

LAST EXIT TO SINAI

A Rock Opera in One Act

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Setting

The Sinai desert and Mt. Sinai.

Time

Just after the Hebrew Exodus from Egypt.

Cast of Characters

Moses. You know, *Moses*. Moses lives in a different plane than other people. He speaks to God, though he sometimes wonders who he is talking to.

Zipporah. Moses' wife. Devoted and strong-willed, but knows she plays second fiddle to God.

Joshua. Moses' trusted lieutenant. Not a mystic at all, he's a man who gets things done.

Dathan. A rabble-rouser, leader of the nay-sayers. Does not believe in the vision. Dathan is the villain of the piece, interested only in returning to Egypt and his life of privilege.

Aaron. Moses' brother. A metalworker & pragmatist.

Marayam. Moses' sister & tribal leader.

Levi. Tribal leader.

Dan. Tribal leader.

Naomi. Tribal leader.

Mannie. Tribal leader.

Ruthabel. Tribal leader.

Loosah. Dathan's sidekick and foil. Kind of silly evil.

Lessah. Loosah's twin.

The Hebrew Tribes. Those Who Follow

Musical Numbers

Scene 1.

"Prologue". *Maryam, Levi, Mannie, Joshua, Dan, Chorus*
"Last Exit To Sinai". *Chorus*
"What Do They Know?". *Moses*
"Passover". *Chorus*
"Big Deal". *Dathan, Chorus*
"We're Free". *Chorus*
"Manna". *Chorus*
"Right Path". *Aaron, Moses, Joshua*
"Sinai". *Elders, Moses, Dathan, Loosah, Lessah*
"Smoke and Thunder". *Moses, Dathan, Chorus*
"Go Up There". *Moses, Zippy*
"Who Cares?". *Dathan, Elders, Loosah, Lessah*
"Back In Egypt". *Dathan, Loosah, Lessah*

Scene 2.

"Forty Days". *Elders, Zippy*
"What Is Needed". *Aaron, Zippy*
"How Do You?". *Zippy*
"Not Coming Back". *Joshua, Aaron, Dathan, Loosah, Lessah*
"What Happened?". *Zippy, Aaron, Joshua, Moses*
"Top Ten". *Mannie, Levi, Dan, Naomi, Joshua, Moses, Chorus*
"Go Up There (Reprise)". *Moses, Zippy, Joshua*
"Gone Again", *Loosah, Lessah, Chorus*

Scene 3.

"Golden Cow". *Joshua, Levi, Aaron, Dathan, Chorus*
"The Accusation". *Moses, Elders*
"Who Cares? (Reprise)". *Dathan, Joshua, Chorus*
"A Matter of Trust". *Moses, Joshua*
"Walk to Canaan". *Moses, Zippy, Joshua, Chorus*

Scene Synopsis

Scene 1. On the eastern shore of the Red Sea

Scene 2. Mt. Sinai, 40 days later

Scene 3. Mt. Sinai, another 40 days later

SCENE 1

1. "Prologue"

ISRAELITES enter, there is a mixture of ancient and modern in their attire and their activities (backpacks + desert robes, gourds + sneakers, etc.) JOSHUA, DAN, LEVI and MANNIE and NAOMI & MARYAM meet down center. All are dazed.

MARYAM
DID EVERYBODY SEE THAT?

LEVI
THAT GAVE EVERYBODY CHILLS

MANNIE
COULD ANYONE BELIEVE THAT?

DAN
WHO'D'VE THOUGHT HE HAD THOSE SKILLS?

JOSHUA
YEAH, MOSES HAS A WAY WITH A STAFF
WE ALL KNEW HE COULD DO A CLEVER TRICK

RUTHABEL
WITH THE FROGS AND THE LOCUSTS

LEVI
AND THE RIVER FILLED WITH BLOOD

NAOMI
AND THE HAIL AND THE BOILS

MARYAM
THREE DAYS WITHOUT THE SUN

JOSHUA
BUT THIS WAS SOMETHING WE COULD NOT PREDICT

CHORUS
WHEN THE WATERS IN THE SEA
MOVE ASIDE SO WE CAN PASS
THAT IS ALL THE PROOF WE NEED
THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT TO ASK
WE'RE PROUD TO TESTIFY
THAT THIS MAN IS ON OUR SIDE
YOU DON'T WANT TO FIGHT THIS GUY
JUST LOOK AT THOSE WHO'VE TRIED

2. "Last Exit To Sinai"

A PILLAR OF FIRE KEPT THE PHARAOH BACK
 THE RED SEA PARTED AND LET US PASS
 PHARAOH'S CHARIOTS CAME TO ATTACK
 THEN THE SEA CAME DOWN WITH A MIGHTY CRASH
 NOW WE'RE STRANDED HERE IN THE GREAT OUTBACK

WE TOOK THE LAST EXIT TO SINAI
 THE SIGN POST SAID, "THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL
 FIND THE VERY LAST ROAD TO THE SINAI DESERT"
 YOU KNOW THE SINAI DESERT IS NOT THAT COOL

