

MOSES

& The Story of Israel

Exodus 1-14

EXODUS=EXIT OR DEPARTURE

- Moses: from the line of Levi; name means “drawn out of the water”; nursed by his birthmother yet raised by Pharaoh’s daughter with access to the best education & ‘improvements’ of the courts
- Miriam: sister of Moses; suggested to Pharaoh’s daughter, that she find a Hebrew to nurse baby Moses
- Aaron: brother of Moses, goes with him to petition the Pharaoh

EXODUS 1 & 2

- Joseph had paved the way for the Israelites to have this existence in Egypt, however, the new King doesn't know Joseph, he only knows that the Hebrew population is increasing...
- In an attempt to control their influence, Pharaoh decides to reduce their numbers...
- **Solution:** Pharaoh ordered every newborn male to be thrown into the Nile

BABY MOSES

- Moses was born - his mom hides him for 3 months - prepared a basket & floats him down the Nile
- After Pharaoh's daughter finds baby Moses - Miriam offers to find him a Hebrew nurse
- coincidences?



TORN BETWEEN TWO IDENTITIES

- He grows up in Pharaohs' house
- Biologically a Hebrew, but raised as an Egyptian prince
- He witnesses an Egyptian beating a Hebrew
- reacts by killing the Egyptian - and hiding the evidence
- when he realizes that others saw what he did, he flees to Midiam
- when Pharaoh finds out, wants to kill him



- Exodus 3-4

- While in Midian - Moses marries Zipporah; his father-in-law is Jethro
- He works as a shepherd, until...
- God told Moses 'Take off your sandals for you are standing on Holy Ground.'
- God remembers His promise to the Israelites: they will be led into a land of flowing milk and honey



GOD CALLS MOSES: MOSES'S 4 EXCUSES

- Excuse #1: “Who am I, that I should go to the Israelites?” 3:7
 - **God promises:** “I will be with you...”
- Excuse #2: “What if they do not believe me or listen to me?..” 4:1
 - **God promises:** His power will be with him (ie. staff & hand)
- Excuse #3: “O Lord, I have never been eloquent...” 4:10
 - **God promises:** “I will help you speak and teach you what to say.”
- Excuse #4: “Please send someone else.” 4:13
 - **God promises:** (Take Aaron) - I will help you both speak & teach you what to do.

LIFE LESSON:

- God uniquely prepares us for His work - even when we try to run away or can't see it
- God can take the worst of situations and work them for His glory (Rom. 8:28)
- Even when you feel like life has dealt you a bad hand, God has a tremendous purpose for your life.

JOURNAL ENTRY:

- What is something that you believe God wants to do through you? (Think about your particular talents, interests or special circumstances?)
- What are some ways that you don't feel equipped to do what God has planned for you?
- In what ways has God tried to reassure you that He will be with you - no matter what?

THE PLAGUES

- These plagues were sent by God to show Pharaoh that the Lord is the one true God.
- Each time a plague was sent, Pharaohs' magicians did the same with "secret Arts" dark powers.
- How do you see dark powers at work against the Light today?



FACTS:

- * Israelites had to make bricks without straw
- * Aaron's staff (snake) swallowed the other snakes
- * The Plague of the firstborn will occur at midnight
- * The Egyptians were to put blood above the door
- * They represented Gods of Egypt.

THE PLAGUES: EX.5-11

- Water to Blood, Frogs, Gnats, Flies, Livestock, Boils, Hail, Locust, Darkness, Death of Firstborn
- These Plagues meant something to the Egyptians. They represented the gods of Egypt.
- What are the gods the would rain down in your life?





DRAW YOUR MODERN DAY PLAGUE

Which false gods are you serving?

EXODUS: THE GREAT EXIT

- Israelites had been in slavery for 430 years.
- But, because of the plagues, The Egyptians were so eager to get rid of Israel, they gave them gold and Jewels as they exited.
- Moses and Aaron led them to the Red Sea & Pharaoh Once again changed his mind.
- The Lord sent a cloud of Fire to guard Israel.

THE EXODUS: THE GREAT EXIT



- Moses did as God told him, lifted his staff, and the waters parted.
- The Egyptians followed, and god protected israel by breaking the wheels of the Egyptians Chariots.
- All the Egyptians died in the red sea. the israelites made it through and praised god.

IN THE WILDERNESS

- Faith is not circumstantial.
- If you lose faith when bad things happen, do you really have faith?
- does god promise that you will be happy? Wealthy? Healthy? No.
- The point of life is not that we get what we desire. The point of Life is that we make sure God's will is done.

Wilderness

{Story found in Exodus}



The Lord Provides

In the Desert:

Once Israel had crossed the Red Sea, they had nothing to eat or drink! So they grumbled. (Exodus 15:24)

God sent Manna & Quail. (ch.16)

- They complained- REALLY Israel???
- They hoarded- selfishness
- They still didn't trust God to provide.



