

Prayer

Heavenly Father, give us faith to receive your word,
understanding to know what it means,
and the will to put it into practice;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word.
May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and strength to
our lives.

Exodus: The second book of the Bible tells the story of how God freed the Hebrew people from slavery.

- After Joseph died tensions rose between the Egyptians and the Hebrews.
- A new pharaoh rose to power and forced the Hebrew people into slavery.
- He ordered all Hebrew baby boys killed after hearing about a prophecy.

Moses

One day a Hebrew woman gave birth to a boy baby and hid him in a basket among the reeds in the river (to keep him safe) from the command of Pharaoh.



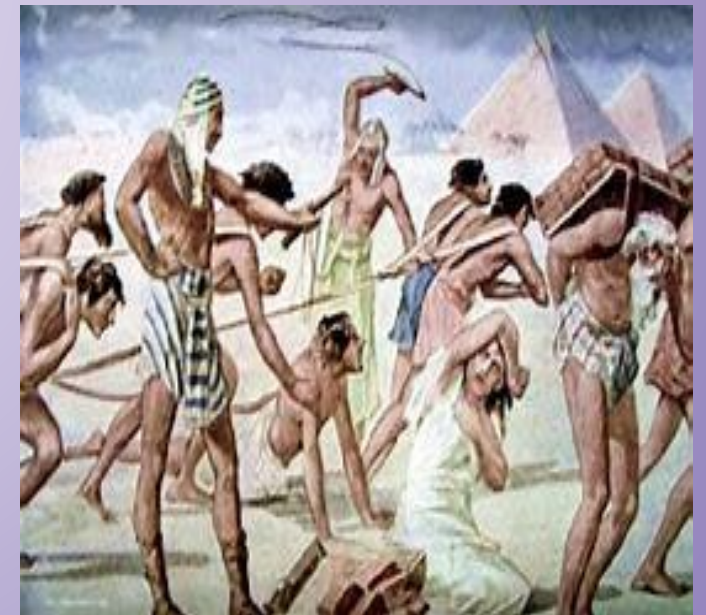
When Pharaoh's daughter found him she took the baby and adopted him as her own naming him Moses.





Moses is found

As Moses grew and became an adult he realized that the Egyptians were mistreating the Hebrews. Moses was kind and had empathy. At this time, he was not aware he was Hebrew.



One day Moses came upon an Egyptian beating a slave
and Moses struck down the Egyptian
and was thrown out of Egypt as punishment.



Moses is captured, sent to exile



Moses flees Egypt and goes to Midian





- While Moses was in Exile God hears the cries of the Hebrews.
- One day as Moses is tending sheep he came upon a burning bush.



Moses is called by God



Work from text (select from as you go)

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Yahweh: Yhwh

- Moses I have heard the cry of my people, return to Egypt and free the people from Pharaoh.
- Who shall I say sent me?

I AM WHO I AM

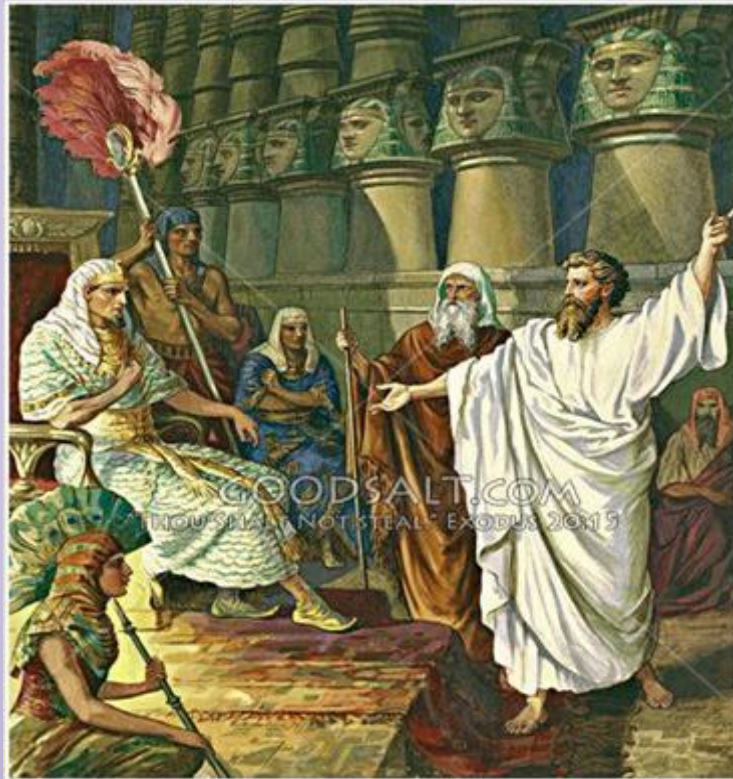
- 1. But I am a slow speaker, I stutter.
- 2. Isn't there someone else better?
- 3. Your brother Aaron will go and speak for you



