

038 ZIPPORAH

You'll never get anywhere with the sheep if you treat them like that.

039 YOUNG MOSES

You have a better method in mind?

040 ZIPPORAH

Yes.

041 YOUNG MOSES

Then tell me about it.

042 ZIPPORAH

Ask my father. He'll teach you to become a good shepherd.

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

2 EXT. SINAI OASIS - DAY

Jethro stands on the oasis. Moses approaches him.

043 YOUNG MOSES

Show me how to be a good shepherd.

044 JETHRO

**START >>>** Are you ready to learn?

045 YOUNG MOSES

Yes. I don't like being made a fool.

046 JETHRO

This is not work an Egyptian would enjoy - but you say you're not an Egyptian.

047 YOUNG MOSES

I'm not.

048 JETHRO

It's onerous. Repetative. Quiet. Get up. Lead the sheep to pasture. Keep them there all day. Count them. Protect them from wild animals. Count them again. Bring them to water. Go and hunt for the lost ones. Bring them home again. Count them -

049 YOUNG MOSES

I get it.

050 JETHRO

But what you don't get is how these sheep are our livelihood. They are our milk, our cheese, our meat, our tents, our clothes.

051 YOUNG MOSES

I see.

052 JETHRO

Yes. They're helpless and stupid. That's why you're here. If they were smart, I wouldn't need you.

053 YOUNG MOSES

(mutters)

What a waste of all my training.

054 JETHRO

No, it isn't.

055 YOUNG MOSES

(surprised he heard)

Sorry, I -

056 JETHRO

Nothing will be wasted.

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TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

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**EXT. MIDIAN DESERT - NIGHT**

Moses and Jethro with their flocks.

057 JETHRO

(calls)

Bring your flock down into the valley, Moses.

MOSES CALLS TO HIS SHEEP - A WHISTLE AND SERIES OF VOCALIZATIONS.

058 YOUNG MOSES

Yeah, they don't listen to me.

059 JETHRO

I'll help you.

JETHRO WHISTLES AND VOCALIZES - THE SHEEP RESPOND IMMEDIATELY, BLEATING AND BAAING HAPPILY AS THEY MOSEY DOWN INTO THE VALLEY.