In the Desert:

— Ch.16- Journaling:

— Trusting God means you don't lose faith in the hard times. Write about a Time that it was hard to believe that God was with you.

— Complaining is self centered. How often do you complain? could you go a full day without complaining? Write a Personal Goal about Complaining.



I am the Lord thy God

Thou shalt have no
other gods before
me

Thou shalt not make unto
thee any graven image

Thou shalt not take
the name of the lord
thy God in vain

Remember the sabbath
day, to keep it holy

Honor thy father and
thy mother

Thou shalt not kill

Thou shalt not commit
adultery

Thou shalt not steal

Thou shalt not bear
false witness

Thou shalt not covet

The 10 Commandments

WHAT ARE THESE ABOUT?

God cares about...

OTHERS
OTHER

relationship

He initiates relationship with us first.

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These laws reflect his care for his children. He cares about his relationship with them, and their relationship with

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Commandments

1. You will not have any other gods

2. You will have no idols.

3. You will not take the Lord's name in

vain.
The word "to take" could also mean "to carry."

4. Remember the Sabbath

and keep it holy

The Sabbath for Jews is Saturday.

Why does God call them to practice the Sabbath?

1. They were imitating God in creation.

2. Deuteronomy 5:14-15: They would remember that they were slaves too and allow their slaves to rest and treat their slaves with kindness.

3. They were slaves for 400 years with no rest, so in a way they are relearning to be human, and that their worth does not come from work.

Commandments

5. Honor your father and mother.

6. Do not Murder.

7. Do not commit Adultery.

8. Do not

8. Do not Steal

10. Do not witness.

covet.

This is unique as it's the only internal commandment. Some see this as a promise, that if you follow all of the commandments you will never want again.

The Golden Calf

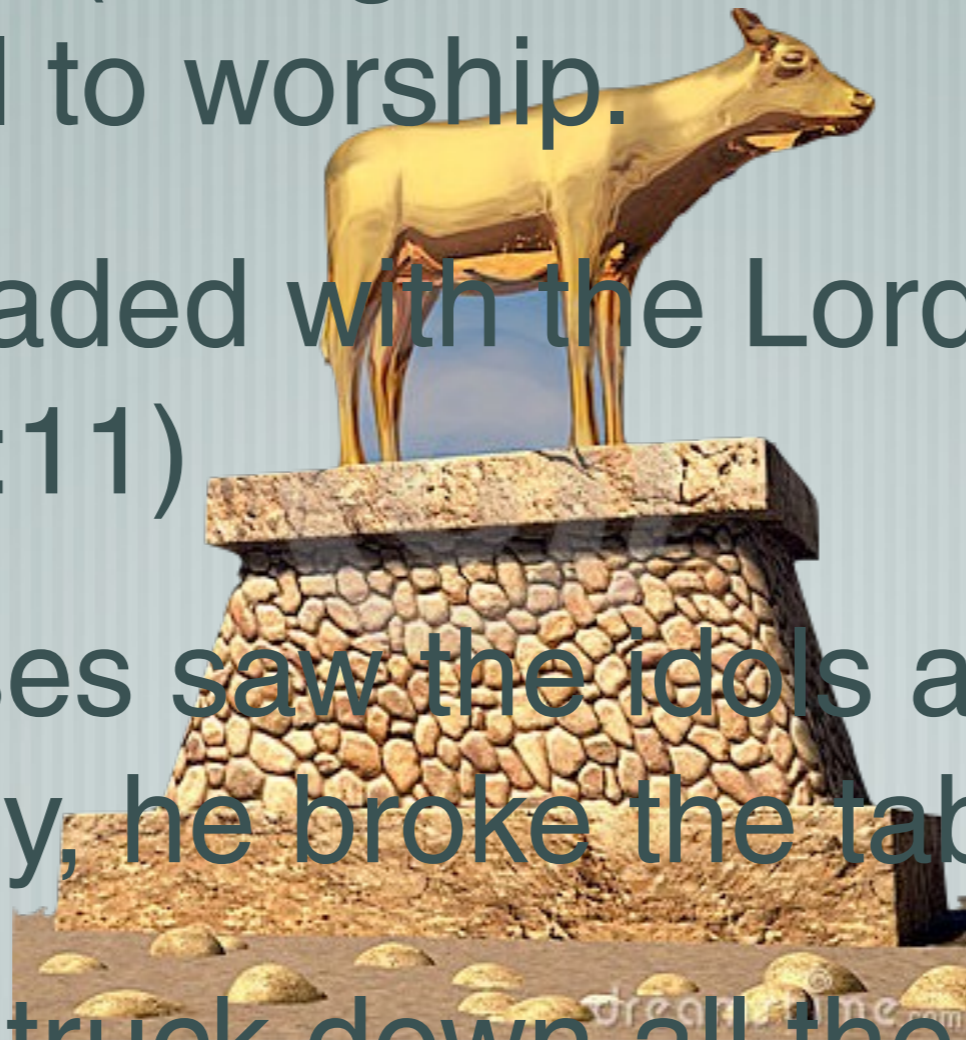
While Moses was getting the 10 Commandments on Mt. Sinai...