THIS MAN MOSES IS MORE THAN A MAN
 A MIRACLE WORKER, THERE IS NO DOUBT
 HE'LL SAVE OUR PEOPLE IF ANYONE CAN
 LOOK HOW HE LED THE HEBREWS OUT
 NOW WE GOTTA NEW LIFE AND A BRAND NEW PLAN

WE TOOK THE LAST EXIT TO SINAI
 SIGN SAID, "THIS IS A DESERT, YOU FOOL"
 THE VERY LAST ROAD TO THE SINAI DESERT
 YOU KNOW THE SINAI DESERT IS NOT THAT COOL
 NOT THAT COOL, NOT THAT COOL

ON THE ROAD FROM CANAAN THERE'S ANOTHER SIGN
 SAYS "EGYPT'S NOTHING BUT A LIFE OF PAIN"
 WE DIDN'T PAY THAT SIGN NO MIND
 SO FOR MANY YEARS WE WERE HELD IN CHAINS
 NOW WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?
 WE DON'T HAVE A CLUE
 BUT WE COULD NOT STAY BACK THERE
 WHAT WERE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

WE TOOK THE LAST EXIT TO SINAI
 WENT ACROSS THE SEA LIKE A SWIMMING POOL
 THE VERY LAST ROAD TO THE SINAI DESERT
 YOU KNOW THE SINAI DESERT IS NOT THAT COOL
 THE SINAI DESERT IS NOT TOO COOL, NOT TOO COOL

MOSES enters, all cheer for him

IT'S MOSES WHO BROUGHT US HERE
 HE'S THE MAN WHO DID THIS DEED
 MOSES HAS MADE IT CLEAR
 THAT WE CAN'T HELP BUT SUCCEED

WE'VE GOT MOSES! MOSES! MOSES!
 WORKING FOR THE CAUSE
 WE'LL MAKE IT ACROSS THE SINAI DESERT

WE CAN'T FAIL BECAUSE
 WE'VE GOT MOSES! MOSES! MOSES!
 MOSES IS ALL WE NEED!
 WE GOT MOSES! MOSES! MOSES!
 WITH MOSES WE ARE GUARANTEED
 WITH MOSES WE ARE GUARANTEED
 WITH MOSES WE ARE GUARANTEED
 WITH MOSES WE ARE GUARANTEED

Song fades as they exit

3. "What Do They Know?"

MOSES

OH GOD, WHAT DO THEY KNOW?
 OH GOD, WHAT DO THEY KNOW OF YOU?
 THEY SAW THE RED SEA PARTING
 ENDURED THE SEVEN PLAGUES
 AND NOW WE ARE DEPARTING
 BUT TO WHERE? AND WHO CAN SAY?

OH GOD, WHAT DO I KNOW?
 OH GOD, WHAT DO I KNOW OF YOU?
 I'VE SEEN YOUR BUSHES BURNING
 YOU'VE TOLD ME WHAT TO DO
 AND NOW I AM RETURNING
 TO YOU, BUT WHO AND WHAT ARE YOU?

THEY'RE JUST PEOPLE
 THEY ACT LIKE CHILDREN
 THEY LOVE A FAIRY TALE
 THEY'LL BE CONFUSED
 AND THEY'LL GET ANGRY
 IF SOMEHOW THIS QUEST SHOULD FAIL

I'M THEIR LEADER
 BUT I'M NOT CERTAIN
 OF WHERE OR WHEN OR HOW
 I'M NOT AMUSED
 THIS IS NOT FUNNY
 TELL ME WHAT DO I DO NOW?

**MOSES paces back and forth, coming
 to grips with his doubts. Then he
 is resolved**

OH GOD, WE WILL NEVER KNOW FOR SURE
 BUT GOD, I KNOW WE'LL MAKE IT THROUGH
 I KNOW YOU WILL BE WITH US
 UNTIL THE VERY END
 AND IF YOU WILL STAY WITH US
 IT'S TIME TO BEGIN
 IT IS TIME TO BEGIN

Moses exits. THUNDER rolls.
 JOSHUA, DAN, LEVI, MANNIE, NAOMI,
 JOSHUA, DATHAN, LESSAH & LOOSAH
 enter. LOOSAH shades DATHAN with
 an umbrella. LESSAH brushes his
 robe, etc.

4. "Passover"

DAN

DO YOU RECALL BEFORE WE STARTED
 JUST BEFORE THEY LET US OUT
 THAT NIGHT WHEN THINGS GOT CRAZY
 NOW WHAT WAS ALL THAT ALL ABOUT?

JOSHUA

WHEN THE SKY GOT GREEN AND UGLY
 AND THE FIRST-BORN DIED IN DROVES
 UNLESS THEY'D PAINTED BLOOD
 ON THE DOORS OF THEIR ABODES

DAN, LEVI & JOSHUA

WHATEVER ALL THAT MEANT
 IT SHOOK UP THE STATUS QUO
 'CAUSE RAMESES, HE RELENATED
 AND HE LET THE PEOPLE GO

ALL

YES HE LET THE PEOPLE GO

DAN

IT WAS STRANGE, IT WAS CREEPY

MANNIE

I CAN'T FORGET HOW IT WENT DOWN

JOSHUA

THAT NIGHT WHEN THINGS GOT CRAZY

LEVI

WHEN THE DESTROYER CAME TO TOWN

NAOMI

I WAS SCARED

RUTHABEL

I WAS TOO

ELDERS

(to DATHAN)

WE WERE PANICKED, HOW 'BOUT YOU?

