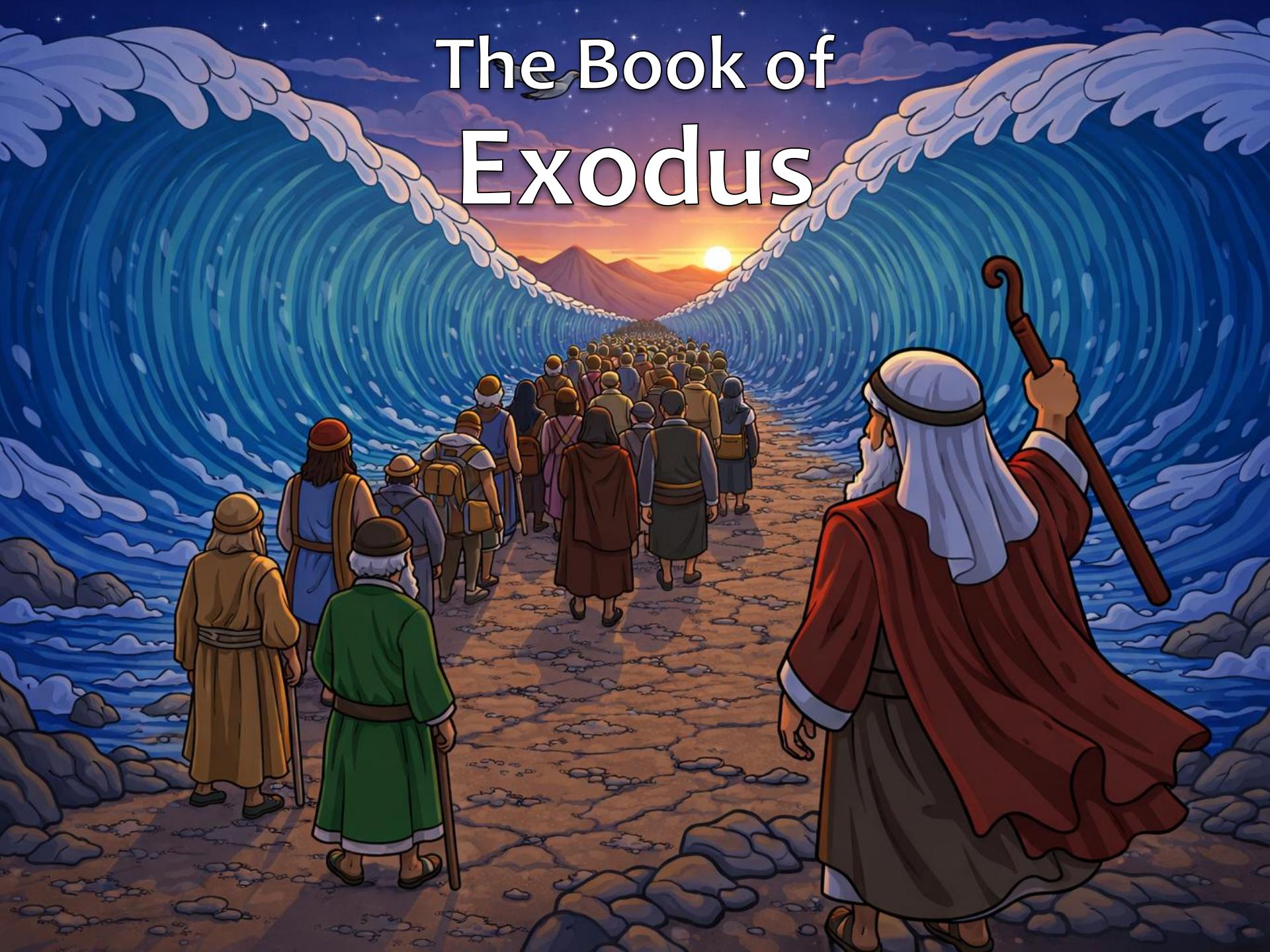