The people (along with Aaron) made a golden idol to worship.

Moses pleaded with the Lord to show them mercy. (32:11)

When Moses saw the idols and debauchery, he broke the tablets. (32:19)

The Lord struck down all the idol



Tabernacle

Offerings

— [Exodus 25

— [Where did these slaves get all these treasures to make the Tabernacle?

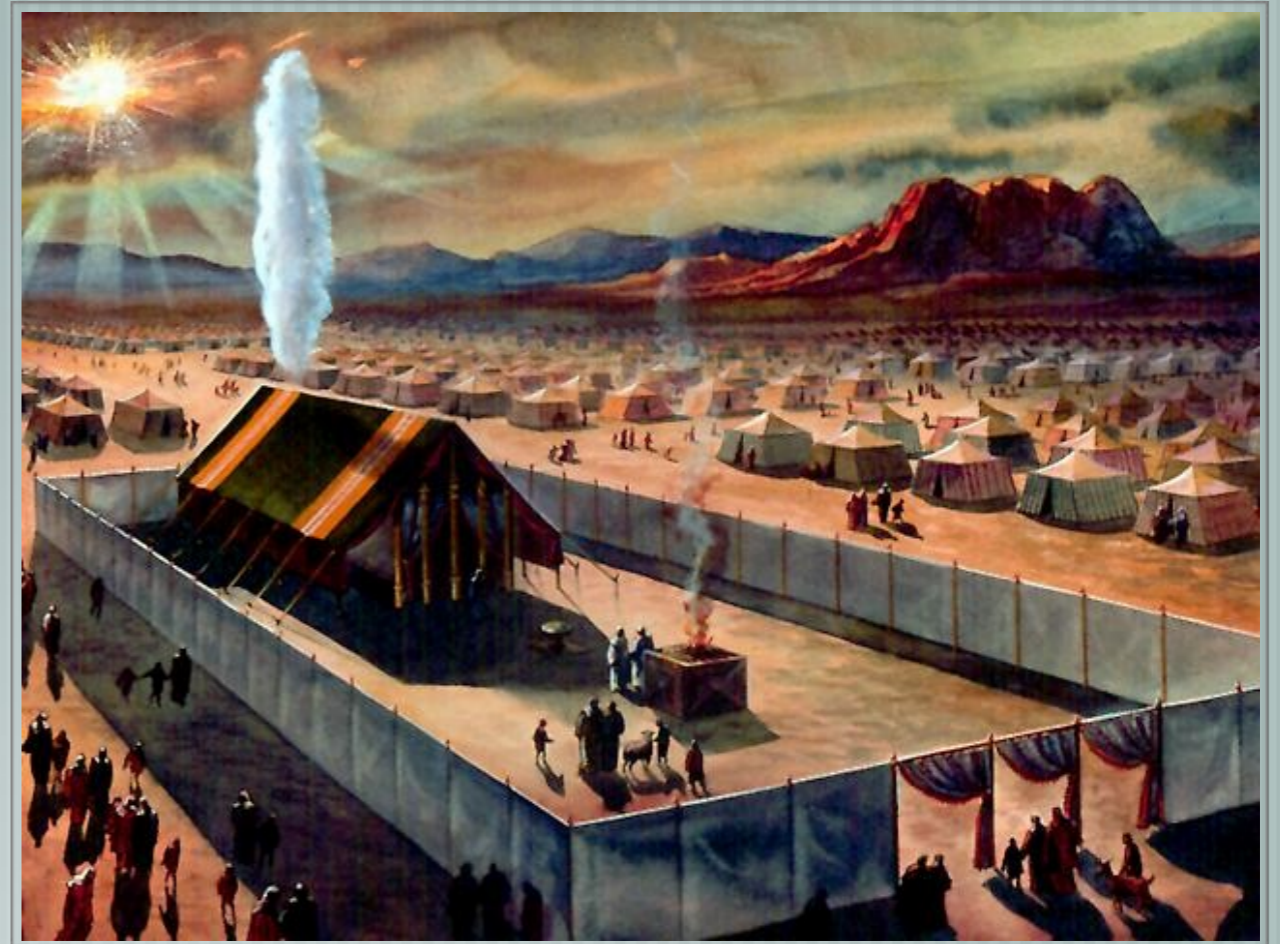
— Remember when the Lord saved them from Egypt? The Lord had the Egyptians give all their material treasures to Israel.
{God provides.}

— Lesson: Nothing we have is ours in the first place.

