

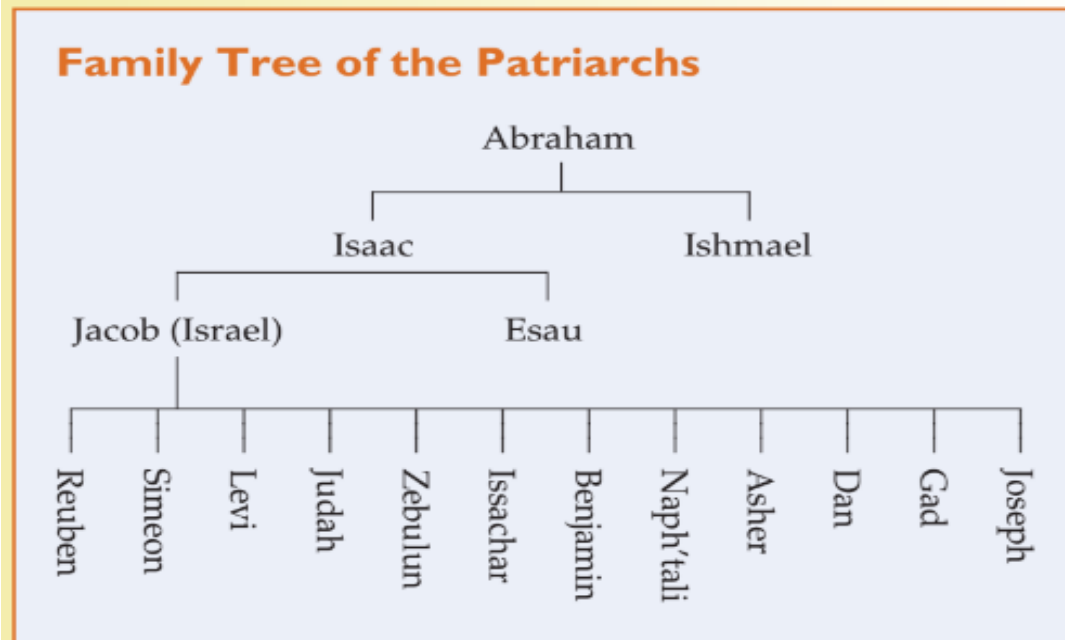
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Wrap Up and  
Chapter 5 -  
Moses

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# God's plan of Salvation

- Discussed Abraham and son Isaac
- Next Jacob and Joseph
- This is all in the 1<sup>st</sup> book of the Bible - Genesis



# Jacob

- Esau, his older brother, sold birthright to Jacob for a simple meal after working in the field (what a bad deal!)
- Gen 28 Dream
  - Shows that the covenant given to Abraham has gone through Isaac to him.
  - Vow to the Lord vv. 20-21
- 12 sons, later called the 12 tribes of Israel, the Word of God is spreading
- Wrestling with angel
- New name, a special purpose like grandpa Abraham
  - Israel – “One who contends with God”
  - Abraham’s Covenant continues through descendants

# Joseph

- Gen 37; 39-49
  - A story of jealousy, hatred, love and forgiveness
  - Sound familiar
- Brothers sell Joseph for 20 pieces of silver
- God's providence
  - Gen 45
- Foreshadowing of Salvation History itself
  - Part of a bigger plan



# Patriarchs and Salvation

- Old Testament Patriarchs lived 2000 years before Jesus Christ's birth
- Salvation History plays out even today
- God's ways are not man's ways...or per man's schedule
- Why all these stories and Covenants?
- Listen to their messages.
- Are we learning the lessons taught?



Tomb of the Patriarchs at Hebron –  
West Bank ([Seetheholyland.net](http://Seetheholyland.net))

Burial site of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac  
and Rebekah, and Jacob and Leah

# The Holy Prophet Moses

- His life is usually summarized in 3, 40-year periods
  - Life in Egypt, flee to Midian, and then leading Israelites through the wilderness
- Brother Aaron, spokesman for Moses
- They were from the tribe of Levites
- Believed to have written (Holy Spirit inspired) first five books of Bible (Pentateuch)
- Considered the greatest prophet in Judaism
- Gave Ten Commandments (Torah, Law)
  - Torah, in Judaism, includes 613 total commandments
- Is he a Saint?

