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# Unit 10

## Moses

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- Aaron

- Spokesman before Pharaoh
- **Exodus 4:14**
- Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, **Aaron** the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you.

- Founder of Israel's priesthood
- Numbers 3:1-3
- This is the account of the family of Aaron and Moses at the time the Lord spoke to Moses at Mount Sinai.**2** The names of the sons of Aaron were Nadab the firstborn and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. **3** Those were the names of Aaron's sons, **the anointed priests**, who were ordained to serve as priests.

- Make bricks without straw

- You can only acquire really useful general ideas by first acquiring particular ideas, and putting those particular ideas together. You cannot make bricks without straw.—*A. Bennett*

# The ten plagues

- The plague of blood
- ~ frogs
- ~gnats
- ~flies
- ~on livestock
- ~of boils
- ~of hail
- ~locusts
- ~of darkness
- ~on the firstborn

- Hapi- Egyptian God of the Nile
- Heket- Egyptian Goddess of Fertility, Water, Renewal
- Geb- Egyptian God of the Earth
- Khepri- Egyptian God of creation, movement of the Sun, rebirth
- Hathor- Egyptian Goddess of Love and Protection
- Isis- Egyptian Goddess of Medicine and Peace
- Nut- Egyptian Goddess of the Sky
- Seth- Egyptian God of Storms and Disorder
- Ra- The Sun God
- Pharaoh- The Ultimate Power of Egypt

# Apis

- Apis--, a.k.a. Api, Hapi, Hep
- (but not related to river god Hapi/Hep)
- Veneration of the bull (among the first animals associated with divinity)
- Associated with the king of Egypt, among its many meanings, represented the strength and vitality
- the ritual known as The Running of Apis was performed to fertilize the earth





- Exodus 32:3
- So all the people broke off the golden earrings...They have made themselves a **molded calf**, and worshipped it.

- Egyptian darkness



# Egyptian darkness

- Exodus 10:21
- Then the Lord said to Moses, “stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt.”

- the plague on the firstborn



- Exodus 12: **29**
- At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.

# Passover

- Exodus 12:21-28
- “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover **lamb**. **22** Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. **23** When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

- the first born principle

- **13** The Lord said to Moses, **2** “**Consecrate** to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites **belongs to me**, whether human or animal.”
- **14** “In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. **15** When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. **This is why I sacrifice to the Lord the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.**’ **16** And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead that the Lord brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand.”



- Blood Covenant
- Covenant blood

# Blood Covenant: God & Abraham

- Genesis 15 : 9-10
- Heifer, ram, goat, dove, pigeon cut in half → to seal the promise (God's part: give heir, land, blessing ) → walk the path btw. The slaughtered animals to say "May this be done to me if I do not keep my oath".
- Blood: signifies the life from which the blood comes

# Blood Covenant : God & Moses

- Exodus 24 : 6-8
- **6** Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. **7** Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.”
- **8** Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”
- → cleanse/purify with blood → blood is atonement for the sins of people (→ Jesus)

- Plunder the Egyptians

- **Exodus 3:22**
- Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will **plunder the Egyptians.**”

- manna

- **Exodus 16:31**
- The people of Israel called the bread **manna**. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

- Egyptian fleshpot



- Exodus 16:3
- The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”
- **Longing for material things, for luxuries of sinful kind.**

- Moses in Horeb

- **Exodus 17:6**

- I will stand there before you by the rock at **Horeb**. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

- Numbers 20: 11

- <sup>11</sup> Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.



Moses Drawing Water from  
the Rock (detail)

--*TINTORETTO*, 1577

- Ten Commandments

## Ten commandments ( thou shalt ...)

- (1) prohibition of the worship of any deity but Yahweh,
- (2) and prohibition of **idolatry**;
- (3) prohibition of the use of the name of God for vain purposes;
- (4) observance of the **Sabbath**;
- (5) honoring of one's father and mother;
- (6) prohibition of murder;
- (7) prohibition of adultery;
- (8) prohibition of stealing;
- (9) prohibition of giving false testimony;
- (10) prohibition of coveting the property or wife of one's neighbor