Tabernacle

Exodus 28-32

- The specifics of the Tabernacle were incredible.
- The Tabernacle was made to house the Glory of God.
- The Arc of the Covenant was HIS



THE TABERNACLE TENT

The entire tent was 45 feet (13.7 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high. It was a wooden skeletal structure, overlaid with gold, with no solid roof or front wall (Ex. 26:15–29). Five wooden bars (overlaid with gold) passed through rings attached to each frame (Ex. 26:26–30).

The framed structure was covered by four layers of cloth and skin (Ex. 26:1–14).

The Most Holy Place was a 15-foot (4.6-m) cube, containing only the ark of the covenant (Ex. 25:10–22; 37:1–9). It was here that Yahweh would descend to meet with his people in a cloud theophany (divine appearance). The high priest could enter only once a year, on the Day of Atonement (see note on Heb. 9:7).

The table for the bread of the Presence (Ex. 25:23–30)

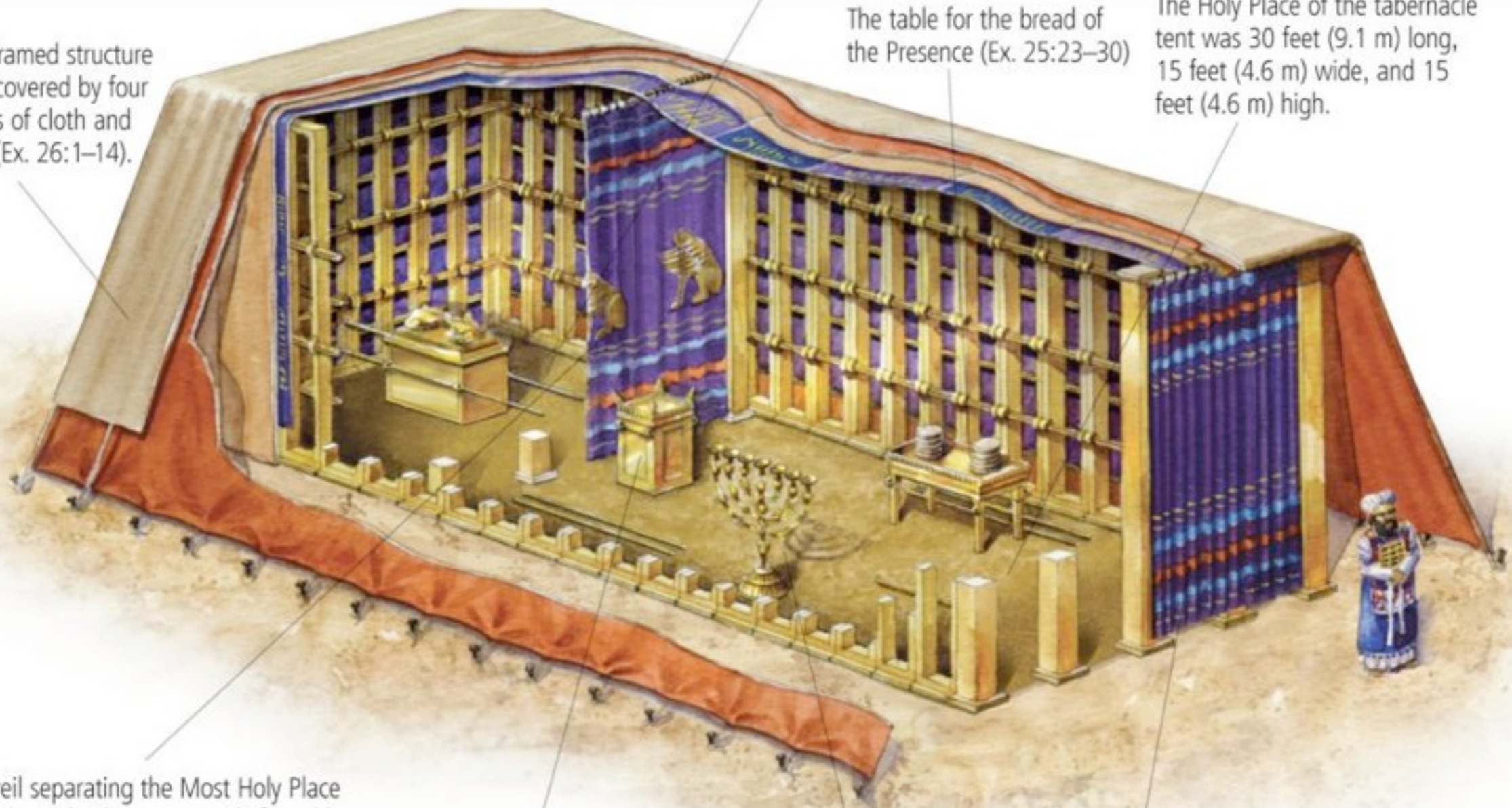
The Holy Place of the tabernacle tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high.