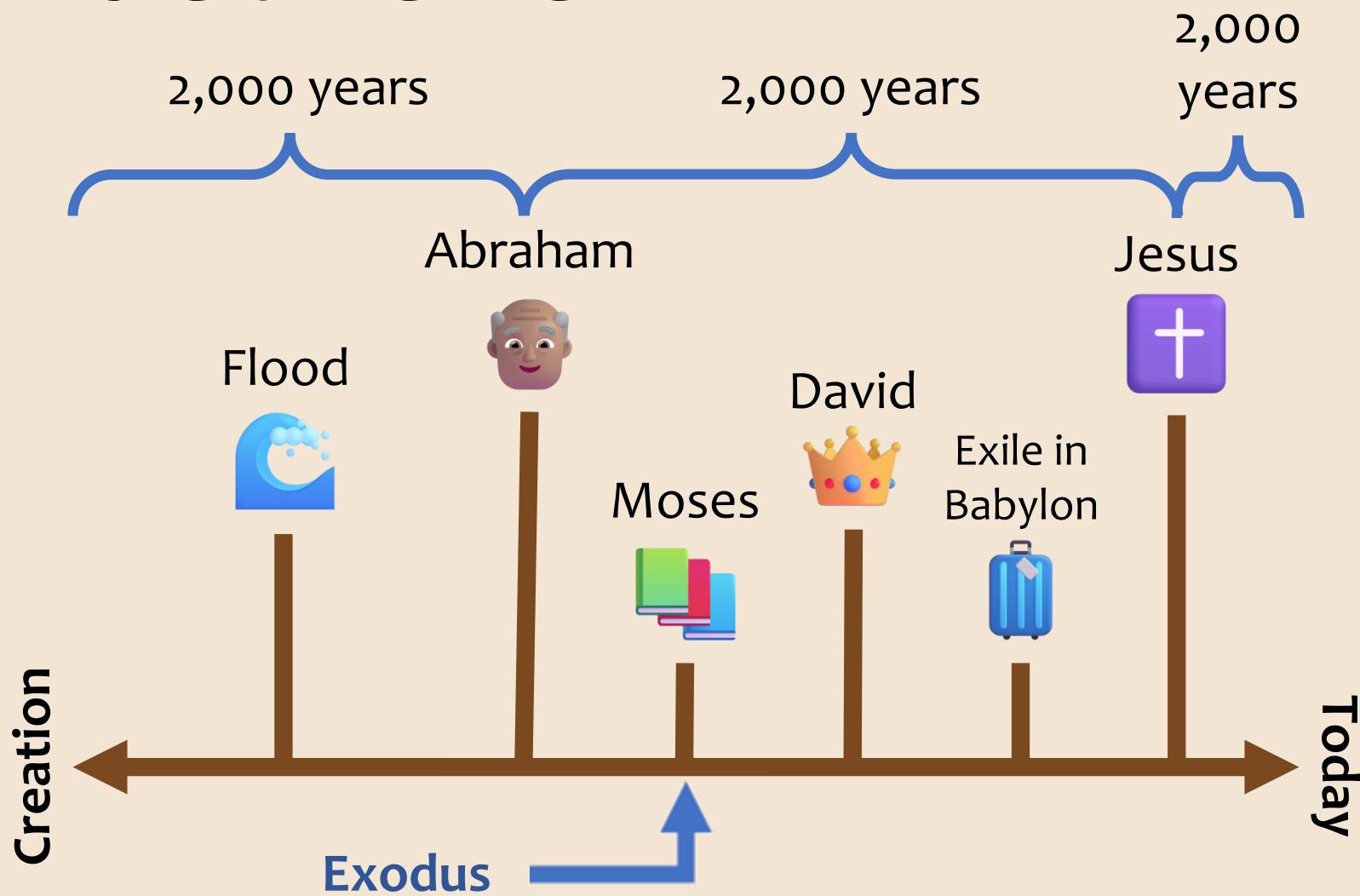


