

Exodus Bible Study 2

Ch 3. Moses gets his marching orders

Exodus: the “foundational

- a. God remembers even if we do not; He never forgets
- b. Burning Bush: a unique plant at the Monastery of St Catherine on Sinai. Note that Moses has to turn aside and respond to what he sees
- c. The Theophany: to be shoeless is like a slave (cf Good Friday Rites)
- d. Tetragramaton: YHWH; recall: Hebrew has no vowels (hence: Jehovah, Adonai. (“blessed be he”) God is the only absolute reality. Recall the I am statements in John
- e. Moses resistance: 4 attempts: you cannot out argue with God
 - a. Who am I? God: the one I have chosen
 - i. “imposter syndrome”
 - b. Who are you? God: I am has sent you
 - c. How will they believe me? Serpent and Leperous hand
 - i. Serpents in Egypt: cobra (uraeus) and viper of 24 types
 - d. I am not eloquent God: take Aaron and move it
- f. Hivites -descendants of Ham, lived in north and mountains HiTTITES: Anatolian Peoples (ref Uriah spouse of Bathsheba, descend from Heth grandson of Noah. Overthrown 12th c. BC. Perezites” non-urban (descendants of Judah and Tamar, ancestor of Jesus) Jebusites (central Israel around Mt Jebus, later Jerusalem) Noter Hebrew interest in ancestry
- g. Why does it say God will “harden Pharaoh’s heart?”

To make it clean that God has acted on his own power and authority. God did not plead or argue with pharaoh’ rather He won it by his own mighty hand. P has free will; it also demonstrates the nature of Divine mercy, which is always to wait as long as possible before punishment

- h. Circumcision and Zipporah ref. Gen 14

- a. Did she oppose circ earlier on? Midianites did not practice it apparently and she is not Jewish; descend from Midan, son of Abraham by concubine ; agriculturalists copper miners and traders (ref. Joseph) Circumscision was a premarital rite
- b. Moses must represent the Covenant in his own person
 - i. Recall, he is the lawgiver, the embodiment of Torah
- c. The reception of Moses and Aaron by the people: positive – the things we fear most often do not happen