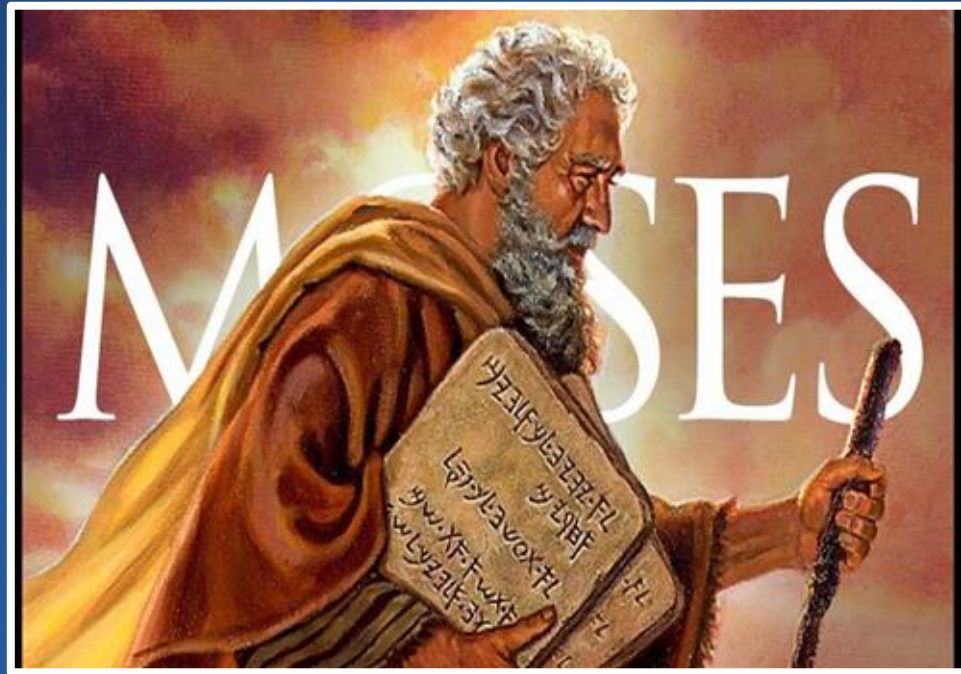


Prayer

Father, anoint me with your Holy Spirit, so that
as I read your eternal word, your word may
penetrate my whole being and transform me.

Help me to remember and keep your
commandments. And when I slip up and fail,
give me the courage to ASK for your forgiveness
in confession.

In Jesus' NAME.....Amen



The Plagues Sent by God

First Plague: Water to Blood - Seven Days

Second Plague: Frogs - The frogs came from the Nile and overrun all of Egypt

Third Plague: Lice or Gnats - This plague affected all of Egypt

Fourth Plague: Wild Animals or Flies - Jewish/Hebrews Spared.

Fifth Plague: Pestilence of livestock - Jewish/Hebrews Spared.

