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# EGYPTIAN BONDAGE

- After the patriarch Joseph died, an Egyptian pharaoh came to power who did not remember Joseph and fear the Israelites in Egypt.
- The pharaoh, therefore, enslaved the Israelites, but God heard the cries of his people and raised up a Levite, Moses, to be their deliverer.
- At the age of forty, he killed an abusive Egyptian but, when the Israelites did not rally to him, fled to Midian, becoming a shepherd.

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- God commissioned Moses to return to Egypt and deliver the Israelites, promising to perform wonders against the Egyptians.
- The Lord brought ten plagues on the Egyptians, the hardhearted Pharaoh finally releasing the Israelites after the first Passover.
- The period of bondage truly ends after Moses leads the people away from Egypt and miraculously through the Red Sea.

# EXCURSUS

- The exodus from Egypt is probably one of the most frequently mentioned events in the Old Testament, as it exemplifies the power of God.
- The ten plagues against Egypt seemingly demonstrated the superiority of Yahweh over the gods of Egypt (see Exod 12:12).
- The plagues were (1) blood, (2) frogs, (3) gnats, (4) flies, (5) pestilence, (6) boils, (7) hail, (8) locusts, (9) darkness, and (10) death.

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# WILDERNESS

- After spending some time at Mount Sinai, receiving the Law, the Israelites begin traveling toward Canaan, the Land of Promise.
- Sending spies into Canaan and receiving a bad report from the majority of them, the people rebelliously decide not to enter the land.
- Because of their unbelief, the Lord punishes them by making them wander in the wilderness until the faithless generation dies.

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  - The Confirmation of Aaron
  - The Death of Miriam
  - The Sin of Moses and Aaron

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  - The Prophecy of Balaam
  - The Sermons of Moses (Deuteronomy)



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- The Ten Commandments are considered to be representative of the covenant made between God and Moses and Israel (see Exod 34:27-28).
- God (and Moses), probably in conformity with the cultural norms, produced two tablets of stone each containing the Ten Commandments.
- Since, in many ways, the expectations of the Ten Commandments are restated in the New Testament, it is important that we know them.

# EXCURSUS

- The Ten Commandments include the following:
  - You shall have no other gods before me.
  - You shall not make for yourself an idol.
  - You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
  - Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
  - Honor your father and your mother.
  - You shall not murder.
  - You shall not commit adultery.

# EXCURSUS

- The Ten Commandments include the following:
  - You shall not steal.
  - You shall not bear false witness.
  - You shall not covet.