

Beginnings of the Hebrews



ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

**How did Judaism
begin?**



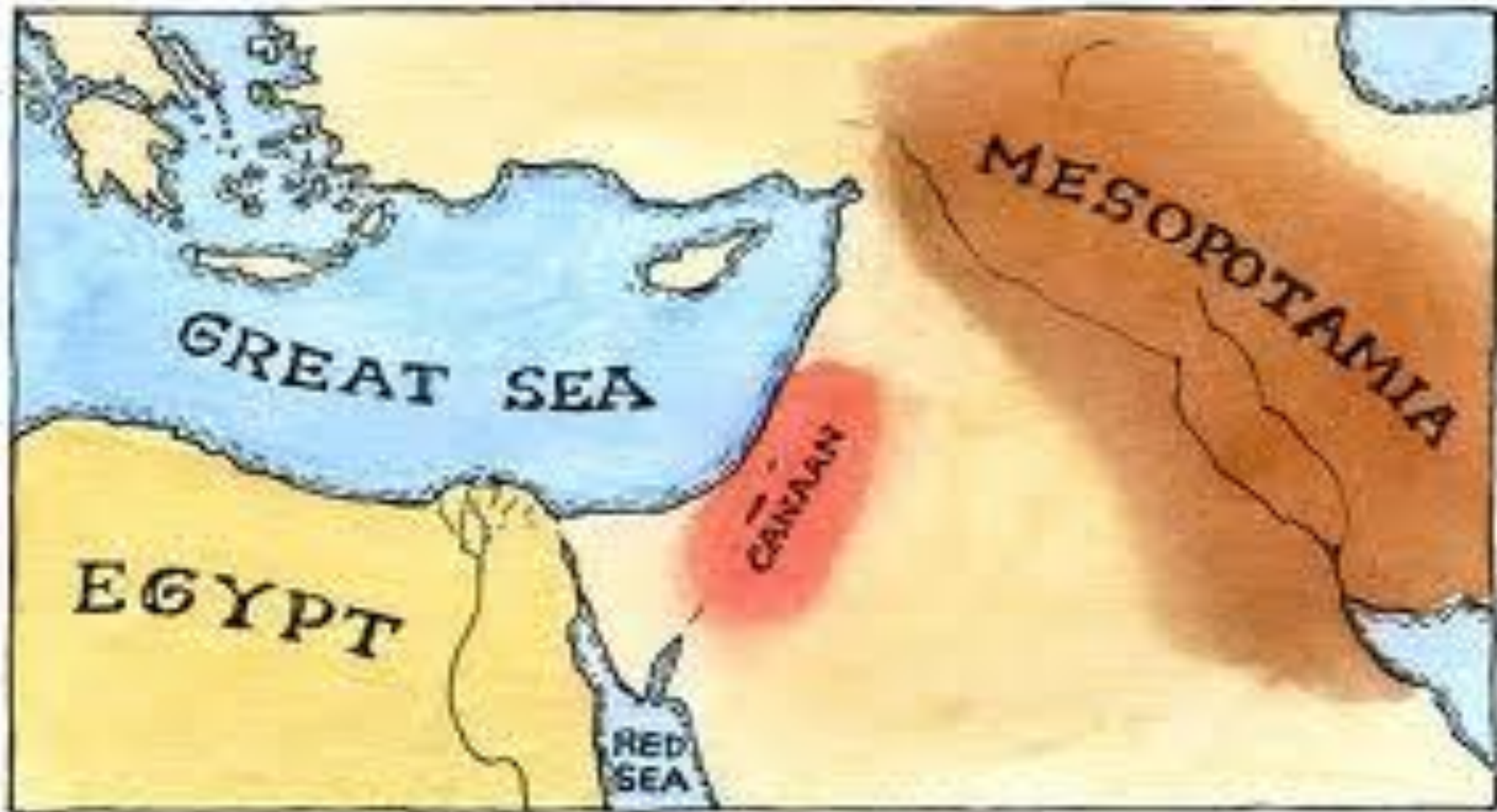
Vocabulary

- Hebrews: the name by which the Jewish people were first known
- Monotheism: The Belief in only one God.
- Polytheism: The belief in many gods.
- Covenant: A binding promise between two people.
- Canaan: The land the Hebrews moved to.
- Famine: A long period of time with no food or water.
- Israelites: The families of the Hebrew tribes.
- Plague: A terrible disaster.
- Exodus: a long journey from one place to another.
- Passover: The holiday celebrating the Jews' escape from Egypt.