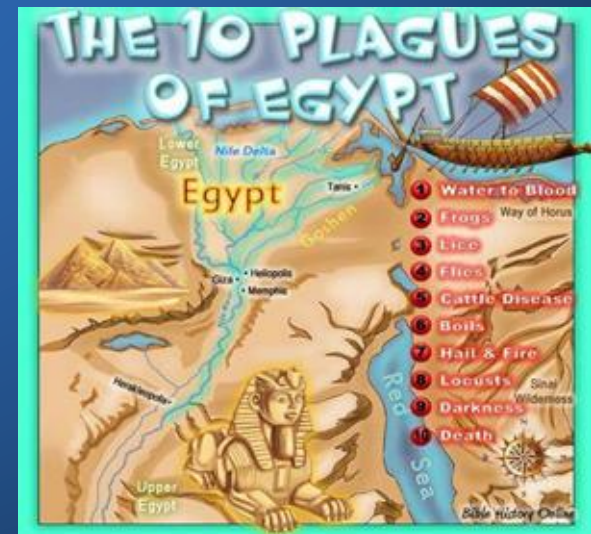
Sixth Plague: Boils - All of Egypt

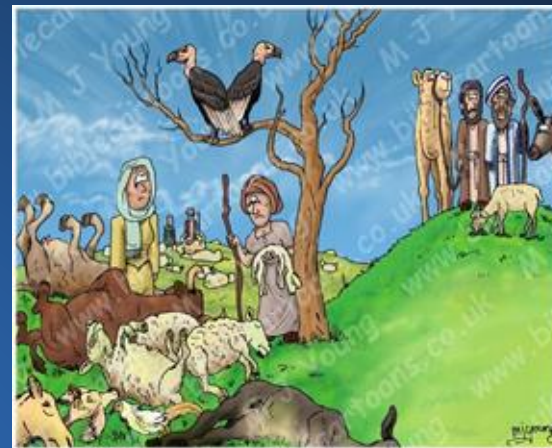
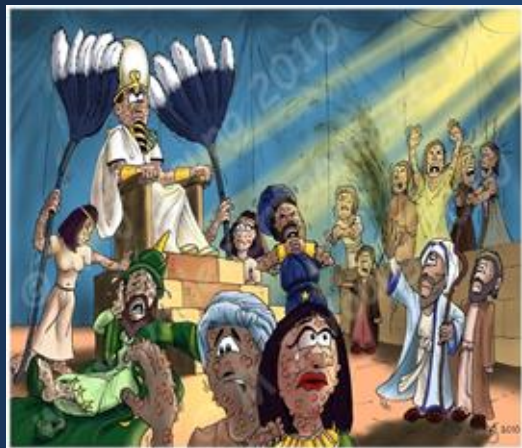
Seventh Plague: Hail and Fire - Jewish/Hebrews Spared.

Eighth Plague: Locusts

Ninth Plague: Darkness

Tenth Plague: Death of Firstborn





Scene from film: The Ten Commandments

Moses joins his people for the first Passover

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Passover

The Israelites gathered and each family sprinkled the blood of a sacrificed lamb on their doorposts so that the angel of death passed by. They ate unleavened bread with their sandals and staffs, ready for flight



Reasons to Sacrifice

(Pair up and Discuss...)

- ~ Why did ancient cultures sacrifice animals?
- ~ What kind of animals were sacrificed?
- ~ How did they sacrifice?

Pages: 162–164; Read and answer questions

Even though God did not require animal sacrifices, the debt for man's sin required some form of payment.
So God sent His Son.



The New Passover is the Eucharist; Celebrated at Mass

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



Hebrews continue to lack faith in the power of God



Even though the Israelites (Hebrews) had witnessed God do many wondrous things, they still did not know God well and did not have a relationship with Him.

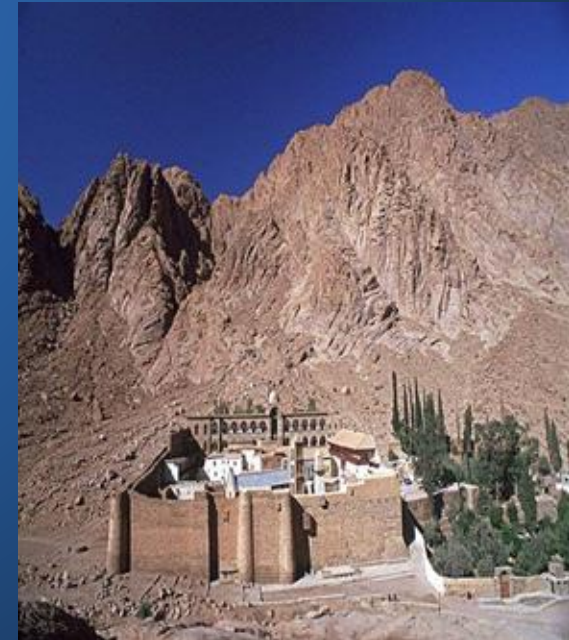
They had been enslaved in Egypt for hundreds of years and probably worshipped Egyptian gods.

They needed time to learn to love God and to love one another. Moses led the Israelites to Mount Sinai.



Mt. Sinai

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



Moses receives the Ten Commandments from God



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.