# The Book of Exodus



# Bible timeline



# Summary

## Exodus

- Remember Jacob from the book of Genesis?
- His family has grown to about 2 million people.
- They want to leave Egypt so that they can possess their own land.
- **God calls a man named Moses to lead the Israelites to freedom and give them laws.**



# Why Exodus is special

- MOSES!
  - Yes, he is in other books, but Exodus is Moses' **story**.
- The Exodus
  - The deliverance and parting of the sea are **constantly** cited through the Old Testament, **more than any other story**.
  - **Passover** is part of the memory of this
- The Law
  - Ten Commandments and more laws are given.



# Main characters in Exodus

-  **Moses**
  - Leader of the Israelites
-  **Aaron**
  - Older brother of Moses
  - He and his sons (and so on) will be the priests of Israel
-  **Pharaoh(s)**
  - King of Egypt
  - There are likely a few, since it spans about a century
-  **Israelites / Hebrews / Jacob's family**
  - Not called Jews for another 1,000 years or so.

# Structure of Exodus

- 1) Chapter 1
  - **Pharaoh kills babies**
- 2) Chapters 2-4
  - **Moses' first 80 years** – birth and calling
- 3) Chapters 5-10
  - **Pharaoh refuses to let the Israelites go**
- 4) Chapters 11-15
  - **The Exodus**, including Passover and crossing the sea
- 5) Chapters 15-18
  - **Journey to Sinai**; God provides water and bread
- 6) Chapters 19-24
  - **The covenant** (laws about people)
- 7) Chapters 25-31
  - **How to build the tabernacle** and accessories
- 8) Chapters 32-34
  - **Golden calf** incident
- 9) Chapters 35-40
  - **Tabernacle is built**

# Theology and doctrine

- **GOD TELLS HIS NAME**

- In the burning bush story, God says that His name is “I AM WHO I AM” (**Exodus 3:14**)
- This gets turned into the word “LORD”
  - Or “Yahweh” (CSB/LSB) or “Jehovah”
  - LORD is all caps; that’s different than Lord
- That word appears about 6,500 times in the Old Testament, more than any other word
  - Not counting prepositions – but more than many of them anyway

# Recap of Exodus

- **Overview**

- God calls a man named Moses to lead the Israelites to freedom and give them laws

- **Why it is special**

- Moses' story
- *The Exodus*
- The Law

- **Main characters**

- Moses
- Aaron
- Pharaohs
- Israelites (Hebrews)