DATHAN

(spoken)

I rather enjoyed it.

JOSHUA

What?!

DATHAN

IT WAS EDGY, FULL OF DANGER
NOTHING COULD HAVE BEEN STRANGER
YOU WEREN'T SURE IF YOU WOULD MAKE IT
IF IT CHASED YOU, COULD YOU SHAKE IT?

LOOSAH & LESSAH

DATHAN REALLY LOVES THOSE KINDS OF THINGS

DATHAN

OOOH, THE FEELING WAS DELICIOUS
ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU SUPERSTITIOUS
SHIVERS DOWN YOUR SPINE
AN EXCITING STATE OF MIND

LOOSAH & LESSAH

DATHAN REALLY DIGS THE DARKER MEMES

JOSHUA

DATHAN, YOU'RE TOO WEIRD
THE DESTROYER SHOULD BE FEARED
AND WE NEVER CAN FORGET
WHAT OUR PEOPLE GOT FROM IT

CHORUS

FREEDOM! FREEDOM! FREEDOM!
FREEDOM! FREEDOM! FREEDOM!

JOSHUA & ELDERS

WHEN THE DESTROYER PASSED ABOVE
IT WAS FRIGHTENING TO SEE
GAVE PHARAOH THE FINAL SHOVE
AND HE SET OUR PEOPLE FREE

JOSHUA

WE NEED A NATIONAL HOLIDAY
FOR WHEN WE OVERCAME THAT THREAT

DAN

WE NEED TO NAME THAT AWESOME DAY

LEVI

WE NEED A NAME WE WON'T FORGET

WHAT ARE WE GONNA CALL IT?
THE DAY WHEN IT PASSED OVER
DESTROYER DAY?

JOSHUA
 THAT WON'T FIT

CHORUS
 THE DAY WHEN IT PASSED OVER

MANNIE
 MAYBE D-DAY?

JOSHUA
 THAT'S NOT IT

CHORUS
 THE DAY WHEN IT PASSED OVER

NAOMI
 PASS IT ON DAY?

JOSHUA
 NOT SO HOT

CHORUS
 THE DAY WHEN IT PASSED OVER

RUTHABEL
 FREE PASSAGE DAY?

JOSHUA
 I THINK NOT

LEVI & DAN
 HERE IT IS, JOSHUA, EASY TO SAY
 A NAME WE'LL REMEMBER 'TIL OUR DYING DAY:
 OVERPASS DAY!

(spoken)

Well?

JOSHUA
 LET'S SLEEP ON IT, OKAY?
 I'M SURE WE'LL FIND A WAY
 TO COMMEMORATE THAT AWESOME DAY
 THAT GREAT PASSOVER DAY

CHORUS
 THAT GREAT PASSOVER DAY

MARYAM and TRIBES re-enter.

5. "Big Deal"

MARYAM
 YEARS FROM NOW, I BET THEY'LL STILL TELL
 HOW MOSES
 RAISED HIS STAFF AND GAVE 'EM ALL HELL

LEVI
HE MADE SMOKE & FIRE

RUTHABEL
THE MAN IS A WHIZ

NAOMI & DAN
AND WE WALTZ OUTTA TOWN
LIKE NOBODY'S BIZ

ALL
HE PARTED THE SEA AND LET US WALK THROUGH
IS THERE ANYTHING THE MAN CANNOT DO?

DATHAN
BIG DEAL

LOOSAH & LESSAH
YEAH, BIG DEAL

LEVI
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BIG DEAL?

DATHAN
YOU THINK HE DID ALL THAT WITH HIS STAFF?

LOOSAH & LESSAH
THAT STAFF OF HIS JUST A LAUGH!

DATHAN
THE GUY CAN'T PUT TWO WORDS TOGETHER
I TELL YOU IT WAS JUST FREAKY WEATHER

DAN
OPEN YOUR EYES AND SEE
WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE?

DATHAN
EARTHQUAKE, MAYBE, OR A TIDAL WAVE
WHO KNOWS? BUT'S IT'S NO BIG DEAL
SO EVERYONE HAD A REAL CLOSE SHAVE
IT WAS DUMB LUCK, NO BIG DEAL

LOOSAH & LESSAH
THE DUMBEST

DATHAN, LOOSAH & LESSAH
NO BIG DEAL, JUST A BUNCH OF CRAP
NO BIG DEAL, YOU FELL INTO HIS TRAP

DATHAN
ME, I WAS READY TO HEAD ON BACK
MAKE AMENDS WITH PHARAOH'S FOLKS

WE DIDN'T MEAN TO RUSH OFF LIKE THAT
THAT WAS MOSES MAKING A JOKE

JOSHUA
HELD IN BONDAGE FOUR CENTURIES, SIR

MARYAM
IS NOT RUSHING OFF, IF YOU PLEASE, SIR

DATHAN
IT WAS NO BIG DEAL, SO WE WORE A FETTER
LOOK AT US NOW - IS THIS ANY BETTER?