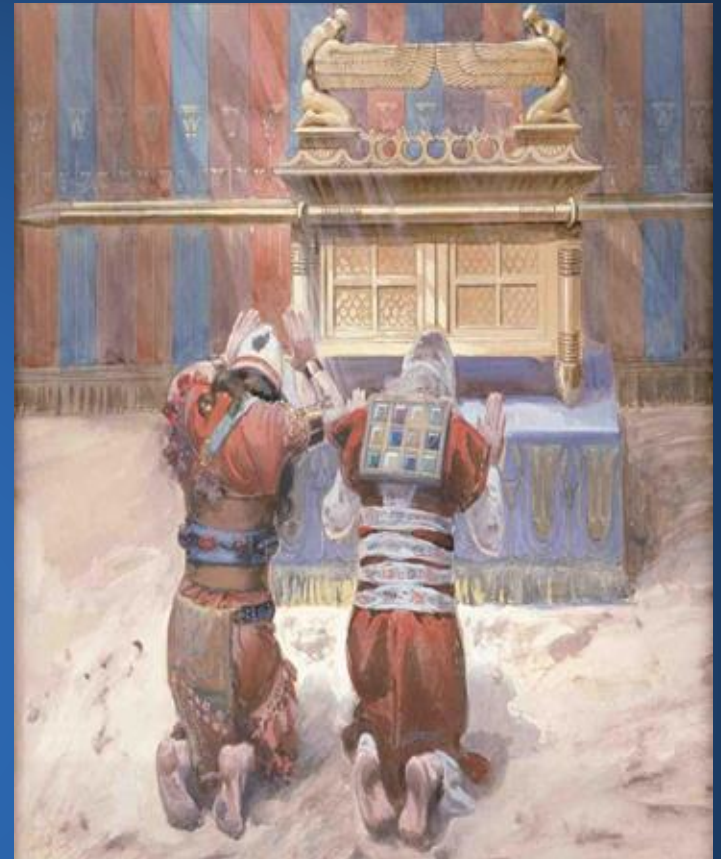
FOR MAN

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
AS THYSELF

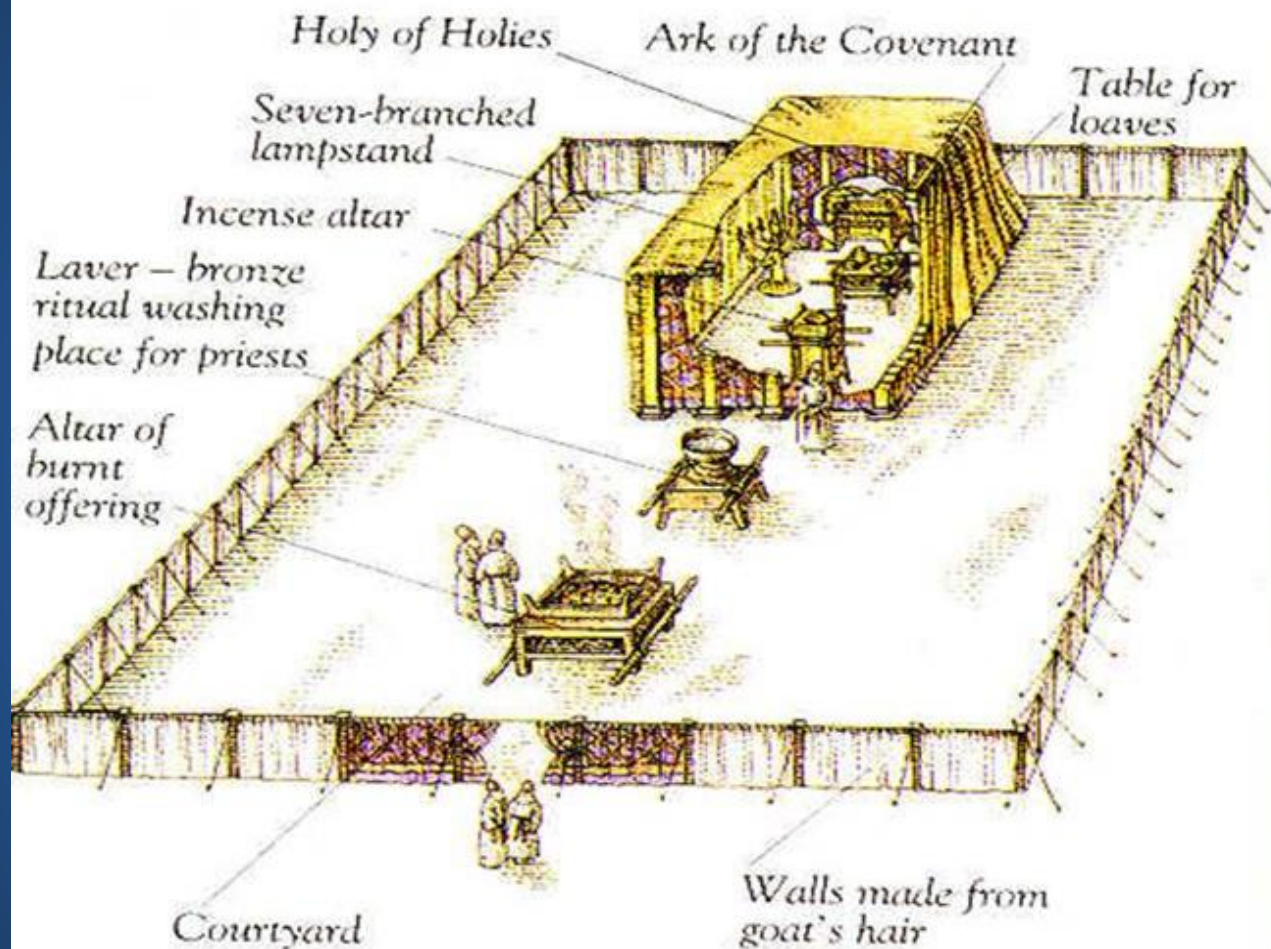
- Moses set up an altar with twelve pillars at the foot of the mountain
- That represent the 12 tribes of Israel.
 - The Israelites kept the commandments in a special box, The Ark of Covenant.