Who was Abraham?

- The first **JEWS** were known as the **HEBREWS**.
- **ABRAHAM** was the first Hebrew. He was most likely born in **MESOPOTAMIA** in about 2000 BC
- Mesopotamians believed in many gods; Abraham believed in only **ONE GOD**; this is called monotheism.
- Abraham claimed God spoke to him and told him to leave Mesopotamia for a place called **CANAAN**
- These stories were recorded in the Bible





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- After reaching the land of Canaan with his family, the Bible says God made a **COVENANT** with Abraham
- God promised that the land would always belong to Abraham's family if Abraham would continue to **WORSHIP** him.
- One of Abraham's sons was called **ISAAC**, through him came the Jewish descendents



A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape, likely the Negev Desert in Israel. The terrain is characterized by rolling, eroded hills and valleys, with a mix of light tan and dark brown earth. The sky is a clear, pale blue. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text "Who was Abraham?" in a large, bold, red font with a black outline.

**Who was
Abraham?**

Why did the Israelites move to Egypt?

- Abraham's son Isaac had a child named **JACOB**, who would later be called **ISRAEL**, he had 12 sons
- Jacob's favorite son was named **JOSEPH**, his other sons became jealous because Jacob made a beautiful coat for Joseph
- Joseph's brothers sold him into **EGYPT** and told their father he had been killed



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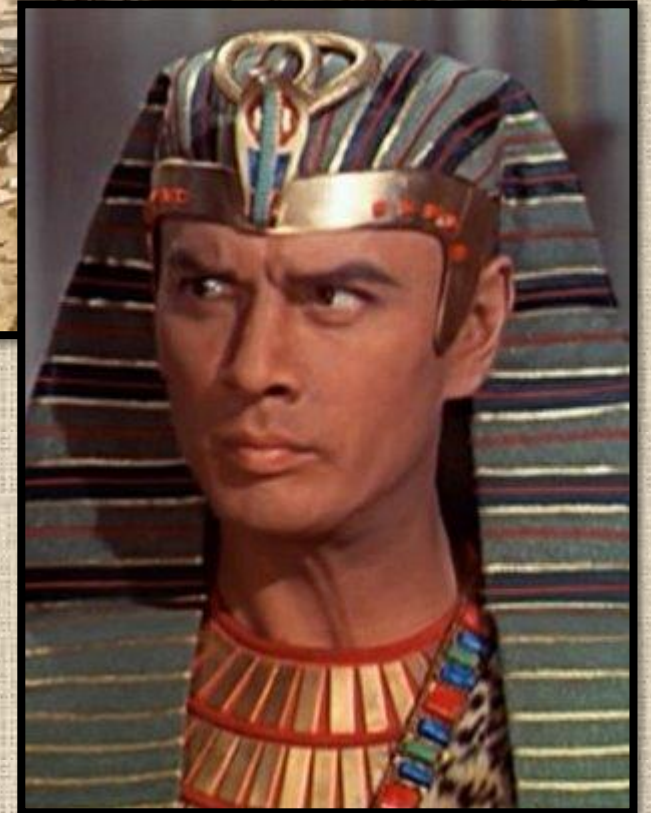
- **JOSEPH** lived in Egypt for a long time, he was very well respected and rose to **POWER**
- Soon he was second in authority, only the pharaoh had more power than him
- **FAMINE** struck in Canaan, forcing Jacob and his sons (who all had large families of their own by now) to move to Egypt for food.
- Joseph was reunited with his **BROTHERS**, and they all settled in **EGYPT**



He forgave his
brother

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- The **ISRAELITES** lived in Egypt for many years
- They grew and had **LARGE** families
- Soon a new **PHARAOH** came to power, he was afraid the Israelites would become powerful and try to overthrow him, so he made them **SLAVES**



A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground and middle ground are dominated by rolling, light-brown hills and valleys. The terrain appears to be a mix of sand and sparse, low-lying vegetation. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall scene is bright and open, suggesting a vast, arid environment.

