

Kabbalah, Genesis & Exodus Part Seven.

The Ten Plagues



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God is Law *and* Love

- Christianity teaches God is Love
- The Universe runs on Law – it's a *system*
- Karma/Resonance is Law
- How many laws do we need?



'Love the Lord thy God with all your heart and all your soul and all thy might [and all your *mind*] ...
And 'person next to you' as yourself

(Deu 6:5. Luke 10:27)

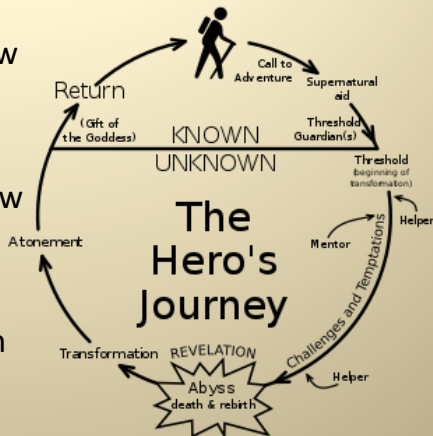
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The Journey of the Soul.

Moses' journey as allegory: How the Soul progresses when faced by outer obstacles.

Moses' journey as our own: How the Soul progresses when faced by inner obstacles.

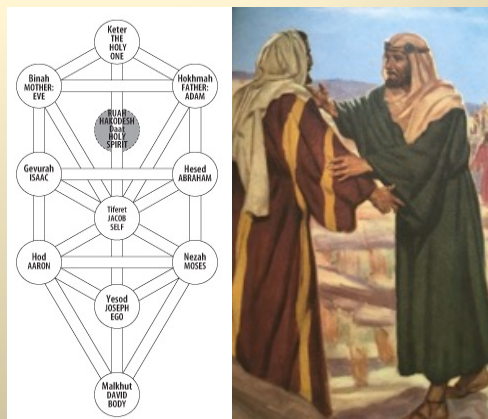
Moses' journey as an indication of the development of humanity.



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Moses Returns to Egypt.

In most fairy stories — and even in the Hero's Journey — that is the end of the narrative. But for the spiritual seeker it is only the beginning of the journey



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Pharaoh Gets Due Warning

Ex 4:22 And you shall say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the LORD says, "Israel is my son, my firstborn. Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if you refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay your son, your firstborn"'



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Why was Pharaoh's Heart Hardened?

- Resonance – he hardened it first
- To show the power of the Lord
- Because if we win/heal without effort then we don't learn important lessons and the healing won't last



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Neither Pride Nor Ego Appreciate Opposition.

Ex 5:2. "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go"

- Takes away straw for making bricks. This angers the Hebrews

Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, "O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and you have not rescued your people at all"



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Yahweh and Elohim join forces

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country."

God also said to Moses, "I too am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them.

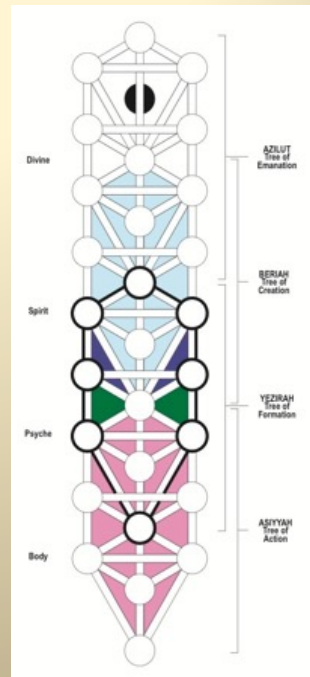
I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens ... I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians."

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Magic and Miracles

- Magic – Yezirah
- Miracles – Beriah

Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.



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Ten Plagues.

Moses and Aaron ask three times

First plague: Aaron and Moses invoke this in front of Pharaoh

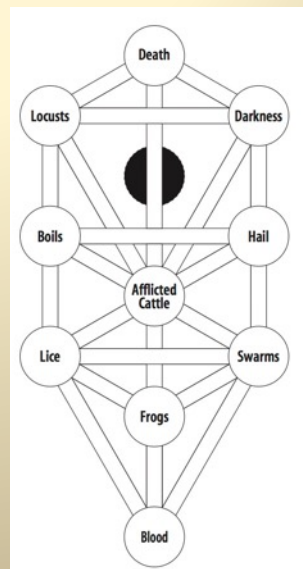
Water into blood for seven days

Pharaoh unimpressed as his Magicians could do the same

Second three: Aaron (Earth and Water)

Third three: Moses (Air and Fire)

Last three: Directly from the LORD

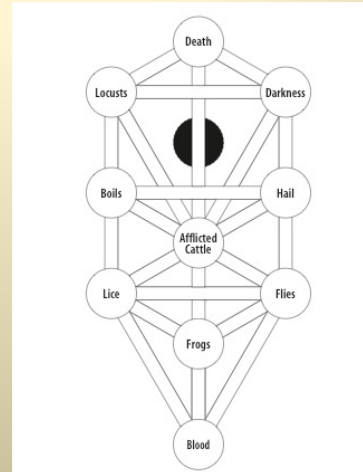


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Confrontation.

No plagues in Goshen.

