

whole is based on the assertion that through the redemption from Egypt, Israel became God's people, which is to say became obligated to repair the world in God's image.

And on account of this the Torah elaborates at greater length in the story of the Exodus more than any other story throughout the Bible...

Introducing Mosheh

Three Encounters Where Mosheh Seeks Justice

- יא** וַיְהִי בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם, וַיִּגְדַּל מֹשֶׁה וַיֵּצֵא אֶל-**אָחִיו**, וַיֵּרָא, בְּסִבְלֹתָם; וַיֵּרָא **אִישׁ מִצְרִי**, מִכֶּה אִישׁ-עִבְרִי מֵאָחִיו.
- 11 And it came to pass in those days, Mosheh grew up, and went out to his **brothers**, and saw their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian striking a Hebrew, one of his **brothers**.
- יב** וַיִּזְכֹּר כֹּה וְכֹה, וַיֵּרָא כִּי אִין אִישׁ; וַיִּזַּד, אֶת-הַמִּצְרִי, וַיִּטְמְנֵהוּ, בַּחֹל.
- 12 And he looked this way and that way, and saw that there was no man, he struck the **Egyptian**, and hid him in the sand
- יג** וַיֵּצֵא בַּיּוֹם הַשֵּׁנִי, וַהֲנִה שְׁנַיִם-אֲנָשִׁים עֹבְרִים נֹצִים; וַיֹּאמֶר, לְרָשָׁע, לָמָּה תִּכֶּה, רֵעֶךָ.
- 13 And he went out the second day, and, behold, two men of the Hebrews were fighting; and he said to the **wicked** one: 'Why do you strike your **friend**?'
- יד** וַיֹּאמֶר מִי שָׁמַד לְאִישׁ שֶׁר וְשֹׁפֵט, עָלֵינוּ--הַלְהַרְגֵנִי אַתָּה אָמַר, כְּאַשֵּׁר הִרְגֵת אֶת-הַמִּצְרִי; וַיֵּרָא מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר, אָכֵן נֹדַע הַדָּבָר.
- 14 And he said: 'Who made you a ruler and a **judge** over us? Do you plan to kill me, as you killed the **Egyptian**?' And Mosheh feared, and said: 'Surely the matter is known.'
- טו** וַיִּשְׁמַע פַּרְעֹה אֶת-הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה, וַיִּבְקֹשׁ לְהַרְגוֹ אֶת-מֹשֶׁה; וַיִּבְרַח מֹשֶׁה מִפְּנֵי פַרְעֹה, וַיָּשֶׁב בְּאֶרֶץ-מִדְיָן וַיֵּשֶׁב עַל-הַבְּעָר.
- 15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Mosheh. But Mosheh fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.
- טז** וּלְכַהֵן מִדְיָן, שִׁבְעַת בָּנוֹת; וַתְּבָאנָה וַתִּדְלְקָה, וַתִּמְלֹאנָה אֶת-הַרְהָטִים, לְהַשְׁקוֹת, צֹאן אֲבִיהֶן.
- 16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came to draw water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock
- יז** וַיָּבֹאוּ הַרְעִים, וַיִּגְרוּשׁוּם; וַיִּקָּם מֹשֶׁה וַיּוֹשִׁיעַ, וַיִּשְׁקוּ אֶת-צֹאנָם.
- 17 And the shepherds came and drove them away; but Mosheh stood up and **saved them**, and watered their flock.
- יח** וַתְּבָאנָה, אֶל-רְעוּאֵל אֲבִיהֶן; וַיֹּאמֶר, מַדּוּעַ מֵהֲרַתְּנוּ בָּא הַיּוֹם.
- 18 And when they came to Reuel their father, he said: 'How is it that you have returned so early today?'
- יט** וַתֹּאמְרֵן--אִישׁ מִצְרִי, הִצִּילֵנוּ מִיַּד הַרְעִים; וַגַּם-דָּלָה דָּלָה לָנוּ, וַיִּשְׁקוּ אֶת-הַצֹּאן.
- 19 And they said: 'An Egyptian man saved us from the shepherds, and moreover he drew water for us, and watered the flock.'
- כ** וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-בָּנֹתָיו, וְאַיִי; לָמָּה זֶה עָזַבְתֶּן אֶת-הָאִישׁ, קָרְאוּ לוֹ וַיֹּאכַל לֶחֶם.
- 20 And he said to his daughters: 'And where is he? Why is it that you have left the man? call him, so that he may eat bread.'
- כא** וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה, לְשִׁבֹת אֶת-הָאִישׁ; וַיִּתֵּן אֶת-צִפּוֹרָה בָּתּוֹ, לְמִשָּׁה.
- 21 And Mosheh was content to dwell with the man; and he gave Mosheh Tzipora his daughter.
- כב** וַתֵּלֵד בֶּן, וַיִּקְרָא אֶת-שְׁמוֹ גֶרְשׁוֹם; כִּי אָמַר--גֵּר הָיִיתִי, בְּאֶרֶץ נֹכְרִיָּה. {פ}
- 22 And she bore a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said: 'I have been a stranger in a strange land.' {P}
- כג** וַיְהִי בַּיָּמִים הָרַבִּים הָהֵם, וַיָּמָת מֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם, וַיָּאָחֻזוּ בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל מִן-הָעֲבָדָה, וַיִּזְעָקוּ; וַתַּעַל שׁוֹעֲתָם אֶל-הָאֱלֹהִים, מִן-הָעֲבָדָה.
- 23 And it came to pass in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died; and the children of Israel from their labour, and they cried, and their cry came up to God from the labour