Moses delivers
God's message

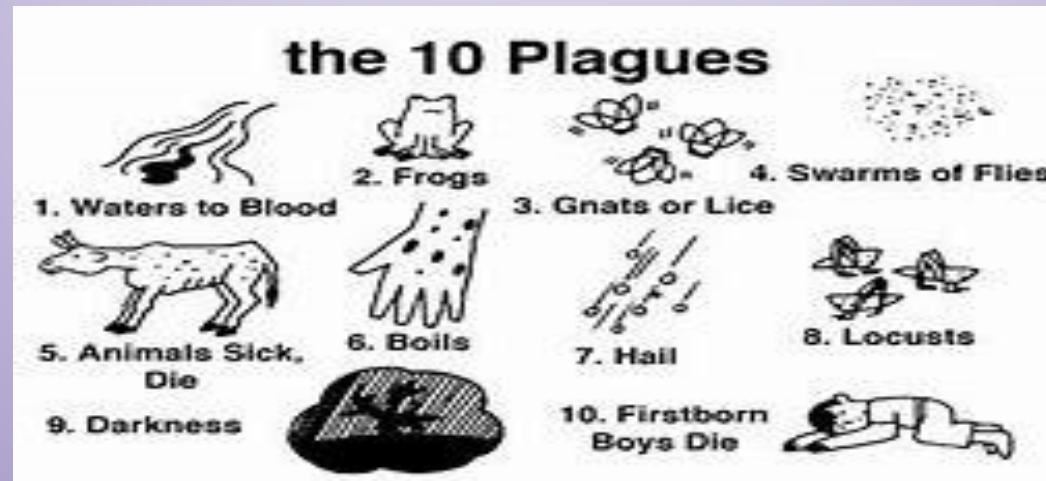


- The Lord says, “Let my people go into the desert to prepare a feast for me.”
- But the Pharaoh said no, and made the Israelites work even harder.



The 10 Plagues

- 1. Water into blood
- 2. Frogs
- 3. Gnats
- 4. Flies
- 5. Pestilence
- 6. Boils
- 7. Hail
- 8. Locusts
- 9. Darkness
- 10. Death of the Firstborn