The veil separating the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place was made from blue, purple, and scarlet dyed yarns woven with fine twined linen and embroidered with cherubim (Ex. 26:31–33). It hung on four golden pillars.

The altar of incense (Ex. 30:1–5; 37:25–29)

The golden lampstand (Ex. 25:31–40; 37:17–24)

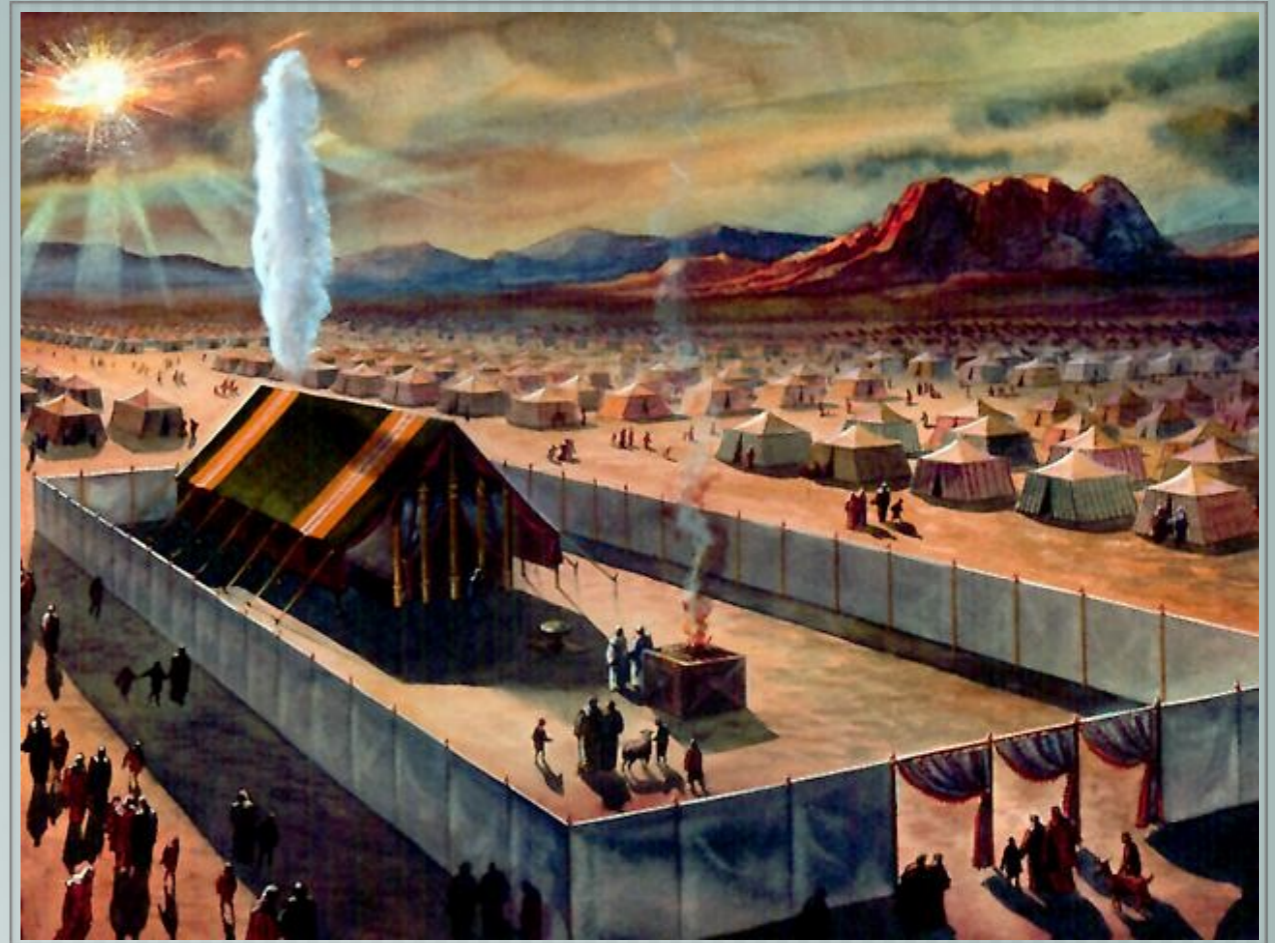
The veil that formed the entrance to the tabernacle was similar to the veil separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, except that cherubim were not embroidered on it. It was suspended on five golden pillars (Ex. 26:36–37).



Tabernacle

Exodus 28-32

— The tabernacle shows us how perfect Israel must be to have the presence of God among them. God's holiness demands perfect, pure, righteousness.



The Lord dwells with

US.

