

REL 1310 – Christian Scriptures

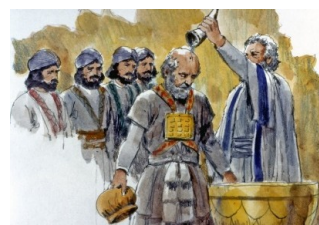
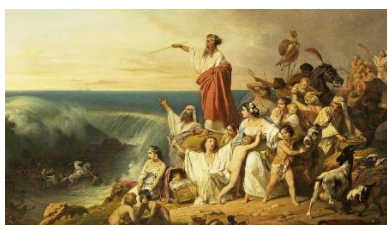
Hello and welcome to the weekly resources for REL-1310!

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Exodus



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Terms

- **Hebrews:** The name of the Israelite people. These are the descendants of the prominent characters from Genesis (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph).
- **Theophany:** The appearance of God to a human.
- **Mount Horeb/Sinai:** A holy mountain where Moses received instructions to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt. This is also where he received the 10 Commandments and the earliest portions of Torah's law.
- **Decalogue:** The formal name for the 10 Commandments.
- **Apodictic law:** A law that is given that applies at all times.
- **Casuistic law:** A law that applies to a case-to-case basis.
- **Tabernacle:** A mobile sanctuary where religious practice would be carried out.

Notable Characters

- **Moses:** A Hebrew born to Jochebed, a Hebrew woman. He was raised Egyptian, and after fleeing Egypt, was called by the Lord to lead Israel out of captivity.
- **Pharaoh:** The unnamed leader of Egypt.
- **Aaron:** Brother of Moses and spokesperson for Moses when talking to Pharaoh.
- **Miriam:** Sister of Moses & Aaron.
- **Shiphrah & Puah:** Brave Hebrew midwives who disobeyed Pharaoh's orders and did not kill the newborn Hebrew boys.

Background

- In the end of Genesis, **Joseph's** family moved to Egypt.
- A Semitic group named the Hyksos ruled in Egypt from 1700-1550 BCE.
- Eventually **Joseph's** descendants, the Hebrews, were enslaved by Egyptians.
- The Hebrews had been fruitful and multiplied, filling Egypt.

Exodus 1

- The Hebrews reproduce rapidly.
- The King of Egypt feared that their number would grow enough to cause a revolt.
- Because of this, he ordered that every boy who is born should be thrown into the Nile River.
- **Shiphrah and Puah** showed bravery in the face of danger and refused to kill the boys as they were told.

Exodus 2

- **Moses** is born to a Hebrew woman.
- His mother laid him in a basket and sent him down the Nile.
- She sent his sister **Miriam** to watch him.
- The daughter of **Pharaoh** discovered **Moses** and took him in as her own child.
- After **Moses** grew up, he found an Egyptian beating Hebrew slave.
- **Moses** killed the Egyptian.
- Fearing for his life, **Moses** fled from Egypt to a land called Midian.
- There, **Moses** married a woman named Zipporah.

Exodus 3

- **Moses** went to Mount Horeb.
- There, the Lord appeared to **Moses** in a burning bush (theophany).
- The Lord called **Moses** to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt.
- The Lord told **Moses** that His name is YHWH (“I AM WHO I AM”).
- **Moses’** brother **Aaron** is selected as his mouthpiece.

Exodus 7-12

- The Lord sends the ten plagues.
- Most of the plagues have a symbolic connection to an Egyptian deity. By sending the plagues, the Lord is proving that he is stronger than the Egyptian gods.
- Passover, the event where the Angel of the Lord passed over and spared the Hebrews, is instituted.

Exodus 14-15

- **Moses** leads the Hebrews out of Egypt to the Red Sea/Sea of Reeds.
- The sea splits, allowing the Hebrews to pass through.
- **Moses** and his sister **Miriam** sing songs of praise after they cross.

Exodus 16-17

- The Lord provides manna, meat, and water for the Hebrews to consume in the wilderness.

Exodus 19-40

- **Moses** on Mount Sinai.
- **Moses’** Covenant: if Israel obeys, the Covenant will be kept.
- **Moses** received the Decalogue (10 Commandments).
- The 10 Commandments are apodictic (clearly established and always held).
- The laws are concerned with equal treatment of all.
- Instructions are given for the construction of the tabernacle.
- **Aaron’s** family are ordained Israel’s priests.

Golden Calf (Exodus 32-34)

- Israel immediately breaks the commandment of the Lord being their one and only God.
- God and **Moses** are angry.
- **Moses** broke the tablets of the 10 Commandments and returned to Sinai to get a new copy.

Order of the 10 Plagues

- 1) Water in the Nile turned to blood
- 2) Frog covering the land
- 3) Gnats/mosquitoes covering the land
- 4) Flies swarming everywhere
- 5) Death of cattle
- 6) Boils cover humans and animals
- 7) Destruction from hail
- 8) Locusts destroy crops
- 9) Darkness covers the land
- 10) Death of the firstborn of the Egyptians

Test your knowledge!

Answers are at the bottom of the document.

- 1) What are the names of the brave midwives who refused to kill Hebrew boys?
 - a. Miriam & Zipporah
 - b. Miriam & Sarah
 - c. Pharaoh's daughter & Zipporah
 - d. Shiphrah & Puah
- 2) Why did Moses break the tablets that held the 10 commandments?
 - a. He thought they weren't strict enough and God needed to be clearer.
 - b. He was angry at the Hebrews for building a golden calf to be an idol.
 - c. He thought the rules were too strict and set an unfair expectation for the Hebrews.
 - d. He was hungry.
- 3) Which festival, celebrated through the rest of the biblical text, originated from the 10 plagues?
 - a. Rosh Hashanah
 - b. Passover
 - c. Yom Kippur
 - d. Purim
- 4) What signs did YHWH give to Moses to display His power?
 - a. Moses' rod would turn into a serpent.
 - b. Moses' hand became leprous.
 - c. a & b
 - d. None of the above
- 5) What did YHWH provide for the Hebrews in the wilderness?
 - a. Manna

- b. Quail
- c. Water
- d. All the above

Answers: 1) d. 2) b. 3) b. 4) c. 5) d.