

Moses and the Exodus/Passover Event: Comparing Scripture with Disney's *The Prince of Egypt*

The Moses story and the Exodus/Passover event make up the single-most important story of the Old Testament. It is through this event that the Jewish people come to know who they are and who God is. This event helps us as Christians to understand the meaning of Baptism, the Eucharist, and Jesus as our sacrificial lamb. This story is told imaginatively and creatively in Disney's *The Prince of Egypt*. While the movie is quite engaging and effective, it takes liberties with the story as it comes to us in Scripture. The following exercise invites you to compare and contrast scenes from *The Prince of Egypt* with corresponding Scripture passages in order to come away with a better understanding of the Bible's account of this saving action of God.

Event	Scripture Passage	Prince of Egypt	Compare and Contrast
The Oppression of the Jews in Egypt	Exodus 1	Deliver Us (4:15)	
Baby Moses in the "bulrush"	Exodus 2:1-10	The River (3:59)	
Moses' murder of an Egyptian and his flight	Exodus 2:11-22	Slavery (4:02)	
The Burning Bush	Exodus 2:23 – 4:17	Burning Bush (5:44)	
Moses tells Pharaoh "Let my people go!"	Exodus 5:1-13	Let My People Go (2:52)	

Moses' staff turns into a snake	Exodus 7:8-13	Playing with the Big Boys Now (3:13)	
The Plagues	Exodus 7:14-10:29	Nile of Blood (5:46) Plagues (3:02)	
The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn/Passover Ritual	Exodus 11-12	Ultimatum (1:02) Death of the Firstborn (2:59)	
Parting of the Red Sea/Destruction of the Egyptians	Exodus 13-14	Parting of the Red Sea (5:26) The Closing of the Red Sea (3:43)	
The Israelites sing of freedom	Exodus 15	Goodbye Brother (3:05)	