

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Thesis Statement: “Was Moses Articulate or did he exhibit a cross cultural language barrier?” God commissioned Moses to be the vessel to communicate with Pharaoh in Egypt and to inform Pharaoh to release the Hebrews from bondage. Instantaneously, Moses commenced to elucidating to Yahweh several aspects, as to why he felt that he wasn’t equipped to handle this divine assignment.

Research Question: Was Moses really articulate, or did he exhibit a cross cultural language barrier?

Purpose of Research: Several commentaries state, that Moses was reluctant to converse with Pharaoh because he had a handicap in public speaking. Several bible scholars exerted that Moses was disillusioned an ineloquent, that’s why he told Yahweh that he was equip for the task. This research will examine a comparative study of ANE cultural dimension of language among the Hebrews and Egyptians in relations to Exodus 4:10. There is a controversial issue as to, if Moses was educated by the Egyptians, and the Egyptians was known to be extremely articulate. Was a cross cultural language barrier, that caused Moses to be hesitant before God regarding speaking to Pharaoh.

Significance of Research: A Comparative Study of data constructed to reveal similarities and differences of the Hebrew Cultural Language, with Egypt’s Cultural Language. This case study intends to reveal the proximity in time, geography, spheres of Egypt’s and Israel’s culture. Cross cultural language comparisons, and that Moses clearly underestimated the character of Yahweh.

Background: Examination of the Biblical text Exodus chapters 3 and 4 and the Cultural Dimension of ANE Language. A careful analysis of Egypt and the land of Midian will be researched.

Literature Review: This study will assist readers in comprehending the genre and literary style.

Methodology: Biblical commentaries will be utilized to comprehend the various cultural languages.

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