- Frogs: Go sacrifice to your God. Recants (replicated by magicians)
- Lice: No deal
- Swarms: Deal. Recants
- Cattle: No deal
- Boils: No deal
- Hail: Deal. Recants
- Locusts (wheat and rye) Pharaoh begs but no deal. (drives Moses out from consciousness)
- Darkness: Deal. Recants. Threatens death
- Death of the firstborn



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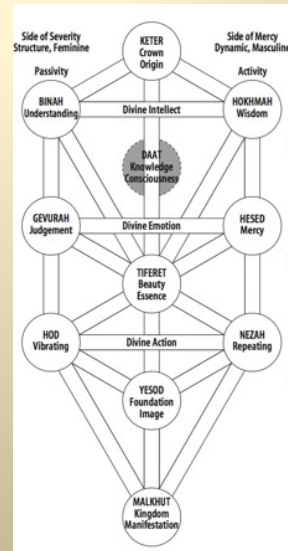
Passover.

- Nisan. First month of the year. Ten days in (each sefira cleansed)
- Lamb kept for four days before (four worlds/full moon)
- Blood smeared on door with hyssop – anti-oxidant
- Lamb roasted with unleavened bread and bitter herbs
- Eaten with loins girded, shoes on your feet, and staff in your hand; and eaten in haste

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Ten Plagues — Symbolism

- **Malkhut - Blood** represents the vital force, our life's blood, the body, and values
- **Yesod - Frogs.** Puffed up, over-inflated ego
- **Hod - Lice/Parasites** steal life-blood without offering anything in return
- **Nezach - Flies/Wild Animals.** Our animal drives and the commandment prohibiting adultery, which is a misuse of those drives

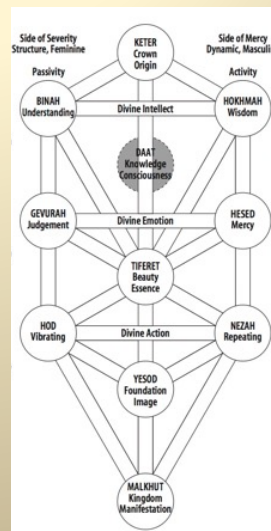


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Ten Plagues – Symbolism.

- **Pestilence of cattle - Tiferet.** This is a direct attack on the body to release its hold on the psyche
- **Boils - Gevurah.** In-held anger and resentment
- **Hail - Hesed.** Explosive outpouring

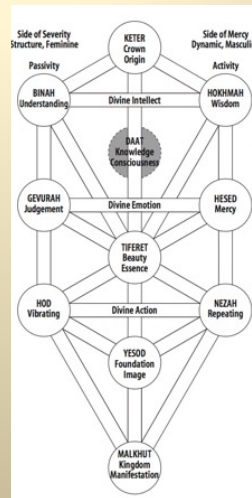
NB Side triads



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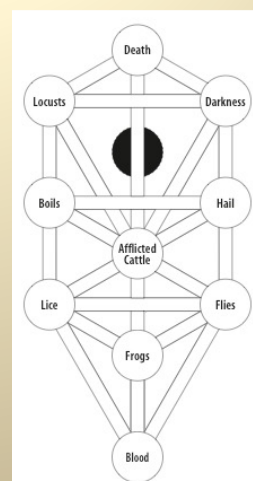
- **Locust — Binah.** When you hold to one principle, and discard anything else, you starve yourself of possibilities
- **Darkness — Hokhmah.** Spiritual darkness, the inability to see what is before you or to receive from Above anything new
- **Death of the Firstborn — Keter.** The firstborn represents our deepest, most carefully guarded patterns and habits. This last plague is about the humility of finally letting go



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Ten Plagues in the Body.

1. Blood. Wound/blood pressure [poisonous thoughts]
2. Indigestion/hernia
3. Skin rashes/irritations/fever
4. Discharges/mania
5. Organ damage/diabetes
6. Lumps/boils/primary tumour
7. Cancer/Metastases
8. Weight loss
9. Darkness
10. Death



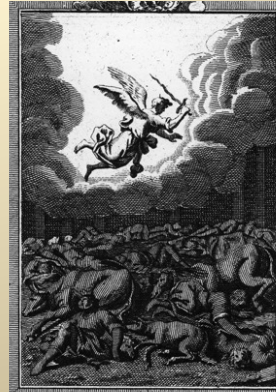
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And the LORD Struck...

And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he,
and all his servants, and all the
Egyptians; and there was a great
cry in Egypt; for there was not a
house where there was not one
dead

And he called for Moses and Aaron
by night, and said, "Rise up, and
get you forth from among my
people, both you and the children
of Israel; and go, serve the LORD,
as you have said

Also take your flocks and your herds,
and be gone; and bless me also"



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Finally the Lesson is Learnt.

Egyptians gave gold, silver and clothes...

And the children of Israel journeyed from
Rameses to Succoth, including six hundred
thousand men on foot, plus children

And a mixed multitude went also with them;
and flocks, and herds, and many cattle

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Next Week: The Red Sea and the Wilderness.

For the spiritual pilgrim this is a journey through the desert, literally and metaphorically
First our miracle; and then the real work begins...