Trying to change Pharaoh's mind



The 10th plague: Death to the first born

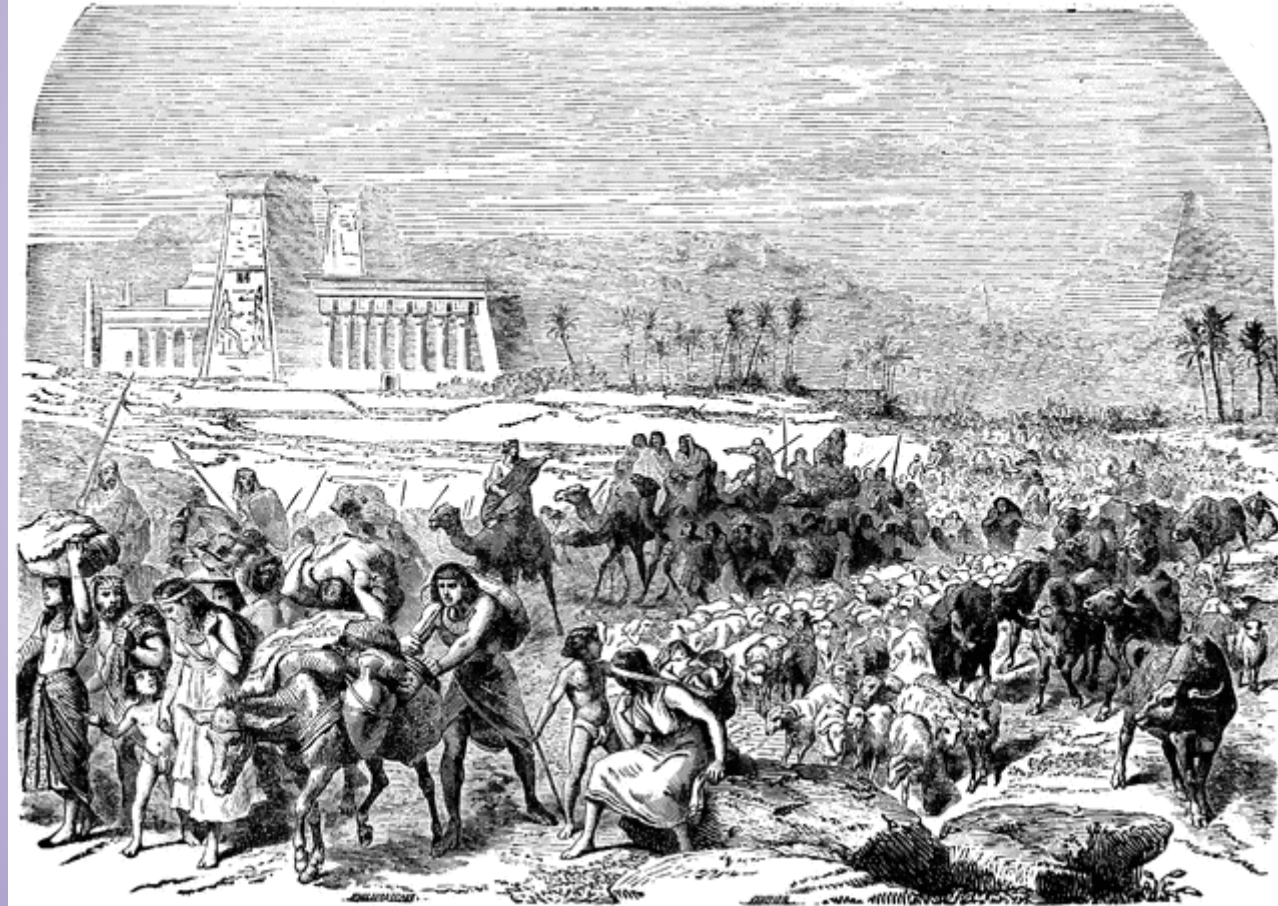


Passover

- Passover: The Israelites gathered and each family sprinkled blood of a sacrificial lamb on their doorposts so that the angel of death passes by. They ate unleavened bread with their sandals and staffs, ready to flee.



The Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron, “**Leave at once!**”



So, Moses and Aaron led the Israelites out of Egypt.
During the day they were led by a column of smoke
and at night by a column of fire.



Some days later Pharaoh changes his mind and sends his soldiers to capture the fleeing Israelites



God parts the Red Sea so that the
Hebrews can escape



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Mt. Sinai

- Three months after being freed, the Israelites encamped at the base.
- They are led by Moses and Joshua
- Here they establish a permanent covenant with a set of laws, The Ten Commandments
- Decalogue



The **TEN
COMMANDMENTS**

1-I AM THE LORD THY GOD. THOU
SHALT NOT HAVE STRANGE
GODS BEFORE ME.

2-THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE
NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD
IN VAIN.

3-REMEMBER THAT THOU
KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH
DAY.

FOR GOD

LOVE GOD ABOVE
ALL

4- HONOR THY FATHER AND
THY MOTHER.

5- THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

6- THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT
ADULTERY.

7- THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

8- THOU SHALT NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS AGAINST
THY NEIGHBOR.

9- THOU SHALT NOT COVET
THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.