- **Outline**

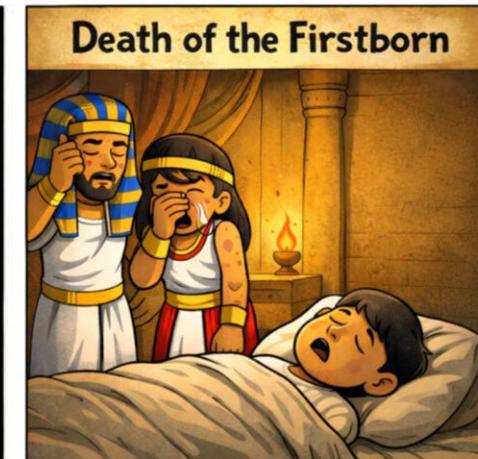
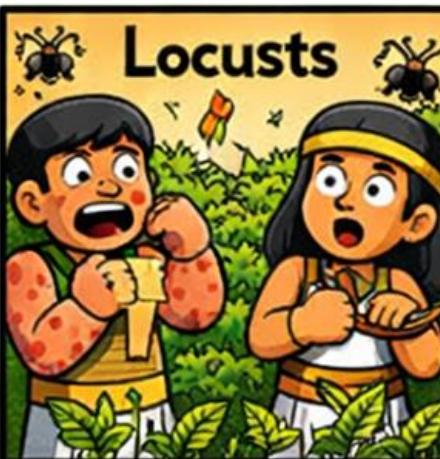
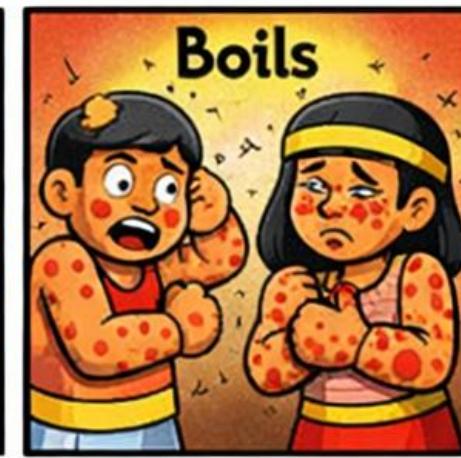
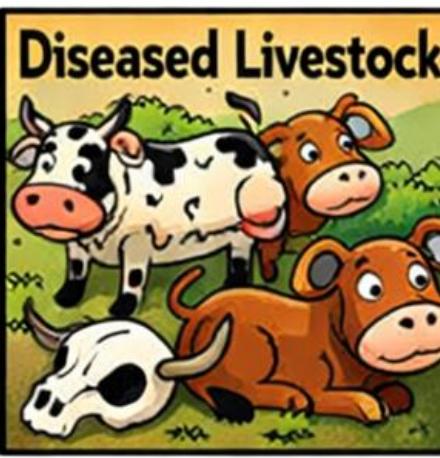
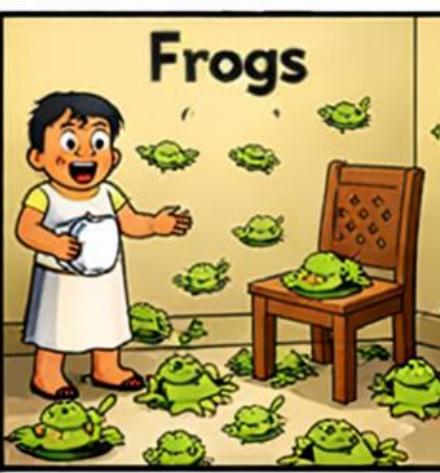
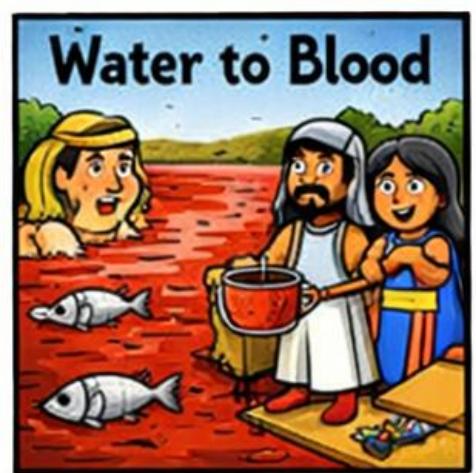
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- **Theology and doctrine**

- God's name (I AM WHO I AM)