Thank God, Christ is OUR tabernacle...

In John chapter 1, it says, “The Word became flesh and made his **dwelling** among us.”

- this word “dwelling” is the same word used in Exodus for “tabernacle”.
- Christ became our tabernacle, our way to have relationship with God, in our imperfection! Christ became our perfection, so that God would be with

a HOLY God and His GLORY

Exodus 33: 7-11

As Moses entered the Tent of Meeting, the pillar of cloud would come down and hover over its entrance while the LORD spoke to Moses. When the people saw the cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, they would stand and bow down in front of their own tents. Inside the Tent of Meeting, the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

There has never been another prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.

Deuteronomy 34:10

a HOLY God and His GLORY

Moses asks God to remain present with them, and to continue his favor with him and the Israelites.

God spares his people AND continues to be with them, even after their sin against him.

“The Lord replied to Moses, “I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name.” Moses responded, “Then show me your glorious presence.”

God allows Moses to see his glory as he passes by. God hides Moses with his hand in the crevice of a rock. No one can see God’s face and live. (Exodus 33:19-23)

See Exodus 40:34-38

the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle

a HOLY God and His GLORY

Exodus 34:29 ff

— Moses face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. Aaron and the people were afraid to come near him. Moses wore a veil over his face, and would remove it when speaking with the Lord in the Tent of Meeting.

— 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 (vs. 18 below)

— “So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we

Leviticus

Relating to the Levites who were the priests.



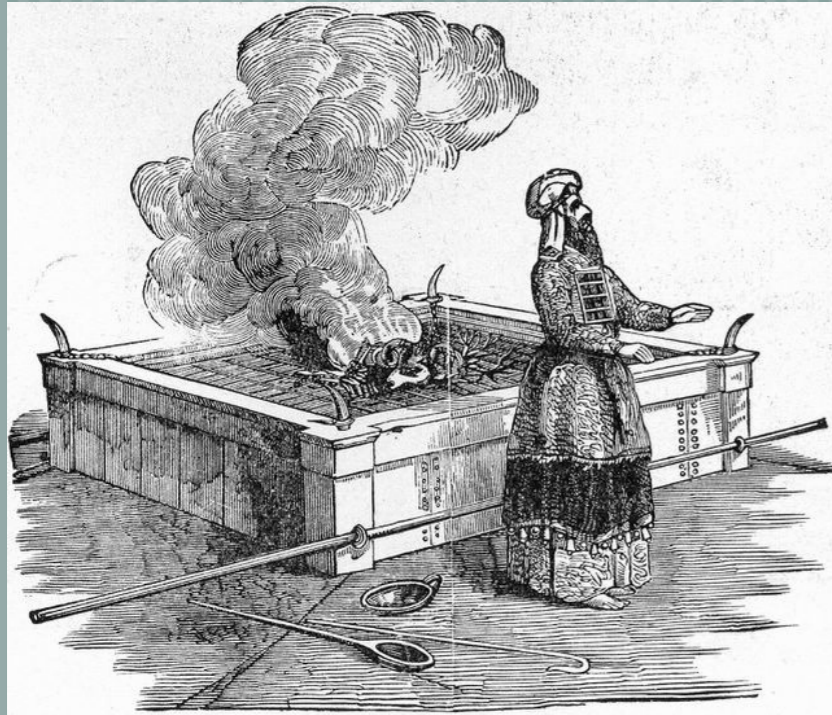
The theme of the book is
Leviticus 11:45 “Be Holy
as I am Holy”

**What does “to be holy”
mean?**

It means lots of things but it has
the idea of being set apart.

Sacrifice

Why does God ask for sacrifices for atonement?



This is actually a mercy. In old times, you would sacrifice you would never know whether or not you appeased the god, but in this case you can know you've appeased God. This is revolutionary for its time.



Homosexuality

Leviticus 18:22

“Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.

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John chooses to set Jesus up as the scapegoat for the

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scapegoat

Scapegoat

Chosen by High Priest

Sins of Israel are placed on it.

Red Cord around his head

Gentile leads the goat out of the city

Every one chants Azazel or “Take it away.”

