

An Enslaved People

לא תלצינו
לא תנאמנו
לא תגזלנו

גבי ה'
יבשתי

Change in Egypt

- Jacob prospered
- population grew
- Egypt combines as 1 nation
- Foreigners are forced out



- Egypt prospered
- Tremendous power
- Time called the “New Kingdom”
- lasted hundreds of years



Time goes on...

- Joseph and generation dies out
- The pharaoh also died
- New pharaoh—new rules
- Israelites' growth is a threat to the pharaoh
- Book of Exodus—
Israelites become slaves



Life for the Israelites

- forced to build monuments & buildings
- worked long hours in fields
- not allowed to worship the one, true God
- lives became unbearable, cried out to God to be rescued from Egypt***



The Book of Exodus

- what happened to Joseph & family
- suffering of Israelites as slaves
- God carrying out plan to bring his people back to Canaan.



- Israelites a.k.a. the Hebrews
- God's family still growing
- Mothers ordered to kill newborn sons
- Hebrew boys sentenced to a drowning death



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A mother's love

- Can't let her son die
- Basket of Reeds, coated with tar
- Basket drifts
- Found by Pharaoh's daughter
- Moses



Symbolism in the Moses Story

- **Basket** and **Ark** share the same Hebrew word.
- Moses was saved in a **basket** surrounded by **water**
- Noah was saved in an **ark** surrounded by **water**
- Christians are saved in the **Church** by the **waters of Baptism**

Moses as an Adult

- Visited the Hebrews
- Moses kills an Egyptian
- Moses flees to the desert of Midian
- The Burning Bush



God's Message to Moses

- This place was holy
- lead the Hebrew people out of slavery
- Moses questions God
- I am who am
- I AM -- Yahweh
- Yahweh—ever present to his people
- Adonai



The land of milk and honey

- God speaks to Moses again
- Tells elders of God's concerns for them
- lead you out of Egypt to land of Canaanites
- Land of milk and honey***



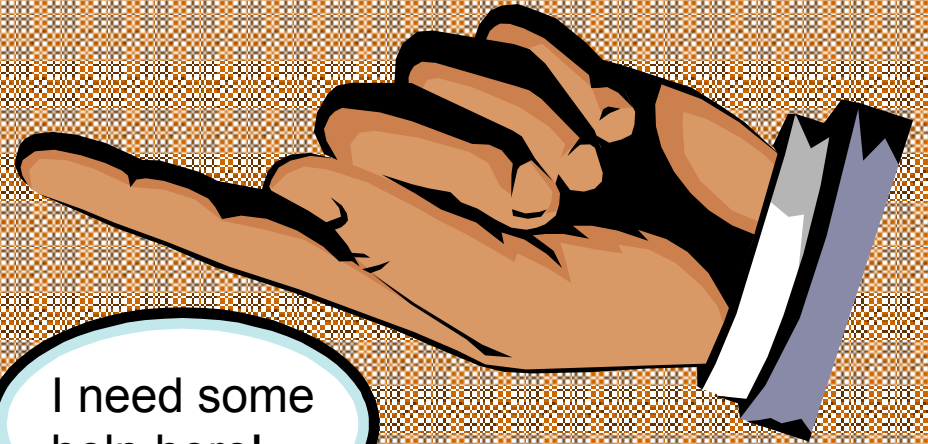
Moses heads to Egypt

- Moses and Aaron
- “Let my people go”
- Pharaoh not impressed
- harder for the Hebrew Slaves