# The Ten Plagues

Exodus 7-12



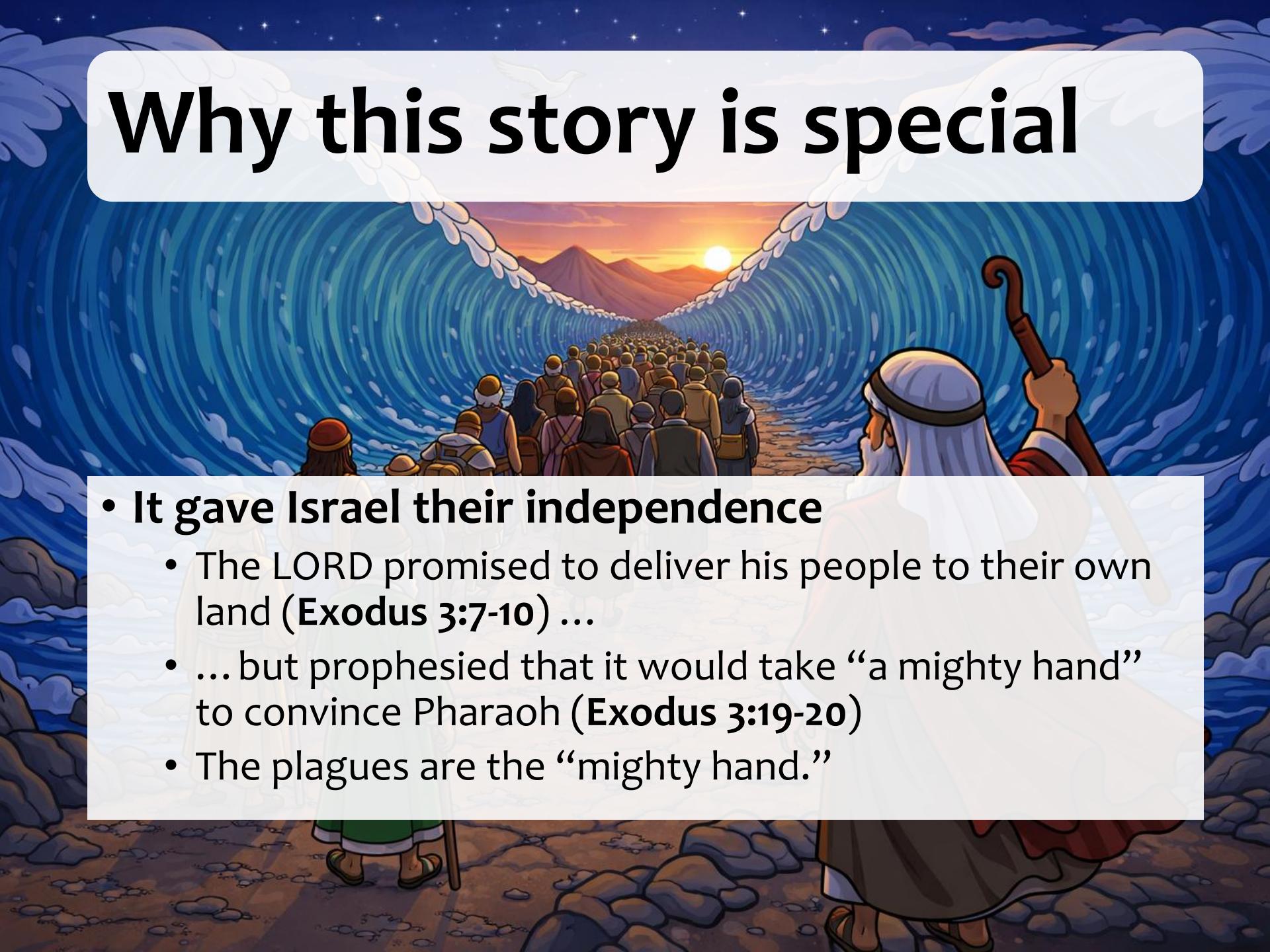
# Summary

## Exodus 7-12

- Pharaoh refuses to let a million slave laborers walk free
- His citizens pay the price, in suffering with 10 plagues



# Why this story is special



- **It gave Israel their independence**
  - The LORD promised to deliver his people to their own land (**Exodus 3:7-10**) ...
  - ... but prophesied that it would take “a mighty hand” to convince Pharaoh (**Exodus 3:19-20**)
  - The plagues are the “mighty hand.”

# Main characters

-  **Moses**
  - Leader of the Israelites
-  **Aaron**
  - Older brother of Moses
  - Does the speaking at first
-  **Pharaoh**
  - King of Egypt

# Outline of the plagues

Exodus 7:14 – 12:42

Nine times:

- Moses and Aaron ask to be set free
- God sends a plague
- Sometimes (4x), Pharaoh agrees
- But Pharaoh always says no eventually

Then a 10th plague:

- God kills all the firstborn males in Egypt
- But He **“passes over”** the Hebrews who obey him



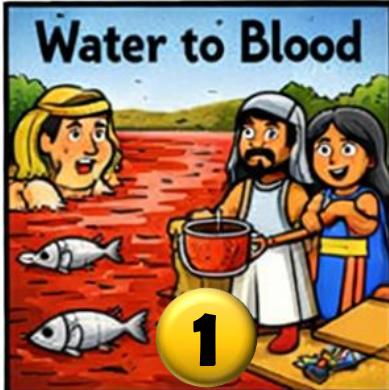
# In case you missed it

There are patterns to the first 9 plagues

- Aaron leads the first 3 and Moses leads the last 3
- More hidden are the warnings:
  - 1,4, and 7 are in the morning, when pharaoh gets water
  - 2, 5, and 8 are not there, so presumably are in the palace
  - 3,6, and 9 have no warning at all