Jesus

Arrested by High Priest

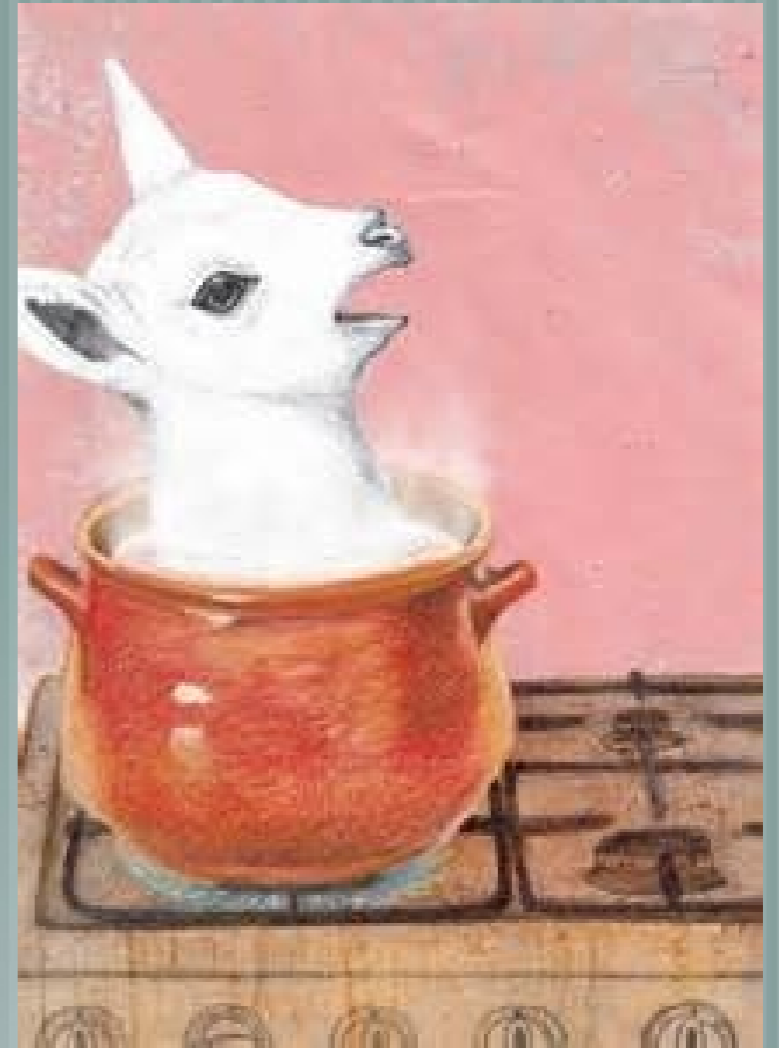
Sin is placed on him by high priest when he accuses Jesus of blasphemy

Crown of thorns creates a red “cord” around his head

Jesus is led out of the city by Gentiles

The Jews chant “Take him away.”

Food



Law is for your benefit

- wash themselves and their clothes *in running water* if they had a bodily discharge
- if they had touched a dead human or animal carcass
- wash any *uncovered* vessels that were in the vicinity of a dead body,
- if a dead carcass touched a vessel it was to be destroyed
- instructed to bury their human waste outside of camp
- Only people to practice quarantine until the last two centuries. If someone had leprosy or a skin disease they had to go outside of the camp.
- Instructed to clean objects with Hyssop Oil. Hyssop oil was charged by God to Moses to be used as a purifying agent. Hyssop oil has been shown to contain 50% antifungal and antibacterial agents

Jesus

Escapes to Egypt

Leaves Egypt after
Herod's death

Jesus escapes the
slaughter of infants by Herod

Jesus gives Sermon on
the Mount from a "mountain"

"Five Books of Matthew"

Use of number Five

Moses

Born in Egypt

Flees Egypt

Escapes the slaughter of
males by Pharaoh

Moses gives law from Mt
Sinai

The Law

Five books of the Law

Theme: Wandering in
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The people refuse to believe that God
will be able to give Canaan over to
them.

{The Wilderness}

— [Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years.

— [The Lord provided all their basic needs. (Manna, Quail, Water, Protection)

— [The Lord gives the Israelites the 10 Commandments

— [Israel sins against God, doesn't trust in Him.

— [Moses stands in the gap for the people, even though God wants to kill them.

— [Everyone 20 years or older is sentenced to die in

{The Wilderness}

How do we relate to the story of the Wilderness?

We are waiting for the promised land...

We are ungrateful people.

We don't trust the Lord to Provide, yet he still provides.

The Lord saved us from slavery.

The Lord made us into a royal people.
Redeemed us

Entering the Promised Land

- Joshua succeeds Moses to take Israel into the Land God Promised.
- Crossing the Jordan with the Arc of the Covenant.

