

WALLA: THE CALL IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT GOSHEN
(ADDENDUM 25-A). CHEERING BEGINS, GOATS BLEET AS
THEY ARE STARTED BY CELEBRATING HEBREWS.

MUSIC/SFX TRANSITION:

3 EXT. COUNCIL OF ELDERS - MOMENTS LATER

WALLA: ANTICIPATED HUBBUB. HUSHED/EXCITED
MURMURING. BACKGROUND NOISE OF ALL OF GOSHEN
BEGINNING TO SPREAD THE NEWS WITH INCREASING
EXCITEMENT - CLANGING OF METAL POTS AND PANS.
MURMURING OF THE COUNCIL OPENS TO...

008 ABIRAM

Has He really done, Dathan? Has God
freed us?

009 DATHAN

Through Moses? I'll believe it when
I see it.

MOSES AND AARON CAN BE HEARD NOW (ADDENDUM 25-
B), GETTING CLOSE. GOSHEN WALLA/CHEERING GETS
LOUDER.

010 KORAH

Pharaoh is stubborn. We can never
be sure.

MOSES AND AARON FINALLY ENTER THE COUNCIL, OUT
OF BREATH.

011 **MOSES**

People of Israel! We are no more
marked to die as slaves, as
strangers in a foreign land! The
God of our Fathers has set us free!
Free to enter into a great land
that flows with milk and honey! Let
no one forget what the Lord has
done here today. Your children will
teach their children this story,
from this day to the ending of the
world. Those who fought against our
God shall think themselves
accursed, and hang their heads in
shame that they opposed the living
God on this day of the Passover! On
this day we are truly free, and we
shall march through the desert, a
free people, to the Promised Land!

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START >>>

022 AARON

Do you think God made a mistake in
choosing Moses?

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023 ABIRAM

Aaron. You know we are not going to
trust this Egyptian to lead us.

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024 MOSES

Have I not proven that my mission
is from the God of Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob? I am no Egyptian, and I
will lead God's people.

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The arguments gets progressively more heated:

025 KORAH

Your signs and wonders have
concluded, Moses. We are free.
Rejoice, Moses. Go home. The Lord
will reward you!

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026 DATHAN

Yes, go home, Moses.

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027 AARON

This is not right. Our God has
performed these wonders by Moses's
hand, not yours.

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028 DATHAN

And how do you expect this
murderous shepherd to lead us
through the desert? To provide food
and water for 600,000 men and their
families?

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A FAMILY WITH A SMALL FLOCK OF LOOSE CHICKENS
RUNS THROUGH.

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029 AARON

So you do think God has made a
mistake. Moses has spent ten years
in the desert - he knows it better
than anyone!

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030 ABIRAM

Then he should know how dangerous
it is!

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031 AARON

What is your plan to provide for
us, Dathan? Abiram?

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AARON (CONT'D)

Do you have enough livestock to
feed us all the way? Have you
filled **flasks** of water for us to
carry on our backs?!

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THE FOUR OF THEM ARGUE INCOMPREHENSIBLY FOR A
FEW MOMENTS.

Elishe'ma's voice cuts through:

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032 ELISHE'MA

Enough.

THEY ALL GO SILENT.

033 DATHAN

Elishe'ma, **old man**. Why are you
still here? You should be at home
with your daughter and
grandchildren.

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034 ELISHE'MA

I am the oldest of the council of
elders. Do you not wish to hear
what I have to say?

035 ABIRAM

What say you, Elishe'ma? Will the
Egyptian lead us?

036 ELISHE'MA

Moses?

037 **MOSES**

Yes?

038 ELISHE'MA

How will you feed and water us? Can
you keep us safe, fed - alive, at
least - all the way to Canaan?
600,000 men and our families?

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039 **MOSES**

I cannot.

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A WEATHERED GROAN, DISSAPOINTMENT FROM
ELISHE'MA.

040 AARON

(dejected)

Moses... Moses we-

041 DATHAN
(pretentious)
See? Leave us then-

042 MOSES
It is not possible for any man...
Just **as** it is not possible for a
man to turn a river into blood...
or cause darkness to fall on the
land for three days. Just **as** no man
could command the angel of death to
pass over his home. **There is no man**
among us who can lead us to the
promised land. But the God of
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? The God
who raised a **Hebrew** slave to the
royal household of Egypt? The God
who humbled the arrogant son of Ra?
Yes, I believe He can lead us
there.

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Beat.

043 ELISHE'MA
Dathan, Abiram, Korah... I stand
with Moses.

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044 KORAH
...Aye, so do I.

045 ABIRAM
Aye. Dathan?

Dathan is reluctant to admit defeat:

046 DATHAN
Very well, shepherd. Lead these
lost sheep out of Egypt. We will
see if God's hand is with you.

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AARON CLAPS MOSES'S BACK.

047 AARON
You know I am with you, **Brother!**
What shall we do now? What's first?
Shall we move the herds? Should we
plan our route?

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048 MOSES
First **we must pay our debts, Aaron.**
Long ago, when I lived in the
palace, **our** mother, **Jochebed** told
me of an old Hebrew prophesy.

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049 AARON

A prophecy?

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050 MOSES

That one day the bones of Joseph
would be returned to the land of
our fathers.

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APPROVING ELDERS WALLA: 'HMM'. THAT'S RIGHT.
YES, YES.

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