## Warning to pharaoh

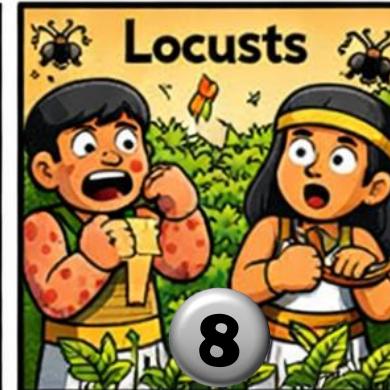
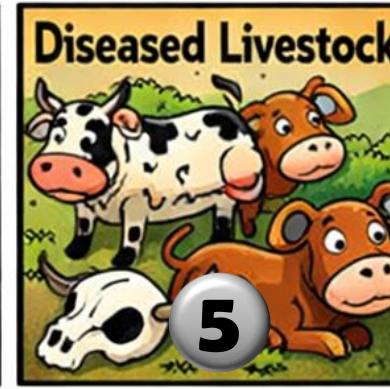
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In the palace



No warning



Aaron's action

The LORD (4/5) or Moses and Aaron

Moses' action

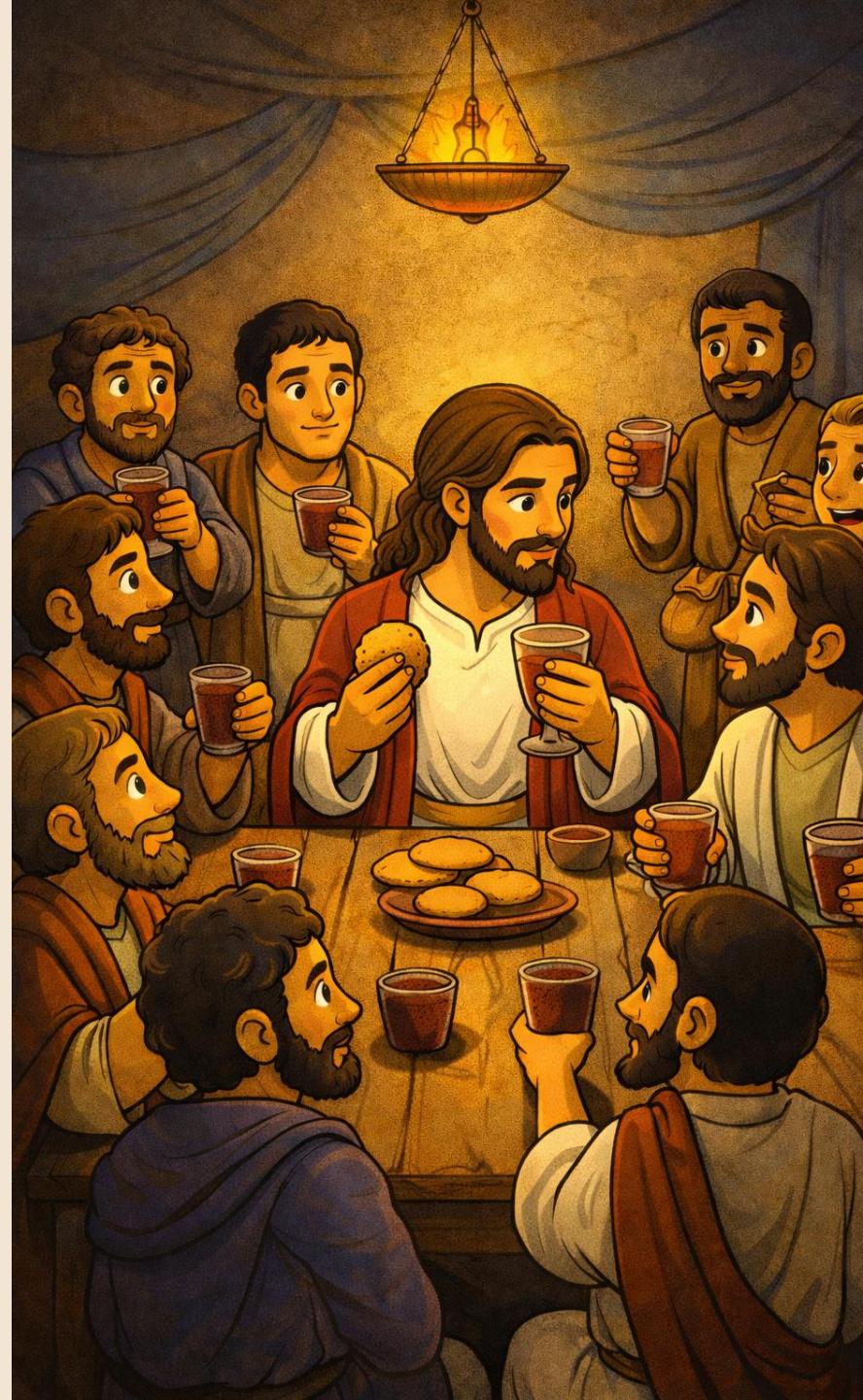


# Theology and doctrine

- Pharaoh's hard heart
  - At times Pharaoh hardens his own heart (**Exodus 8:32**) or it is unclear who did it (**Exodus 9:7**)
  - But God promises that He will harden pharaoh's heart in **Exodus 4:21** – long before all of the plagues – and He does so, clearly, starting with the sixth plague (**Exodus 9:12**)
  - It's kind of up to us to wrestle with what that means
    - But don't say God didn't do it.
  - The book of Romans does discuss this also (**Romans 9:17-18**)

# Theology and doctrine

- Passover
  - This deserves a much longer discussion. But in short...
  - **This is the 10<sup>th</sup> plague**, where death “passed over” the houses of the faithful
  - **But also it was to be remembered with a feast every year with unleavened bread and a sacrificial lamb**
  - Jesus’ “last supper” was a Passover meal
    - We don’t see them eating a lamb
    - **Jesus was the sacrificial lamb**
    - **1 Corinthians 5:7**



# Recap of the Ten Plagues

- **Overview**

- Pharaoh suffers when he refuses to let the Israelites walk free

- **Why it is special**

- It gave Israel their independence

- **Main characters**

- Moses
- Aaron
- Pharaoh

- **In case you missed it**

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- **Theology and doctrine**

- Pharaoh’s hardened heart
- Passover

1 Then sang Moses and the children of **Israel** this song unto the **LORD**, and spake, saying,

I will sing unto the **LORD**, for **he** hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and **his** rider hath **he** thrown into the sea.

2 The **LORD** is **my** strength and song, and **he** is become **my** salvation: **he** is **my** **God**, and I will prepare **him** an habitation; **my** father's **God**, and I will exalt **him**.

3 The **LORD** is a man of war: the **LORD** is **his** name.

