

Exodus

The Burning Bush

Interpreting the Text:

1. What are some examples in these chapters that multiple sources were likely combined in the book of Exodus? Why is it important to pay attention to these occurrences as a reader?
2. Do you interpret Moses' killing of the Egyptian as an act of justice or unnecessary violence? How does this event factor into God's larger plan (or does it)? Is Moses justified in killing the Egyptian?
3. How does God respond to Moses' request to know the divine name? How should we understand the enigmatic phrase "I am who I am"?

Applying the Text:

1. How should we understand the morality of Moses killing the Egyptian in Exodus 2? How can we reconcile his actions with his role as the hero of the story?
2. At the Burning Bush, God reveals God's true name to Moses. How does what we call God shape how we understand or imagine God?
3. Dr. Collins and Dr. Baden discussed the importance of these chapters for liberation theologians today. Is it legitimate to use this story as a paradigm for liberation for any people?