Re-creation of the Ark of the Covenant



THE TABERNACLE

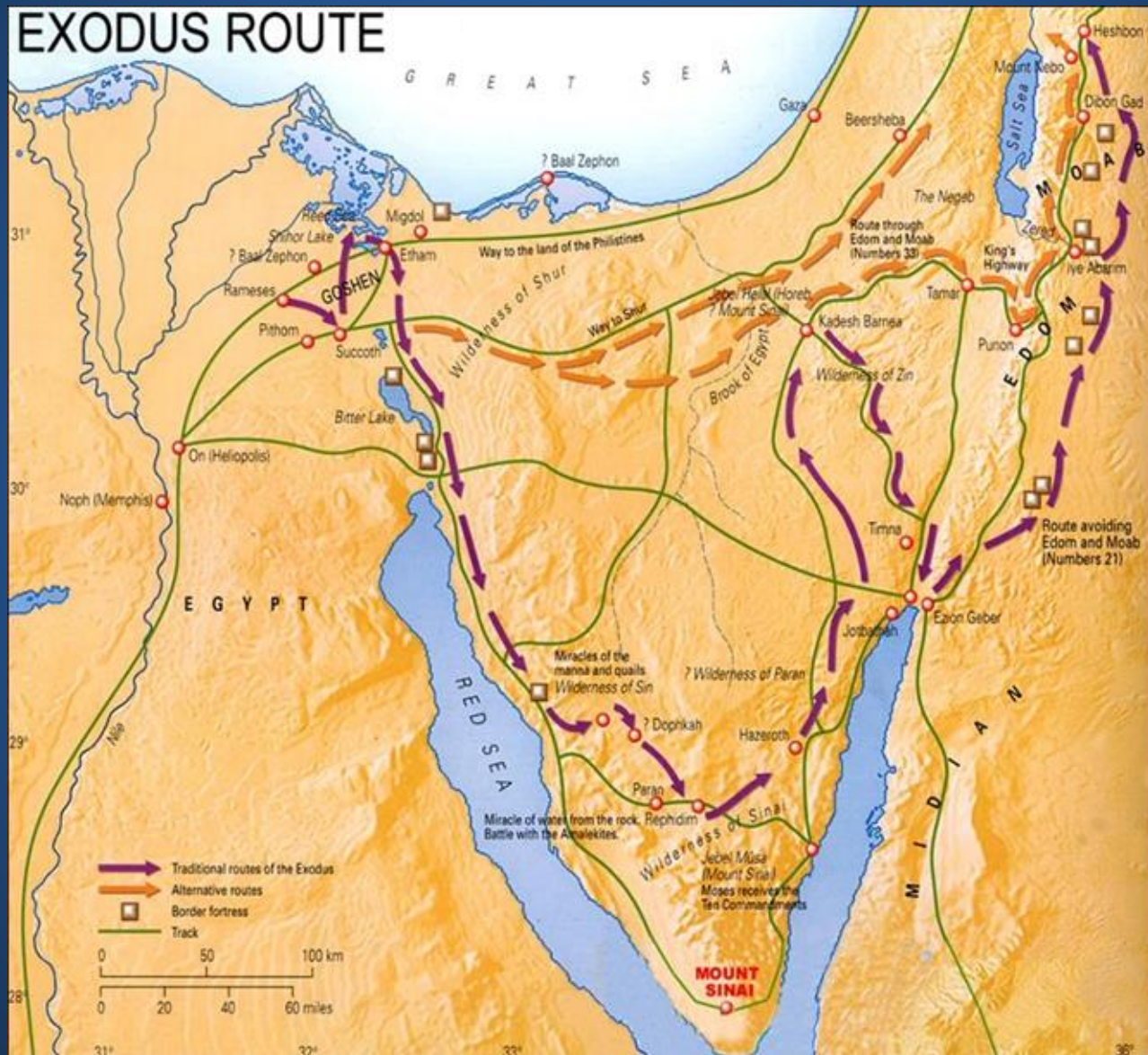


The Israelites spent forty years wandering in the desert. Forty is symbolic of purification.