JOSHUA
ABSOLUTELY! BECAUSE WE'RE FREE!

DATHAN
COME WITH ME BACK ACROSS THE SEA

JOSHUA
THIS IS WHERE WE NEED TO BE
WHERE PHARAOH WILL NEVER FIND US
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED
ALL THE BAD STUFF IS BEHIND US

LEVI
(spoken)
You can say that again.

JOSHUA
With pleasure

6. "We're Free"

We're Free

JOSHUA (CONT'D)
RAMESES' ARMY IS BEHIND US NOW
THERE'S NOTHING UP AHEAD TO FEAR

MARYAM, LEVI, DAN, NAOMI
TO FEAR

NAOMI
ALL THE BAD TIMES THAT WE HAD TO FACE

JOSHUA & NAOMI
WILL NOT BOTHER US OVER HERE

MARYAM, LEVI, DAN, NAOMI
OVER HERE
WHATEVER IS OVER HERE

CHORUS

SAW US COMING OUT OF EGYPT
 THE PHARAOH LET US FLY
 SAW US COMING THROUGH THE RED SEA
 GOT THROUGH THAT HIGH AND DRY
 SAW US COMING TO THE SINAI
 LORD, WE'RE COMING THROUGH THE RYE
 WE'RE FREE AND CLEAR AND NOW WE'RE FLYING HIGH

DATHAN, LESSAH & LOOSAH

YEAH, WE'RE FREE
 BUT WHERE DO WE GO NOW?

CHORUS

EVEN THOUGH WE'VE BEEN IN BONDAGE
 AT LEAST FOUR HUNDRED YEARS
 IT DIDN'T DO MUCH DAMAGE
 WE'RE NOT DROWNING IN OUR TEARS
 WE'RE NOT LOADED DOWN WITH BAGGAGE
 WE'RE NOT FROZEN BY OUR FEARS
 WE'RE FLYING HIGH, AND NOW WE'RE FREE AND CLEAR

DATHAN, LESSAH & LOOSAH

YEAH, WE'RE FREE ALL RIGHT
 BUT WHERE DO WE GO NOW?

CHORUS

WHO CARES WHERE WE'RE GOING?
 WE'LL KNOW WHEN WE ARRIVE
 WHO CARES HOW WE GET THERE?
 IT'S SO GOOD TO BE ALIVE!
 WE BELONG TO OURSELVES
 AND OUR HOPE HAS BEEN REVIVED
 WE'RE FREE, YES, NOW WE'RE FREE!

SAW US COMING OUT OF EGYPT
 THE PHARAOH LET US FLEE
 AND THEN HE TRIED TO CATCH US
 NOW HE'S SWIMMING IN THE SEA
 AND HERE WE ARE, WHEREVER
 THIS MAY BE IS WHERE WE'LL BE
 WE'RE FLYING HIGH AND NOW WE'RE FINALLY FREE

DATHAN, LESSAH & LOOSAH

YEAH, WE'RE FREE ALL RIGHT
 BUT WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

CHORUS

WHO CARES WHAT WE'RE DOING?
 SOMETHING NEW WILL COME ALONG
 WHO NEEDS AN AGENDA?
 WE'LL JUST SING OUR SONG
 A WHOLE WORLD IS WAITING
 BUT IT WON'T BE WAITING LONG

WE'RE FREE, YES, NOW WE'RE FREE!

SAW US COMING OUT OF EGYPT
 WE SWAM ACROSS THE NILE
 SAW US COMING THROUGH THE RED SEA
 MADE IT THROUGH THE TIME OF TRIAL
 SAW US COMING TO THE SINAI
 AND WE MIGHT BE HERE A WHILE
 BUT WE'RE FREE AND CLEAR
 WE'VE EARNED THE RIGHT TO SMILE
 WE ARE FREE, YES, NOW WE ARE FREE!

PEOPLE line up, adlibs while
 getting ready. MOSES points off in
 the distance.

MOSES

Joshua, assemble the people. Let's move out!

JOSHUA

Come on, everybody! Next stop, Canaan.

MOSES

This way!

MOSES starts off. ZIPPORAH taps
 his shoulder, points the other
 way. MOSES scratches his head,
 then points the other way also.

MOSES (CONT'D)

This way!

7. "We're Free" underscoring

The PEOPLE, all smiles and
 enthusiasm, follow MOSES the
 opposite way. Music continues as
 people cross the stage. A DANCE
 sequence is part of the movement.
 The PEOPLE go behind the drop, re-
 emerge and then recross the stage
 several times. They are less
 enthusiastic and more footsore as
 they make each successive lap.
 This involves rubbing feet,
 limping, frowning. Music stops.
 People stop & rest.

8. "Manna"

LEVI

JOSHUA, ARE YOU HUNGRY?

JOSHUA
I'M STARVING. DAN?