# Child Moses

- After Joseph the Israelites were turned into slaves
- The number of Israelites was increasing rapidly, after...the new pharaoh got nervous
- Pharaoh ordered the death of every newborn Israelite boy.
- Moses was sent down the Nile river by his mother.
- Moses was found by Pharaoh's daughter

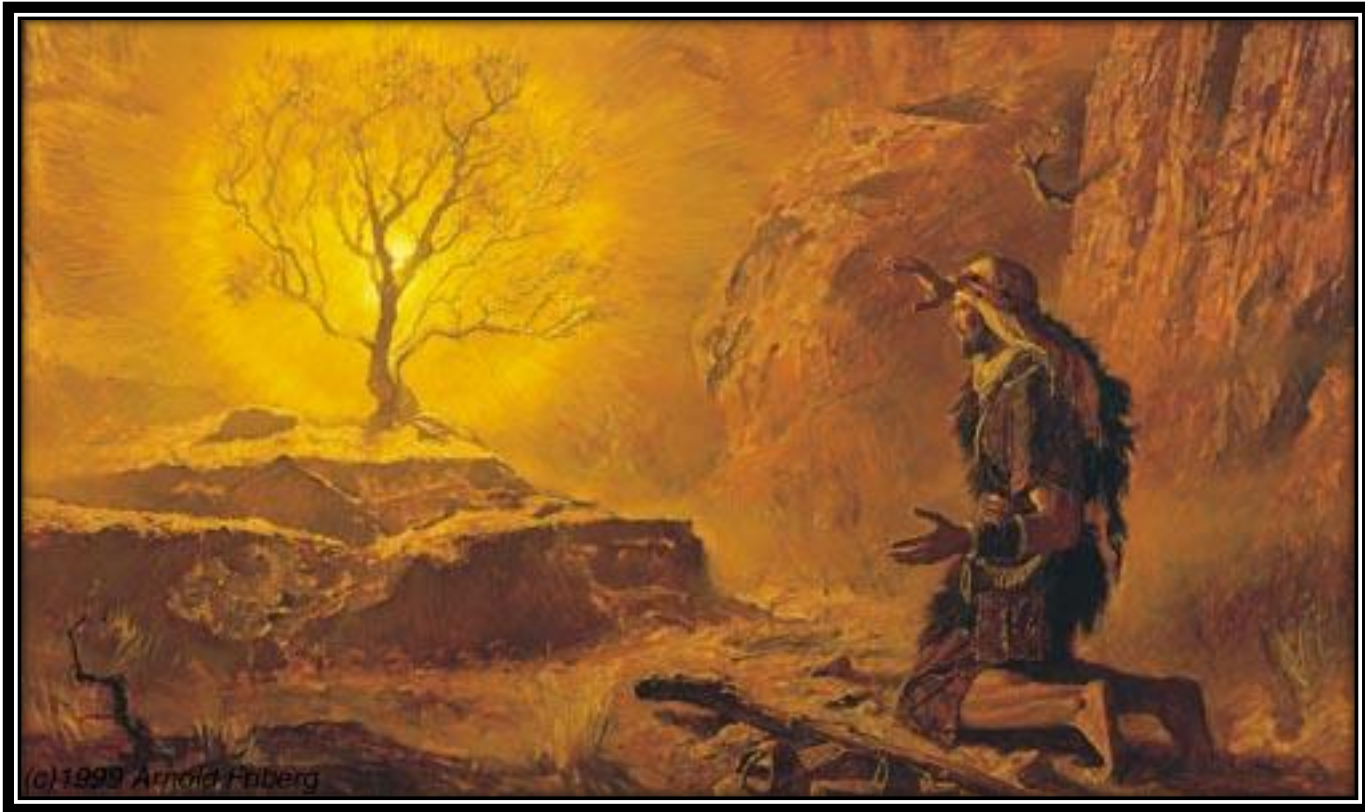
# Growing up in Egypt

- Moses was raised as a child in Pharaoh's palace.
- Moses witnessed an Egyptian striking an Israelite. He responded by killing the Egyptian.
- Moses fled Egypt and became a shepherd.
- God appeared to Moses in a burning bush and revealed Himself as "Yahweh". Yahweh translated "I Am".