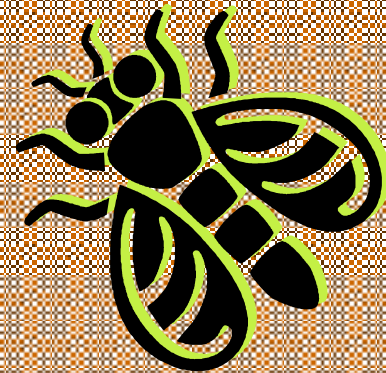
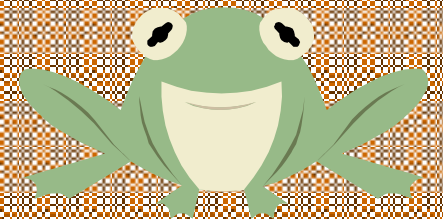
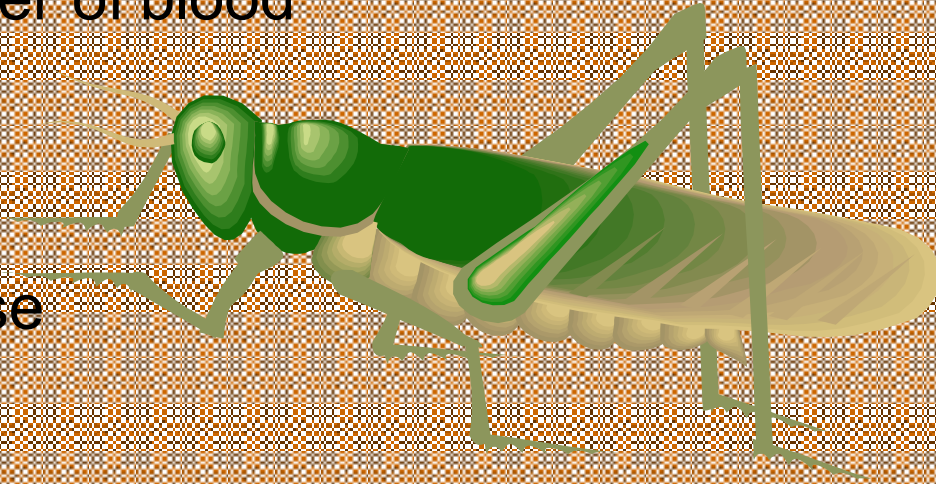
Hebrews begin to doubt...

- Blame Moses for their hardships
- Moses talks to God
- Hebrews don't believe Moses