DAN
ME TOO

MARYAM
WHAT WOULD THE GENTLEMEN LIKE FOR DINNER?
BAKED ROCKS OR SCORPION STEW?

DAN
I'LL BE HONEST, MARYAM
NONE OF THAT SOUNDS FINGER-LICKIN'

NAOMI
I'VE HEARD SCORPION'S NOT SO BAD

LEVI
SCORPION TASTES LIKE CHICKEN

MARYAM
WHAT'LL WE DO ABOUT THE FOOD?
THERE'S SO MANY MOUTHS TO FEED

JOSHUA goes to MOSES.

JOSHUA
MARYAM'S POINT IS UNDERSTOOD
SOLID FOOD IS WHAT WE NEED

DATHAN
LETS GO BACK TO EGYPT
RAMESES WON'T LET US DIE
WE WORK FOR HIM, HE GIVES US FOOD
HE'S NOT THAT BAD A GUY

CHORUS
THERE'S A THOUGHT, LET'S GO BACK
SLAVERY'S NOT THAT BAD A DEAL
WE BUILD A PYRAMID OR TWO
THEN SIT DOWN FOR A MEAL
WE NEED SOME FOOD TO EAT
PROTEIN AND CARBOHYDRATE
AND WATER, TOO, WOULD BE REAL SWEET
WE'RE ALL ABOUT TO DEHYDRATE

MOSES
(spoken)
Very well.

MOSES raises his staff.

CHORUS

IT'S THE STAFF! IT'S THE STAFF!
IT'S THE STAFF! TAKE COVER!

MOSES

PLEASE STAY CALM

CHORUS

BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU POINT THAT THING
HE'S A WALKING, TALKING BOMB!

**PEOPLE shield their eyes. MOSES
twirls the staff. Nothing happens.
People peek. LEVI rubs his eyes
and looks around**

LEVI

SO, WHERE'S THE FOOD?

MOSES

IT'S ON THE GROUND

DAN

ON THE GROUND?

MOSES

JUST TAKE A LOOK, SCROUNGE AROUND

**MOSES scrapes the ground with his
staff, and raises it to JOSHUA's
face. Not too sure of himself,
JOSHUA uses his finger to scrape
something from the staff.**

MOSES (CONT'D)

GO AHEAD, IT'S REALLY GOOD

JOSHUA touches it to his lips.

JOSHUA

IT'S NOT JUST GOOD, IT'S REALLY GREAT!

JOSHUA offers MARYAM some

MARYAM

YES IT IS, A TASTY TREAT
EVERYBODY, GRAB A PLATE

**All the PEOPLE scrabble on the
ground, licking up the food.**

MOSES

EVERY DAY FROM HERE ON OUT
THIS FOOD CAN BE FOUND

EVERY MORNING FROM NOW ON
GET YOUR BREAKFAST OFF THE GROUND

DAN
EVERY MORNING? THAT'S FANTASTIC!

RUTHABEL, NAOMI, MARYAM & MANNIE
WE ARE SO ENTHUSIASTIC!
NO NEED TO COOK OR CLEAN OR SCRUB
JUST GATHER UP SOME MAGIC GRUB

LEVI
WHAT IS THIS STUFF CALLED?

MANNIE
IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

MOSES
IT'S CALLED MANNA, IT'S A GIFT
A GIFT FOR ALL OF YOU

CHORUS
ALL OF US!
MOSES GAVE US MANNA

MOSES
IT'S FROM HEAVEN, NOT FROM ME

CHORUS
MOSES GAVE US MANNA

MOSES
IT'S A GIFT FROM GOD, DON'T YOU SEE?

CHORUS
MANNA, MANNA, MANNA, FOOD FIT FOR A KING
MANNA, MANNA, MANNA, AND WE DON'T PAY A THING
MANNA, OH MAN, IT'S GOOD
MANNA IS THE PERFECT FOOD
THAT IS WHY WE SING
MOSES GAVE US MANNA
BETTER THAN BANANA
MANNA, MANNA, MANNA
SING A LOUD HOSANNAH
WE ALL LOVE YOU, MOSES
YOU'VE GIVEN US OUR MANNA!

MOSES
(to ZIPPORAH)
IS THERE NO WAY TO MAKE THEM SEE
MANNA DID NOT COME FROM ME?

ZIPPORAH

THERE'S NO WAY THAT THEY COULD KNOW
THEY JUST SEE YOU, AND EVEN THOUGH
YOU TRY TO TEACH THEM, YOU CAN'T SHOW
WHAT ONLY YOU CAN TRULY KNOW

MOSES

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO!

9. "We're Free" underscoring

PEOPLE begin marching again. After
a while, the music ceases, and
people stop, many collapse onto
packs, leaning on each other,
wiping brows with bandanas, etc.
MOSES, JOSHUA and AARON all meet

10. "Right Path"

AARON

YOU SURE WE'RE ON THE RIGHT PATH?

MOSES

I'M NOT SURE OF ANYTHING
AARON, I'VE BROUGHT THEM WHERE
THE LORD SAID I SHOULD BRING

AARON

BRING THEM HERE? IS THAT WHAT YOU CLAIM?

