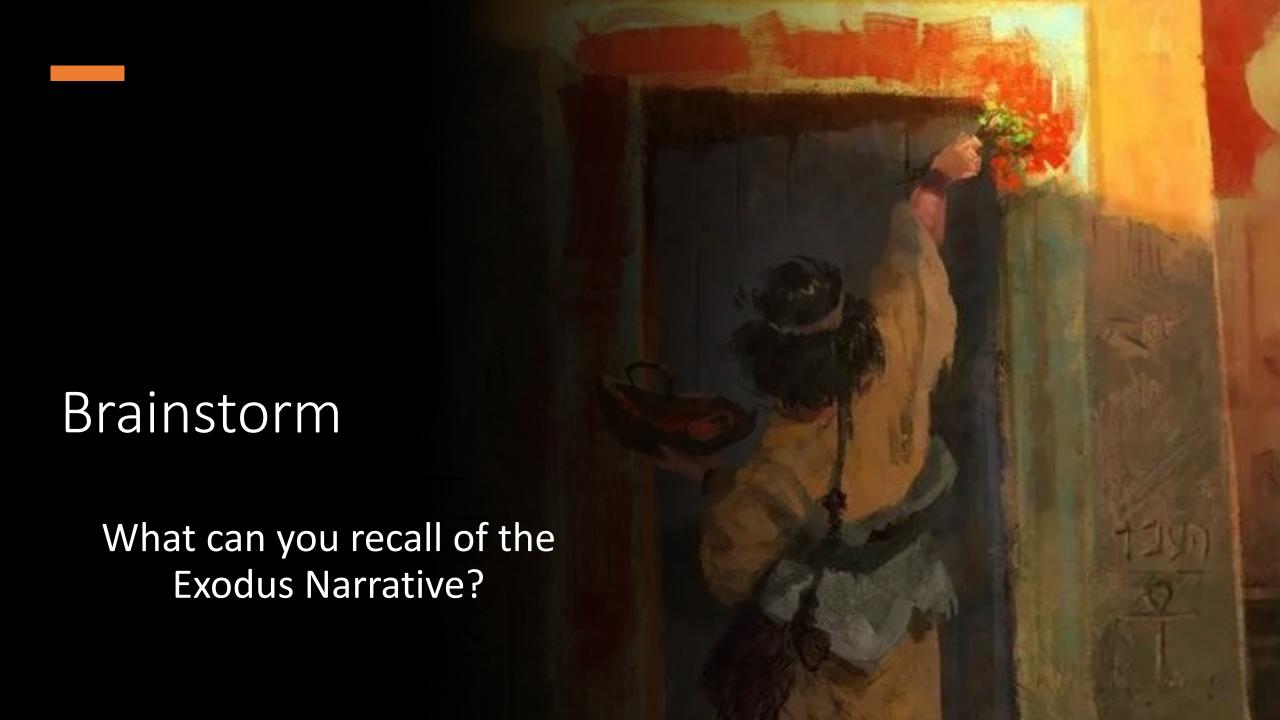
From Slaves to Wilderness







Exodus 2:23-25 nrsv.

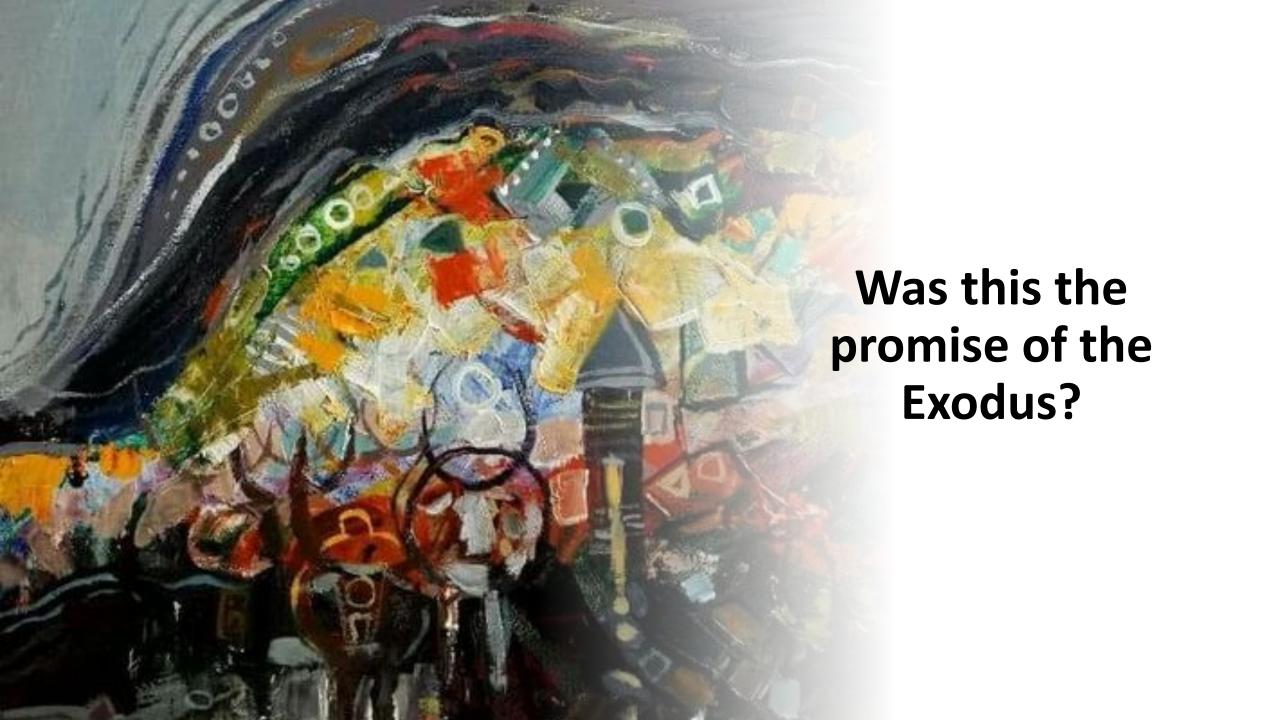
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don't get lost in that red sea....

What happens if Moses gets lost?









Was this the promise of the Exodus?

Wilderness is not simply an in-between place demanding more stamina. It is a space away from ordered land. It is Israel's entry into the area of chaos, like the darkness of creation is "formless and void." Nothing grows here, it is a land without promise, without hope, where no newness comes.

- there is no future. Here faith rapidly erodes.(Brueggemann)
- Were they better off in Egypt?
- Why

Amos 9:7

Are you not like the Cushites to me oh Israel? Says the Lord.

Did I not bring Israel up from the land of Egypt?

And the Philistines from Caphtor and the Arameans from Kir



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Who then is YHWH for?