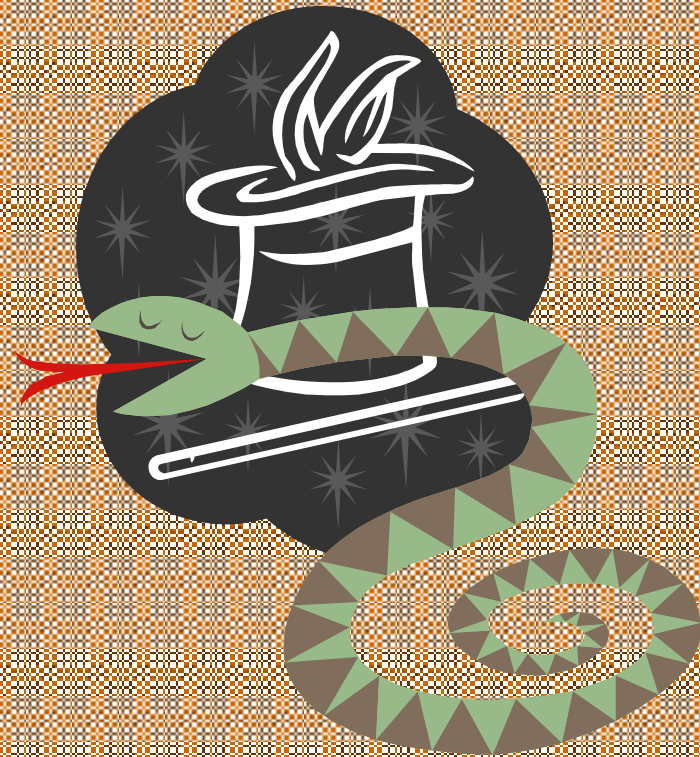


The Ten Plagues

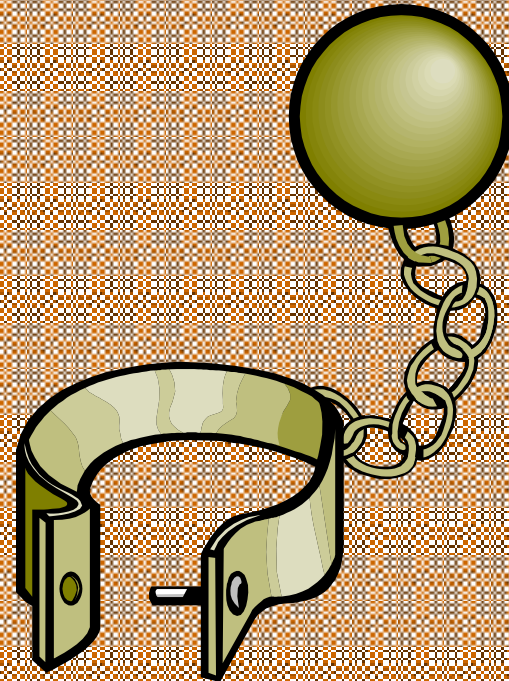
- the river of blood
- frogs
- gnats
- flies
- disease
- boils
- hail
- locusts
- darkness
- death of first born



- 10 plagues symbolize the struggle between God and the Pharaoh
- Egyptian magicians
- Hebrews see God's protection; faith strengthened



- Pharaoh considers letting them leave, but couldn't
- Pharaoh is responsible for the suffering of the Egyptians
- The 10th Plague – the last straw***



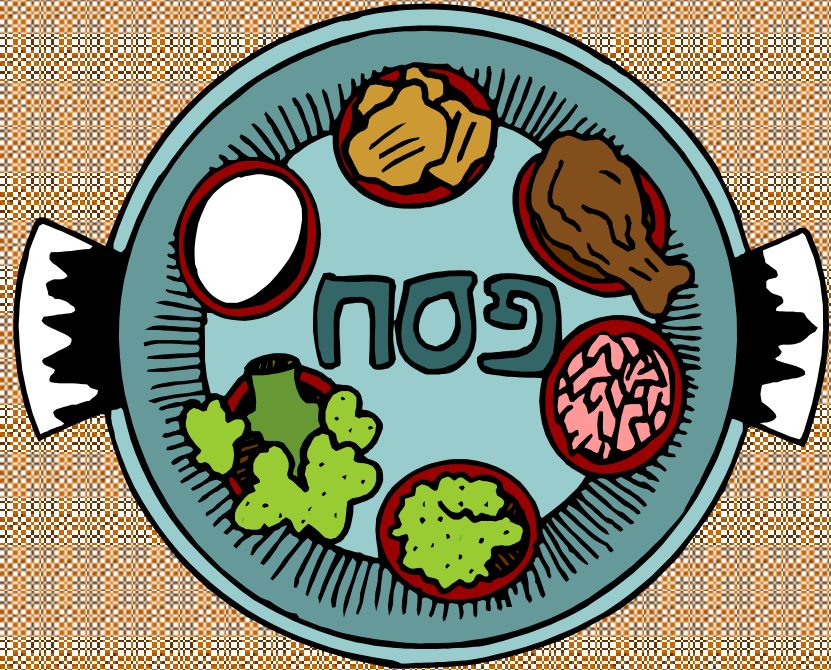
Preparation for the Escape

- Mark the door frames with blood
- Bitter herbs/ unleavened bread
- Bread symbolized Israelites rush to escape
- The 10th plague—death of 1st born Egyptians
- Son of Pharaoh dies; animals too



Passover

- Jewish people celebrate the Passover meal each year
- called the *Seder Meal*
- God's command that all descendants observe the feast of Passover



Hebrews Ordered Out

- The pharaoh orders the Hebrews out
- The Exodus has begun
- Moses leads the people towards the Red Sea
- Column of Cloud by Day
- Column of Fire by Night



Pharaoh has a change of heart...

- Sends his army to recapture them
- Parting of the Red Sea
- Hebrews cross, Egyptians don't
- Water is used to save the people
- Red Sea symbolizes saving waters of our baptism



- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vxnApk>

ISRAEL'S EXODUS FROM EGYPT AND ENTRY INTO CANAAN

MAP 2