MOSES

HE PUT A MAP IN MY MIND, THAT'S THE SAME

JOSHUA

THERE'S NO MILK AND HONEY HERE

AARON

PEOPLE THINK THIS IS DEAL IS WEIRD

MOSES

THE LORD MOVES IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS

JOSHUA

THE PEOPLE DON'T LIKE A MYSTERY

MOSES

IT'S TIME WE RETURN TO OUR ANCIENT WAYS

JOSHUA

THE PEOPLE HAVE FORGOTTEN THEIR HISTORY

AARON

SOME SAY WE SHOULD GO BACK TO EGYPT
CAN YOUR STAFF DO THAT TRICK AGAIN?
CAN YOU SPLIT THE RED SEA ONE MORE TIME?
GET US BACK TO EGYPT LAND?

JOSHUA

DATHAN IS THE ONE WHO IS STIRRING UP THE TROUBLE
WE NEED TO SHUT HIM UP, AND DO IT ON THE DOUBLE
HE'S A SLIMY LITTLE MAN

MOSES

FORGET HIM, WE NEED A PLAN

**MOSES, AARON & JOSHUA huddle over
map. MANNIE, LEVI, NAOMI, MARYAM,
RUTHABEL and DAN meet downstage.**

11. "Sinai"

LEVI

DOES THIS LOOK LIKE CANAAN, DAN?

DAN

WELL, LEVI, DOES IT LOOK LIKE IT TO YOU?

MARYAM

IT MUST BE NEAR
I THINK WE'RE OVERDUE

NAOMI

IS CANAAN ALWAYS SO HOT?

LEVI

IS DESERT ALL WE HAVE GOT?

RUTHABEL

IT ALL LOOKS THE SAME, THAT IS TRUE

DAN points out over audience.

DAN

WELL, THAT MOUNTAIN OVER YONDER IS NEW

PEOPLE crowd around, looking

LEVI

NEVER SEEN SO MUCH SMOKE

MANNIE

NEVER SEEN SO MUCH FIRE

DAN
IT'S BURNING ON TOP
LIKE A FUNERAL PYRE

a RUMBLING SOUND, the PEOPLE shake

NAOMI
DID YOU FEEL THAT? THE EARTH SHOOK BELOW

RUTHABEL
WHAT IS THIS PLACE? I'M TERRIFIED

MOSES crosses to them

MOSES
DON'T WORRY, CHILDREN
THIS PLACE IS CALLED MOUNT SINAI

loud THUNDER, everyone jumps

JOSHUA
IS GOD UP ON THAT MOUNTAIN TOP?

Another THUNDERCLAP

MOSES
IN A WAY HE KIND OF LIVES UP THERE
ABOVE THE CLOUDS, UP ABOVE THE WORLD

MARYAM
(an odd look on her face)
I HEAR A VOICE UP IN THE AIR

LEVI
GET REAL

MARYAM
NO, REALLY: "I AM"

LEVI
GET REAL, NO REALLY, YOU'RE NOT

MARYAM
I HEAR A VOICE THAT SAYS "I AM"

DAN
AM WHAT?

MOSES
(hearing it too)
"I AM GOD", IT SAYS "I AM"

DATHAN
 GIVE ME A BREAK, THERE HE GOES AGAIN
 WILL SOMEONE PLEASE DELIVER US?
 NOW HE THINKS HE'S GOD, THAT HE'S MORE THAN MAN
 DELIVER US FROM OUR DELIVERER

HE'S MAD!

LOOSAH
 HE'S BONKERS

LESSAH
 HE'S INSANE

DAN
 I HEAR IT NOW

NAOMI
 YEAH, ME, TOO

LOOSAH & LESSAH
 HEY! WE HEAR THE SAME

MARYAM
 (**spoken**)
 There *is* a voice.

12. "Smoke and Thunder"

CHORUS
 SMOKE AND THUNDER
 FIRE AND CLOUD
 UP ON THAT MOUNTAIN
 IT'S REALLY LOUD
 UP ON THAT MOUNTAIN
 RIGHT NEAR THE TOP
 THE SMOKE AND THE THUNDER
 THEY NEVER STOP

WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE KEEP HEARING, "I AM"
 WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE KEEP HEARING, "I AM"
 WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE HEAR, "I AM"

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING
 FIRE AND SMOKE
 VOICES OF THUNDER
 THE VOICES SPOKE
 THE VOICE ON THE MOUNTAIN
 IS MUCH TOO NEAR
 WHAT IS IT SAYING
 TO US DOWN HERE?

WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE KEEP HEARING, "I AM"
 WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE KEEP HEARING, "I AM"

WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE HEAR, "I AM"
 "HERE I AM"
 "HERE I AM"

DATHAN

THIS THEOPHANY IS A MYSTERY
 IT'S CACOPHONY, NOT A SYMPHONY
 SURELY GOD COULD MAKE IT PLAIN TO SEE
 WHAT HE MEANS FOR US TO DO
 BUT WHAT WE HEAR IS ALL UNCLEAR
 WHY ARE WE HERE? AND NOW WE FEAR
 THAT'S NO GOD UP THERE
 NO GOD UP THERE
 NO GOD FOR ME OR YOU

CHORUS

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING
 FIRE AND SMOKE
 VOICES OF THUNDER
 THE VOICES SPOKE
 A VOICE ON THE MOUNTAIN
 A VOICE TO FEAR
 BUT WHAT IS IT SAYING
 TO US DOWN HERE?

WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE KEEP HEARING, "I AM"
 WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE KEEP HEARING, "I AM"
 WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE HEAR, "I AM"
 "HERE I AM"
 "HERE I AM"

MOSES

NOW I HEAR THE VOICE THAT I'VE HEARD BEFORE
 BUT IT'S CLEARER NOW, AND WHAT IS MORE
 IT IS CALLING ME, I CAN'T IGNORE
 IT'S A VOICE I MUST OBEY
 THIS IS THE PLACE I'VE LED YOU TO
 HERE WE'LL LEARN WHAT WE ALL MUST DO
 THAT'S OUR GOD UP THERE,
 OUR GOD'S UP THERE
 WE CAN'T JUST WALK AWAY

CHORUS

SMOKE AND THUNDER
 FIRE AND CLOUD
 UP ON THAT MOUNTAIN
 IT'S REALLY LOUD
 UP ON THAT MOUNTAIN
 RIGHT NEAR THE TOP
 THE SMOKE AND THUNDER
 THEY NEVER STOP

WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE KEEP HEARING, "I AM"
 WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE KEEP HEARING, "I AM"

WHAT IS HIS NAME? WE HEAR, "I AM"
 "HERE I AM"
 "HERE I AM"

**The PEOPLE move away in groups,
 leaving MOSES & ZIPPORAH.**

13. "Go Up There"

MOSES

ZIPPORAH, I'VE GOT TO GO UP THERE

ZIPPORAH

I KNOW THAT, MOSES, BUT I'M SCARED

MOSES

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE FRIGHTENED OF
 I'M GOING UP TO TALK WITH GOD
 I'VE TRIED TO BE PREPARED
 THAT DOESN'T MEAN I WILL BE SPARED
 BUT HE'S CALLING THEM, HE IS CALLING ME,
 HE'S CALLING US BECAUSE WE DARED
 TO BE FREE

ZIPPORAH

I'M AFRAID FOR YOU, BUT MORE AFRAID FOR THEM
 THEY NEED YOU, THEY'RE LIKE CHILDREN
 I'M AFRAID OF ALL THAT THEY MIGHT DO
 WITHOUT YOU HERE TO GUIDE THEM

MOSES

THEY'VE GOT AARON AND THEY'VE GOT YOU
 THEY HAVE THE ELDERS WHO WILL LEAD
 THEY HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD ON SINAI

ZIPPORAH

WITHOUT YOU, THEY WILL NEVER SEE
 HOW TO BE FREE

MOSES

ZIPPORAH, I'VE GOT TO GO UP THERE

ZIPPORAH

I KNOW, BUT I'M STILL SCARED

MOSES

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE FRIGHTENED OF
 I'M GOING UP TO TALK WITH GOD
 I'LL ONLY BE GONE A LITTLE WHILE
 I'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE, YOU KNOW
 AND NOW I MUST GO THE EXTRA MILE
 I MUST GO
 THERE ARE THINGS THAT I MUST LEARN

MOSES starts off.

ZIPPORAH
MOSES?

MOSES
YES, MY LOVE?

ZIPPORAH
I 'LL BE HERE WHEN YOU RETURN

MOSES
I KNOW THAT, MY LOVE
I COULDN'T LEAVE UNLESS I KNEW
I COULD COME BACK HOME TO YOU

**MOSES exits. JOSHUA, AARON, NAOMI,
MANNIE, LEVI and DAN enter**

NAOMI
WHY HAS MOSES GONE AWAY?

ZIPPORAH
THE MOUNTAIN CALLED, HE COULDN'T STAY

LEVI
BUT WHY, IN THE NAME OF GOD, WHY?

ZIPPORAH
THAT'S THE REASON WHY
THE VERY REASON WHY

**ZIPPORAH and NATHAN exit as
DATHAN, LOOSAH and LESSAH enter.**

JOSHUA
What did she mean by that?

14. "Who Cares?"

DATHAN
WHO CARES?
IF THAT SILLY FOOL HAS GONE UP THERE
WHO CARES?
WE WON'T SEE HIM AGAIN DOWN HERE
HE'LL BE TOAST BEFORE YOU KNOW IT
HE'LL NEVER COME BACK DOWN
WHO CARES?
IF YOU'RE WAITING ON MOSES YOU'RE
THE ONLY ONES WHO CARE

JASON
DATHAN, EVERY TIME YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH
YOU MAKE ME WONDER WHY YOU HAVE ONE

DATHAN
WHY, TO TELL THE TRUTH, COURSE

LOOSAH shakes her fist at AARON

LOOSAH & LESSAH
YEAH, TO TELL THE TRUTH OF COURSE!