**Why did the
Israelites move to
Egypt?**

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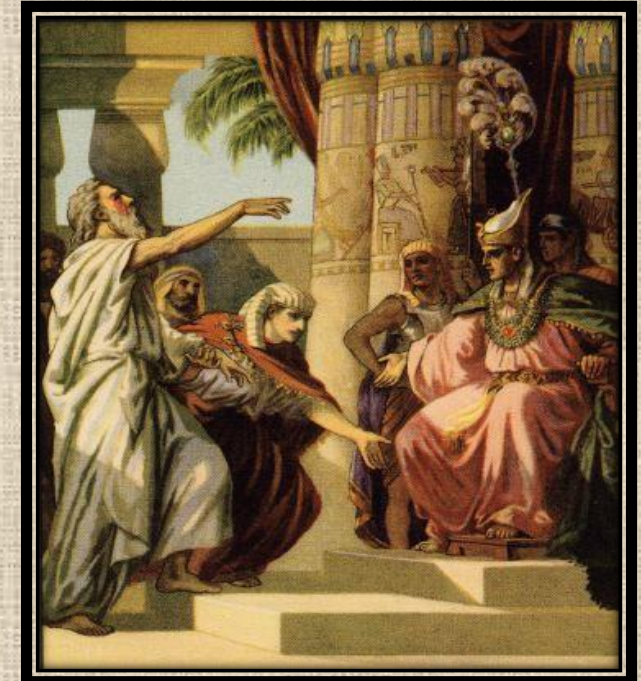
How did the Israelites leave Egypt?

- The pharaoh was afraid the Israelites might overthrow the Egyptians, so he had all the **ISRAELITE** baby **BOYS** thrown in the Nile and **DROWNED**
- One mother sent her son, **MOSES**, down the Nile in a basket. He **SURVIVED**. The pharaoh's daughter found him and raised him as her own.
- The pharaoh's daughter had an Israelite women help her raise Moses, he learned early on that he was an Israelite

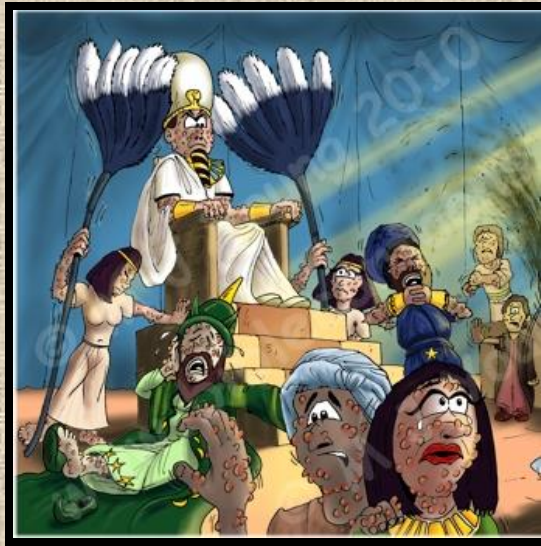


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- The Bible says that when **MOSES** grew up God told him to demand **FREEDOM** for the Israelites
- The pharaoh refused, so God sent **TEN PLAGUES** to torment the Egyptians, including turning the Nile to blood, hail, and swarms of insects
- The Pharaoh did not respond to the first nine plagues, so a tenth plague was sent, God killed the firstborn son of all the Egyptians
- The pharaoh finally allowed the **ISRAELITES** to go **FREE**



- 1. Water to blood
- 2. Frogs
- 3. Lice
- 4. Flies
- 5. Cattle killed
- 6. Boils
- 7. Thunder and hail
- 8. Locusts
- 9. Darkness
- 10. Death of firstborn