4 Pharaoh's chariots and **his** host hath **he** cast into the sea: **his** chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

5 The depths have covered **them**: **they** sank into the bottom as a stone.

6 **Thy** right hand, O **LORD**, is become glorious in power: **thy** right hand, O **LORD**, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

7 And in the greatness of **thine** excellency thou hast overthrown **them** that rose up against **thee**: thou sentest forth **thy** wrath, **which** consumed **them** as stubble.

8 And with the blast of **thy** nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, **and** the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; **my** lust shall be satisfied upon **them**; I will draw **my** sword, **my** hand shall destroy **them**.

10 **Thou** didst blow with **thy** wind, the sea covered **them**: **they** sank as lead in the mighty waters.

# The Song of the Sea

Exodus 15:1-18 KJV

11 Who *is* like unto **thee**, O **LORD**, among the gods? who *is* like **thee**, glorious in holiness, fearful *in* praises, doing wonders?

12 **Thou** stretchedst out **thy** right hand, the earth swallowed **them**.

13 **Thou** in **thy** mercy hast led forth the people which **thou** hast redeemed: **thou** hast guided **them** in **thy** strength unto **thy** holy habitation.

14 The people shall hear, *and* be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.

15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon **them**; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

16 Fear and dread shall fall upon **them**; by the greatness of **thine** arm **they** shall be *as* still as a stone; till **thy** people pass over, O **LORD**, till the people pass over, **which** **thou** hast purchased.

17 **Thou** shalt bring **them** in, and plant **them** in the mountain of **thine** inheritance, *in* the place, O **LORD**, **which** **thou** hast made for **thee** to dwell in, *in* the Sanctuary, O **Lord**, **which** **thy** hands have established.

18 The **LORD** shall reign for ever and ever.