10 THOU SHALT NOT COVET
THY NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.

FOR MAN

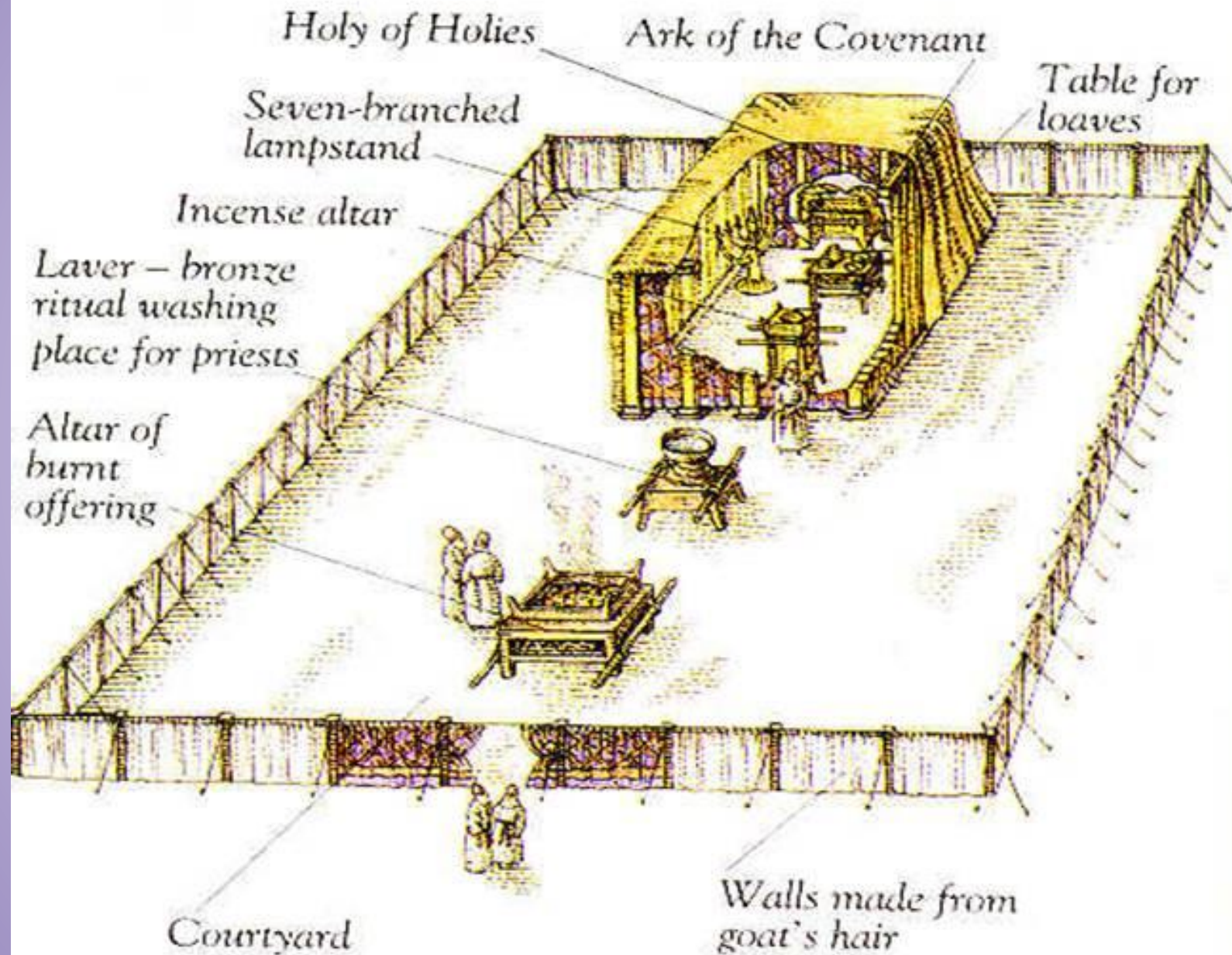
LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
AS THYSELF

- Moses set up an altar with twelve pillars at the foot of the mountain
- That represent the 12 tribes of Israel.
- The Israelites kept the commandments in a special box, The Ark of Covenant.