Jesus spent forty days in the desert before he began his ministry.



The travels of the Israelites

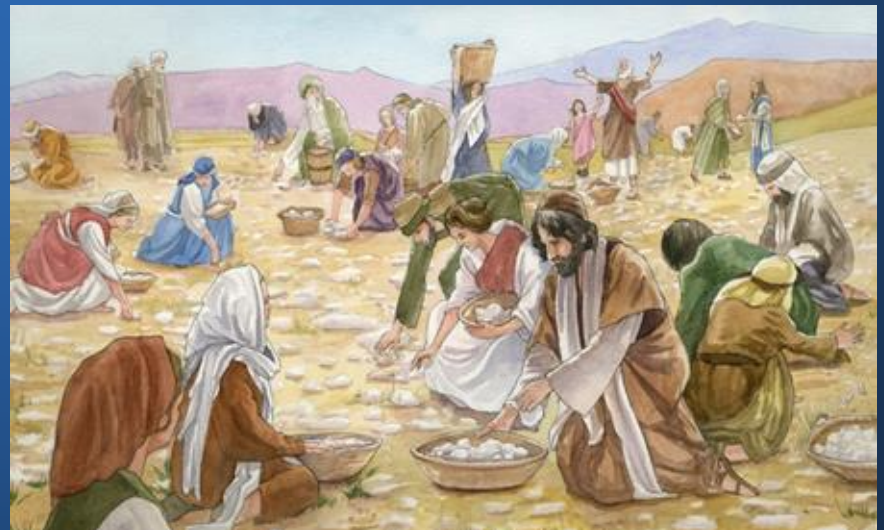


Marah in the Desert

- 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
- The people 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.



The Ten Commandments: Moses and Exodus (Know and Live them)

- **Means:**
- God should be first in your life (you put God first; family puts God first)
- No other “gods” worshipped– money, material things, social media, sports, shopping, achievements, celebrities, (Nothing more important than God)
- Where do you spend most of your time? Do you make time for thanking God at Mass?
- Write the First Commandment:
- **Means:**
- Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, strength so speak of Him with honor
- No flippant use of God’s name (Oh my God– disrespectful; Use of Jesus’ name only to be spoken of with love or in prayer; no swearing using the name of God)
- Write the Second Commandment:
- **Means:**
- Attend Mass on Sunday (or Saturday night) and Holy Days (see dates). If you miss Mass for sickness or bad weather, then you should participate in no other activities that Sunday
- Give thanks to God in community
- Use Sunday as a day of prayer, rest and cooperative family activities
- Write the Third Commandment:

The Ten Commandments: Moses and Exodus (Know and Live them)

- **Means:**
- Show respect to parents when you are children and when you are grown
- Obey and take care of parents (be considerate and helpful)
- Write the fFourth Commandment:
- **Means:**
- Do not murder someone physically or inflict bodily harm (fighting, hurting) or murder someone in reputation
- Do not inflict emotional harm (no bullying, hurting feelings, putting down, making fun of)
- Write the Fifth Commandment:

The Ten Commandments: Moses and Exodus (Know and Live them)

Means:

Keep your body and mind clean and pure (good hygiene, pure thoughts, pure words, no pornography, dirty jokes, movies or pictures)

No using people for your own benefit, No sexual activity outside of marriage

Trust God's plan for your life; wait to see what good things await you

Write the Sixth Commandment:

Means:

Be respectful of others' property (no cheating people out of things or money)

Don't take what isn't yours

Don't destroy things or people's joy

Write the Seventh Commandment:

Means:

Always be truthful (no lying, no cheating on tests or homework, misleading)

Always be kind (no gossip-untrue or hurtful words, no cyber bullying)

Write the Eighth Commandment:

The Ten Commandments: Moses and Exodus (Know and Live them)

- **Means:**
- Be content with your relationships (don't desire or be jealous of others)
- Trust that God has a plan for your happiness with others
- Write the Ninth Commandment:
- **Means:**
- Be content with your possessions (don't desire or be jealous of others' things)
- Trust that God will provide and take care of you and give you what you need, what is good for you
- Write the Tenth Commandment:

Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?

- a. To control us with rules? How?
- b. To free us? How?

Discuss as a Group