straw) to make their... their...  
(bricks)  
That should give them something to think about!

CROWD: This is terrible! We're even worse off than we were!  
Moses,  
do something!

MOSES: Lord, what's going on? You promised us a land of milk and honey.  
But You haven't delivered us at all.

GOD: Just wait and see.

#### SCENE SIX: MOSES AND THE PLAGUES

MOSES: What's the good word, Pharaoh?

PHARAOH: It's no use, Moses, my heart is hardened. That trick with the  
rod was pathetic. My magicians matched it easily.

MOSES: True. But what happened to the serpents your magicians made?

PHARAOH: I forget that part (Aaron's rod swallowed their rods)

MOSES: I wish you'd change your mind, Pharaoh. It's gonna get pretty  
bad around here.

PHARAOH: Don't try to scare me, Moses. I'm a stubborn man. And now,  
it's time for my bath.

PHARAOH goes over to the river. AARON strikes the water with his rod.

CROWD: Oh no, the river is turning to... (blood)

PHARAOH: Oh boy. How long is this going to last? (7 days)

MOSES: Pharaoh, you've got to let the children of Israel go, otherwise  
the Lord will send a plague of... of... (frogs)

PHARAOH: I hate these frogs, slimy little creatures. Look Moses, get your  
God to take them away, and I'll let you all go.

MOSES: You doublecrossed us, Pharaoh. The Lord killed all the frogs, and  
we're still here. The next plague will be a real doozy. It's gonna to  
be.. gonna be (gnats). And there's something else about this plague,

something that's not going to make your fancy magicians happy one bit...

(Pharaoh's magicians are not able to duplicate this plague)

MOSES: Still haven't changed your mind? I've come to warn you another plague is on its way, this time a plague of... of... (flies)

PHARAOH: Alright already! Enough is enough. Sacrifice to your god, what's the big deal? But do it here, in Egypt. I don't want you wandering about in the wilderness.

MOSES: Sorry, Pharaoh, no can do. The Lord was pretty explicit. He told us to go into the wilderness for a journey of.. now, how many days did he tell me? (3)

PHARAOH: Fine, fine. You can all go, just don't go too far. And get rid of these darned flies!

MOSES: You lied to us, Pharaoh. I think the Lord is losing His patience. Another plague has come. Look out the window, and tell me what you see.

PHARAOH: Something's happening for sure. Oh no, my animals! What is it?  
(Beasts, cows, camel, cattle all dying)

MOSES: Still hard of heart, Pharaoh? Maybe this next plague will persuade you (Boils)

PHARAOH: You can torment me all you want, you people aren't going anywhere.

MOSES: I hope you mean that, because here comes another plague.

PHARAOH: What's that falling out of the sky? (hail) Very well, I really have done it this time. The Lord is righteous, and I am a very wicked man. Just make it stop hailing, and I will let you go. (Under his breath) This Moses is pretty gullible, and his god isn't much better. My heart is just as hard as it ever was, and these Hebrews are going to stay right here in Egypt.