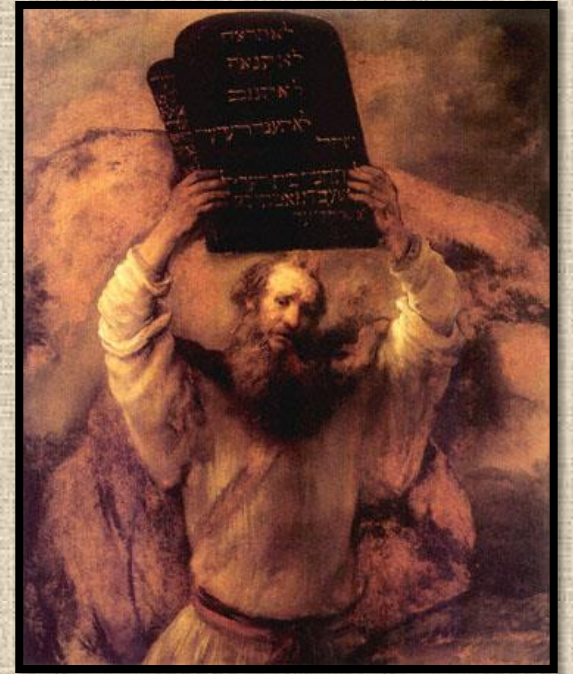
A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground is a dark, rocky, and pebbly terrain. In the middle ground, there are several large, light-colored sand dunes with distinct ridges and shadows. The background shows more rolling dunes under a clear, pale blue sky. The overall scene is arid and desolate.

How did the
Israelites leave
Egypt?

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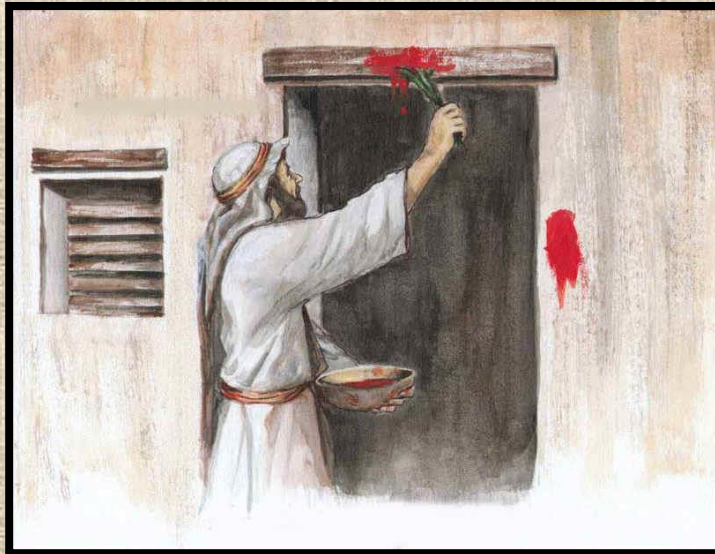
What was the Passover?

- It was about 1225 BC when the Israelites left Egypt, this was known as the **EXODUS**
- They travelled along the Red Sea, back towards the land of **CANAAN**, they wandered for 40 years
- The Bible says that God again spoke to **MOSES** at Mount Sinai, here he received the **TEN COMMANDMENTS**, these were a set of laws to live by.



- “Honor thy father and thy mother”
- “Thou shalt not murder”
- “Thou shalt not steal”
- “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor”

- Today the Jewish people celebrate the night they **ESCAPED** from **EGYPT**
- According to the bible, God passed over the houses of the Israelites, and only destroyed the firstborn of the Egyptians,
- The Jewish people call this holiday the **PASSOVER**
- They celebrate this day by having a ceremony called a **SEDER**, they eat unleavened bread (bread without yeast), called matzoth, they ate this to show they were in a hurry to leave



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A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a large, dark, shadowed rock formation sits on a sandy slope. The middle ground shows a vast, arid plain with scattered rocks and sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and sunlit, typical of a desert environment.

**What was the
Passover?**

ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

How did Judaism begin?

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