# Moses and the Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-22

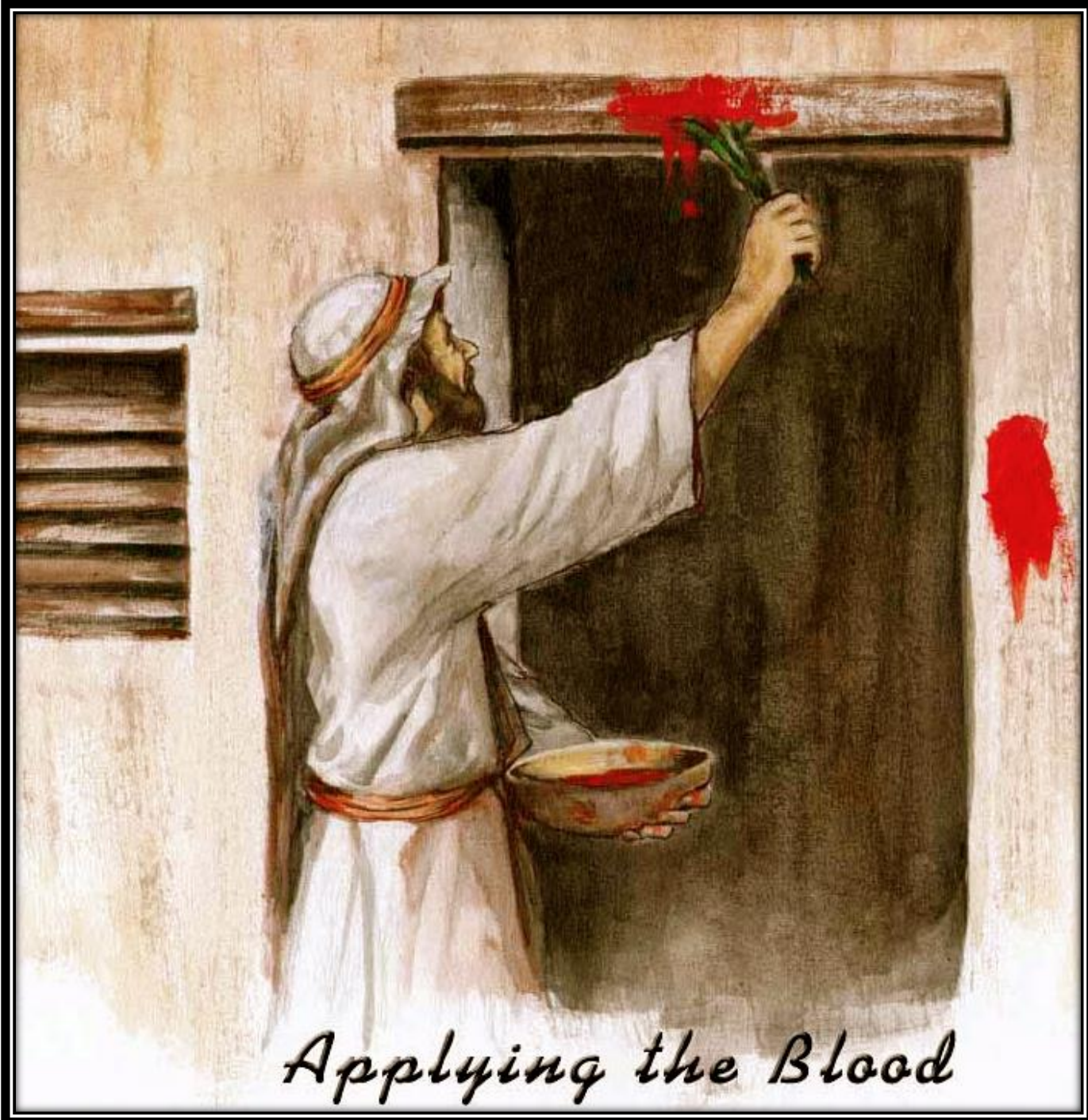


# Moses Returns to Egypt

- God instructs Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.
- Pharaoh is reluctant to release the Israelites from slavery.
- The last plague persuades Pharaoh to release the Israelites.
- The plagues were sent upon the Egyptians to teach them that Yahweh is the true God.

# The Passover

- The Passover was the special meal that each Israelite family celebrated.
- The meal consisted of a lamb, unleavened bread, and bitter herbs.
- The blood of the lamb was put on the doorposts.
- The blood saved them from losing their first born child.



*Applying the Blood*

# The Eucharist

- The Eucharist is the fulfillment of the Passover.
- Jesus is the new lamb that is sacrificed.
- We eat His body and drink His blood each time we attend Mass.
- His sacrifice saves us from eternal death in Hell and enables us to be in a relationship with Him.

# Flight from Egypt

- After the last plague Pharaoh let the Israelites leave Egypt.
- Shortly after he let them leave he changed his mind.
- Pharaoh sent his army to capture them.
- As the Israelites approached the Red Sea, Moses parted the Sea.
- The Israelites made it to the other side.
- All the Egyptians were drowned in the Sea.



# Israelites in the Wilderness

- At Mt. Sinai God established a covenant with the Israelites.
- God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments to the people to follow.
- The Ten Commandments are binding for all people.





# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Next Time

- Circle of Grace
- Work on Chapter 6
  - Thank you Patriarchs and Moses!
  - Here comes the Prophets