DATHAN
THAT'S ALL THIS HUMBLE MAN HAS EVER DONE

Preaching to the TRIBES

MOSES HAS DESERTED US
HE'S CLIMBING THAT VOLCANO
WE WON'T EVER SEE HIS FACE AGAIN
WAS IT REALLY WORTH THE FUSS
TO "LET MY PEOPLE GO"
LET'S GO BACK TO HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN
BACK IN EGYPT, THINGS WERE GREAT BACK THEN

MARYAM
WE'RE NOT GOING BACK TO EGYPT
I GUESS YOU'RE OUTTA LUCK

JOSHUA
SO KEEP YOUR YAPPER ZIPPED
DON'T BE SUCH A SCHMUCK

DATHAN
WHO CARES?
I'M JUST OFFERING MY OPINION
MERELY WANT TO LEND A HELPING HAND

LOOSAH & LESSAH
WHO CARES?
IT'S JUST ONE MAN'S OPINION

DATHAN
WE'D BE BETTER OFF IN EGYPT LAND
SO YOU DON'T LIKE MY SOLUTION?
THEN KEEP ON EATING BREAKFAST ON THE GROUND

DATHAN, LOOSAH & LESSAH
YOU'RE ALL LIVING IN DELUSION
WHO CARES IF YOU KEEP GOING ROUND AND ROUND
ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND
ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND
TILL EVERYONE IS SIX FEET UNDERGROUND

JOSHUA
WHO CARES?
NO ONE WANTS YOUR OPINION
SO KEEP IT TO YOURSELF

JOSHUA and others exit

15. "Back In Egypt"

DATHAN

IF WE EVER GET TO CANAAN
 JOSHUA WILL BE THE MAN IN CHARGE
 BUT WE AREN'T IN CANAAN YET
 IF WE'D JUST GO BACK TO EGYPT
 THEN I WOULD BE IN CHARGE
 RAMSES IS NOT LIKELY TO FORGET
 THAT DATHAN WAS THE PHARAOH'S PET

BACK IN EGYPT I WAS THE BOSS

LOOSAH & LESSAH

THE BOSS

DATHAN

OVER EVERY HEBREW SLAVE
 BACK IN EGYPT I CALLED THE SHOTS

LOOSAH & LESSAH

THE SHOTS

DATHAN

THEY OBEYED EVERY ORDER I GAVE
 I GOT TREATED WITH RESPECT

LOOSAH & LESSAH

RESPECT

DATHAN

I WAS CARRIED ON A LITTER
 PHARAOH KNEW MY NAME
 HE'D SAY

LOOSAH & LESSAH

"DATHAN, THERE'S NO ONE BETTER
 THAN YOU
 WITHOUT YOU I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD DO
 HERE, HAVE ANOTHER GOLDEN COIN OR TWO"

DATHAN

BACK IN EGYPT I WAS BORN IN A HUT

LOOSAH & LESSAH

A LITTLE HUT

DATHAN

BUT YOU CAN RISE
 WHEN YOU KNOW HOW TO BE CALLOUS
 I LEFT THAT HUT BEHIND

LOOSAH & LESSAH
BEHIND

DATHAN
BY BREAKING THEIR BACKS
AND THEN I MOVED INTO A PALACE

LOOSAH & LESSAH
HE WORE FINE SILK

DATHAN
I DRANK FINE WINES

LOOSAH & LESSAH
HE BATHED IN MILK

DATHAN
I HAD CONCUBINES

Hugs LOOSAH & LESSAH. They giggle
I WASN'T WRETCHED LIKE THE REST OF THEM
(thumb over his shoulder)
BUT I LOST IT ALL BECAUSE OF *HIM*
(points where MOSES exited)
EVERYTHING I HAD BECAUSE OF HIM!

PHARAOH WILL REMEMBER ME

LOOSAH & LESSAH
BACK IN EGYPT

DATHAN
WHEN I BRING THESE SLAVES BACK TO HIS GRACE
BACK IN EGYPT, HE WILL HONOR ME

LOOSAH & LESSAH
SOME HONOR

DATHAN
WHEN I MEET HIM FACE TO FACE
MOSES WILL BE DEAD OR WRAPPED IN CHAINS
HIS NAME WILL MEAN NOTHING
AHE'LL BE DISGRACED FOR ETERNITY
THEY'LL JUST REMEMBER ME
THE MAN WHO BROUGHT THEM BACK TO EGYPT
THE MAN WHO SAVED THE PEOPLE FROM THIS GODAWFUL PLACE

SO, NO ONE WANTS MY OPINION?
WHO CARES?
SO I'LL KEEP IT TO MYSELF
BUT FOR THE TWO OF YOU HE DIDN'T SEEM TO CARE
YOU CAN SHARE MY OPINIONS WITH EVERYBODY HERE
THESE FOOLS WILL FOLLOW A MAN WITH A PLAN
THEY'LL SOON FORSAKE THAT AMATEUR

DATHAN, LESSAH & LOOSAH
WE'LL BE BACK IN EGYPT BEFORE YOU CAN SAY
"DATHAN THE DELIVERER"

15a. Underscore - "Smoke & Thunder"