THE TABERNACLE



- The Israelites spent forty years in the desert. Forty is symbolic of purification.
- Jesus spent forty days in the desert before he began his ministry



Great Sea
(Mediterranean)

Canaan

**Nile
Delta**

**Sinai
Peninsula**

Egypt

**Traditional
Route of
the Exodus**

Mt. Sinai

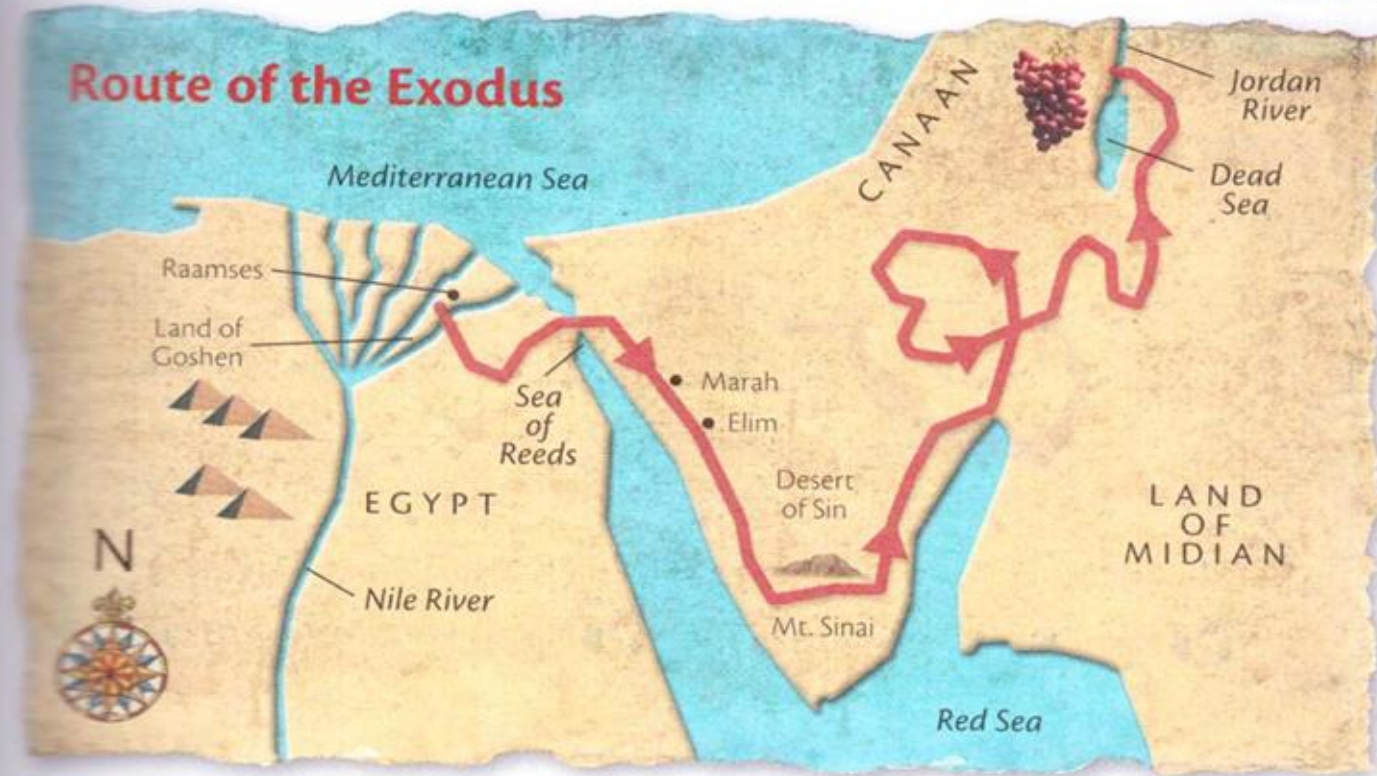
Red Sea

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Route of the Exodus



Marah in the desert

- The Israelites traveled in the desert for three days without water.
- They came to Marah and they could not drink the water because it was too bitter.
- They complained to Moses
- God told Moses to put wood in the water and it became fresh
- At Elim they found twelve springs of water.
- After they left Elim they grumbled against Moses and Aaron because they were hungry

Quail and Manna

- Then the Lord Rained down bread from heaven
- They were told to gather daily only what they needed for that day
- On the sixth day they were allowed to gather more.
- In the evening they had quail and in the morning manna



Water from the rock

- The Israelites again quarreled with Moses. They wanted water.
 - God told Moses to go to a rock and strike it. Water will flow from it.

