

# WEEK 10: GOD, MOSES, AND PASSOVER

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## Activity: Jeopardy

### Exodus 3

3 Moses was taking care of the sheep of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. As he led the sheep to the far side of the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 **The Messenger of the Lord** appeared to him there as flames of fire coming out of a bush. Moses looked, and although the bush was on fire, it was not burning up. 3 So he thought, "Why isn't this bush burning up? I must go over there and see this strange sight."

4 When the Lord saw that Moses had come over to see it, God called to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses answered, "\_\_\_\_\_!"

5 God said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your \_\_\_\_\_ because this place where you are standing is holy ground. 6 I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, "I have seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard them crying out because of the slave drivers. I know how much they're suffering. 8 I have come to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and to bring them from that land to a good land with plenty of room for everyone. It is a land flowing with milk and honey where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites live. 9 I have heard the cry of the people of Israel. I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 Now, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh so that you can bring my people Israel out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the people of Israel out of Egypt?"

12 God answered, "I will be with you. And this will be the proof that I sent you: When you bring the people out of Egypt, all of you will worship God on this mountain."

13 Then Moses replied to God, "Suppose I go to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' What should I tell them?"

14 God answered Moses, "I Am Who I Am. This is what you must say to the people of Israel: 'I Am has sent me to you.'"

- I am who I am, I will be who I will be are both good translations.
- This is not God being cryptic and not answering who he is... he is referring to what he just said, "I will be with you". I am the God who is with you.
- YHWH means "He is who He is".

*15 Again God said to Moses, "This is what you must say to the people of Israel: YHWH, God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever. This is my title throughout every generation.*

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*18 "The leaders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the leaders must go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'YHWH, God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us travel three days into the desert to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God.' 19 **I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go**, even if he is forced to. 20 So I will use my power to strike Egypt. After all the miracles that I will do there, he will let you go. 21 I will make the Egyptians kind to the people of Israel so that, when you leave, you will not leave empty-handed.*

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**Discussion Question:** What kind of guy is Moses at this point? What qualifications does he have to lead God's people?

When we say who am I to YHWH, what does God say in response?

What excuses have you used in response to the Great Commission?

## **Exodus 4**

- God reassures Moses with miracles.
- Moses complains that he is not a good \_\_\_\_\_ and God appoints Moses' brother \_\_\_\_\_ to be a spokesman for him.
- Moses Returns to Egypt

*15 You will speak to him and tell him what to say. I will help both of you speak, and I will teach you both what to do. 16 Aaron will speak to the people for you. He will be your spokesman, and you will be like God. 17 Take that shepherd's staff with you, and use it to do the miraculous signs."*

## Exodus 5

- Moses and Aaron go to \_\_\_\_\_ and he increases their labor.

*5 Later Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the Lord God of Israel says: Let my people go into the desert to celebrate a festival in my honor."*

*2 Pharaoh asked, "Who is the Lord? Why should I obey him and let Israel go? I don't know the Lord, and I won't let Israel go."*

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*22 Moses went back to the Lord and asked, "Why have you brought this trouble on your people? Why did you send me? 23 Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak for you, he has treated your people cruelly, and you have done nothing at all to rescue your people."*

## Exodus 6

- The Lord Tells Moses to Speak to Pharaoh Again
- Aaron and Moses' Ancestry

*2 God spoke to Moses, "I am the Lord. 3 I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but I didn't make myself known to them by my name, the Lord. 4 I even made a promise to give them Canaan, the land where they lived as foreigners. 5 Now I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians hold in slavery, and I have remembered my promise.*

*6 "Tell the Israelites, 'I am the Lord. I will bring you out from under the oppression of the Egyptians, and I will free you from slavery. I will rescue you with my powerful arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 Then I will make you my people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. 8 I will bring you to the land I solemnly swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as your own possession. I am the Lord.'"*

## Exodus 7-11

*The Lord answered Moses, "I have made you a god to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron is your prophet. 2 Tell your brother Aaron everything I command you, and he must tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave the country. 3 But I will make Pharaoh stubborn. Even though I will do many miraculous signs and amazing things in Egypt, 4 Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will use my power to punish Egypt severely, and I will bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt in organized family groups. 5 The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I use my power against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of there."*

The First Plague—the Nile River Turns into \_\_\_\_\_

The Second Plague— \_\_\_\_\_

The Third Plague— \_\_\_\_\_

The Fourth Plague— \_\_\_\_\_

The Fifth Plague— Death of \_\_\_\_\_

The Sixth Plague— \_\_\_\_\_

The Seventh Plague— \_\_\_\_\_

The Eighth Plague— \_\_\_\_\_

The Ninth Plague— \_\_\_\_\_

The Tenth Plague—the Death of the \_\_\_\_\_

## **Exodus 12**

- Passover Instructions and Promises
- Pharaoh Allows the Israelites to Leave Egypt
- The Israelites Leave Egypt

*21 Then Moses called for all the leaders of Israel. He said to them, "Pick out a lamb or a young goat for your families, and kill the Passover animal. 22 Take the branch of a hyssop plant, dip it in the blood which is in a bowl, and put some of the blood on the top and sides of the doorframes of your houses. No one may leave the house until morning. 23 The Lord will go throughout Egypt to kill the Egyptians. When he sees the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe, he will pass over that doorway, and he will not let the destroyer come into your home to kill you.*

*24 "You must follow these instructions. They are a permanent law for you and your children. 25 When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. 26 When your children ask you what this ceremony means to you, 27 you must answer, 'It's the Passover sacrifice in the Lord's honor. The Lord passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he killed the Egyptians.' "*

*Then the people knelt, bowing with their faces touching the ground. 28 The Israelites did as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron.*

*31 Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron during the night. He said, "You and the Israelites must leave my people at once. Go, worship the Lord as you asked. 32 Take your flocks and herds, too, as you asked. Just go! And bless me, too!"*

*33 The Egyptians begged the people to leave the country quickly. They said, "Soon we'll all be dead!" 34 So the people picked up their bread dough before it had risen and carried it on their shoulders in bowls, wrapped up in their clothes.*

*35 The Israelites did what Moses had told them and asked the Egyptians for gold and silver jewelry and for clothes. 36 The Lord made the Egyptians generous to the people, and they gave them what they asked for. So the Israelites stripped Egypt of its wealth.*

*37 The Israelites left Rameses to go to Succoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, plus all the women and children. 38 Many other people also went with them, along with large numbers of sheep, goats, and cattle.*

*39 With the dough they had brought from Egypt, they baked round, flat bread. The dough hadn't risen because they'd been thrown out of Egypt and had no time to prepare food for the trip.*

*40 The Israelites had been living in Egypt for 430 years. 41 After exactly 430 years all the Lord's people left Egypt in organized family groups. 42 That night the Lord kept watch to take them out of Egypt. (All Israelites in future generations must keep watch on this night, since it is dedicated to the Lord.)*

### **Discussion Questions:**

What does this story tell us about people, humankind? What does it tell us about ourselves?

What does it tell us about God and who he says he is?

How do these chapters point to Jesus? (Try the phrase "Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_".)

*Next Week: Moses, the Ten Commandments and the Tabernacle*