Summary of the First Five Books

- [**Genesis**: Beginnings
- [**Exodus** - The Exit of Jews from Egypt
- [**Leviticus**: Primary Law Book
- [**Numbers**: Wandering in the Desert
- [**Deuteronomy**: Moses' Death and Giving of the Law a Second Time

{The 12 Tribes of Israel}

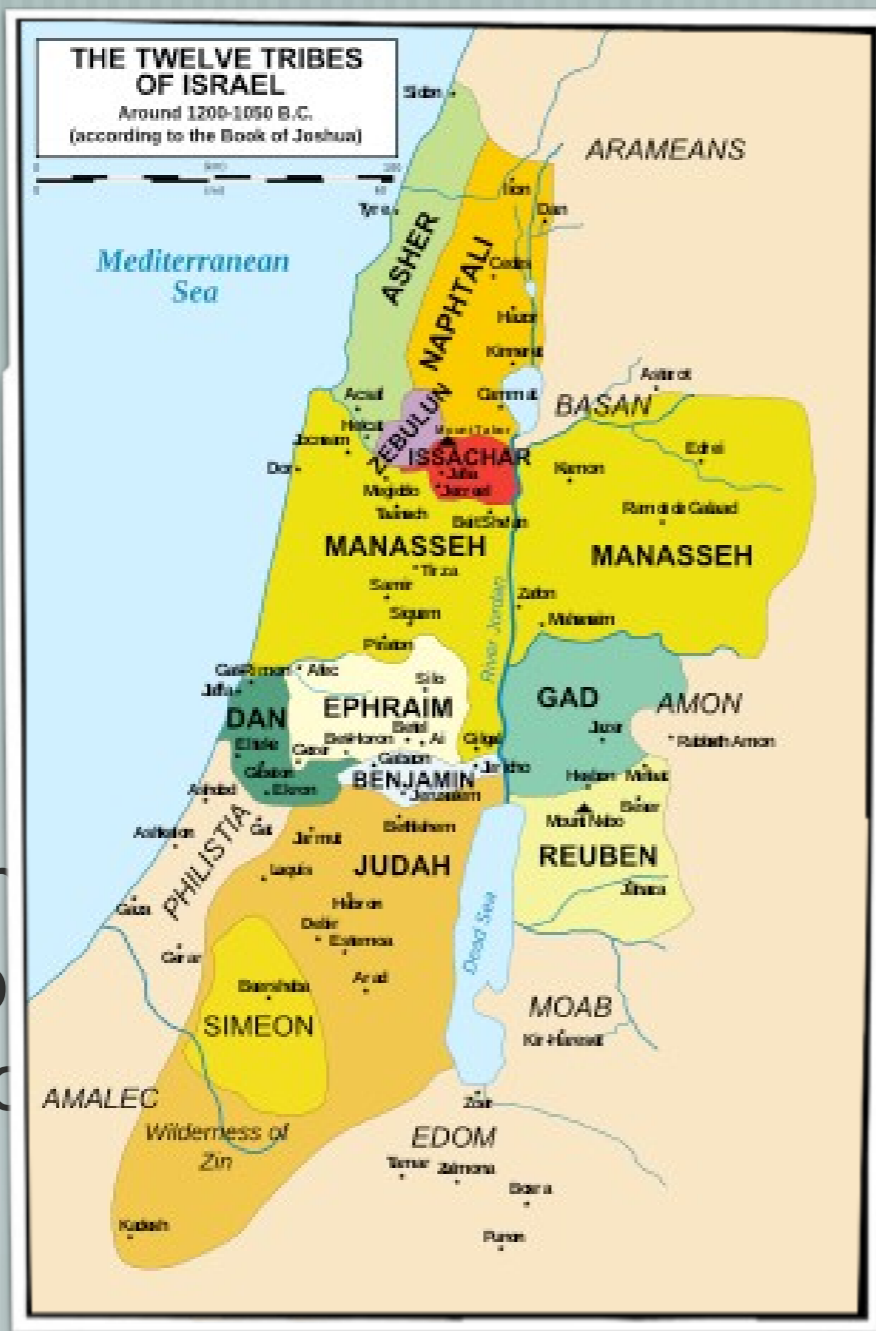
Just before Jacob died, he pronounced benedictions and predictions on the future to each of his sons. Judah was assigned the role of leader. Jacob predicted Zebulun would live by the coast. Three of the sons, Reuben (the first-born), Simeon and Levi were scolded; the last two for their massacre of the people of Shechem. Their sister Dinah had been raped by a man of Shechem and Simeon and Levi had taken their revenge by killing all the men in Shechem. Reuben was criticized for sleeping with one of his father's concubines. As punishment, Levi was not assigned a territory, but each of the other brothers was. This should mean 11 tribes, but Joseph received two portions (which should have been the right of the eldest legitimate son), one in the name of each of his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh.

Moses tells God's people that God will give them what He calls the **Promised Land**. It is a land flowing with milk and honey. He will settle His people down in this land and this is where He will then break the Israelites off into 12 different tribes.

The sons and tribe names are:

- Judah
- Issachar
- Zebulun
- Southern
- Reuben
- Simeon
- Gad
- Western
- Ephraim
- Manasseh
- Benjamin
- Northern
- Dan
- Asher
- Naphtali

Although of Levi by birth, this honored Moses and Aaron during the Exodus.



By being denied territory, the tribe of Levi became the priestly tribe of Israel. It won the favor of Yahweh during the Exodus.

{Moses came from the tribe of Levi}