

For Discussion 3:1-10

Theme	First Cycle, 1:1-4:18	Second Cycle, 4:19-40:38
Entering Egypt	1:1-7, Eleven tribes go to Egypt & multiply	4:19-31, Moses returns to Egypt with his family
Oppression	1:8-22, Pharaoh oppresses Israel	5:1-23, Oppression increases
Leaders raised up	2:1-4, Moses born	6:1-27, Moses & Aaron appointed
Moses & Pharaoh	2:5-10, Moses as a son	6:28-13:16, Moses as a deliverer
Travel to Horeb	2:11-15, Moses flees to Midian	13:17-17:7, Israel from Egypt to Sinai
Conflict	2:16-17, Moses overcomes shepherds	17:8-16, Moses overcomes Amalek
Moses and Jethro	2:18-22, Moses' Midianite family	18:1-27, Moses' Midianite family
Encounter with God at Horeb	2:23-4:18, Moses to serve God "upon this mountain," 3:12	19:1-40:38, At Horeb, Israel enters covenant with God

- What is the relation between the angel of the Lord in the OT and the Son of Man in the NT?
- What is the significance of God's appearance as fire?
- What two names of God are highlighted by occasions where God and Moses "see" each other?
- What is the significance of the Lord's repetition of Moses' name in calling him?
- What makes the ground holy around the bush in 3:5?
- How can we apply God's exhortation to Moses in 3:5?
- What is unusual about God's address to Moses in 3:6?
- How does 3:6-8 develop 2:23-25?

The Literary Form of a Theophany (Appearance of God to Man)

1	Introductory description in the third person	3:1–4a
2	Deity's utterance of the name of the (mortal) addressee	3:4b
3	Response of the addressee	3:4c
4	Deity's self declaration	3:5-6
5	Deity quells human fear	3:7
6	Assertion of his gracious presence	3:8
7	The divine word addressed to the particular situation	3:9-10
8	Inquiry or protest by the addressee	3:11
9	Continuation of the divine word with perhaps some repetition of elements 4, 5, 6, 7, and/or 8	3:12- 4:17
10	Concluding description in the third person	4:18

Kuntz, *The Self-Revelation of God*, 1965, modified by Niehaus, *God at Sinai*, 1995 and Stuart, *Exodus*, 2006

Exodus 3 2-5

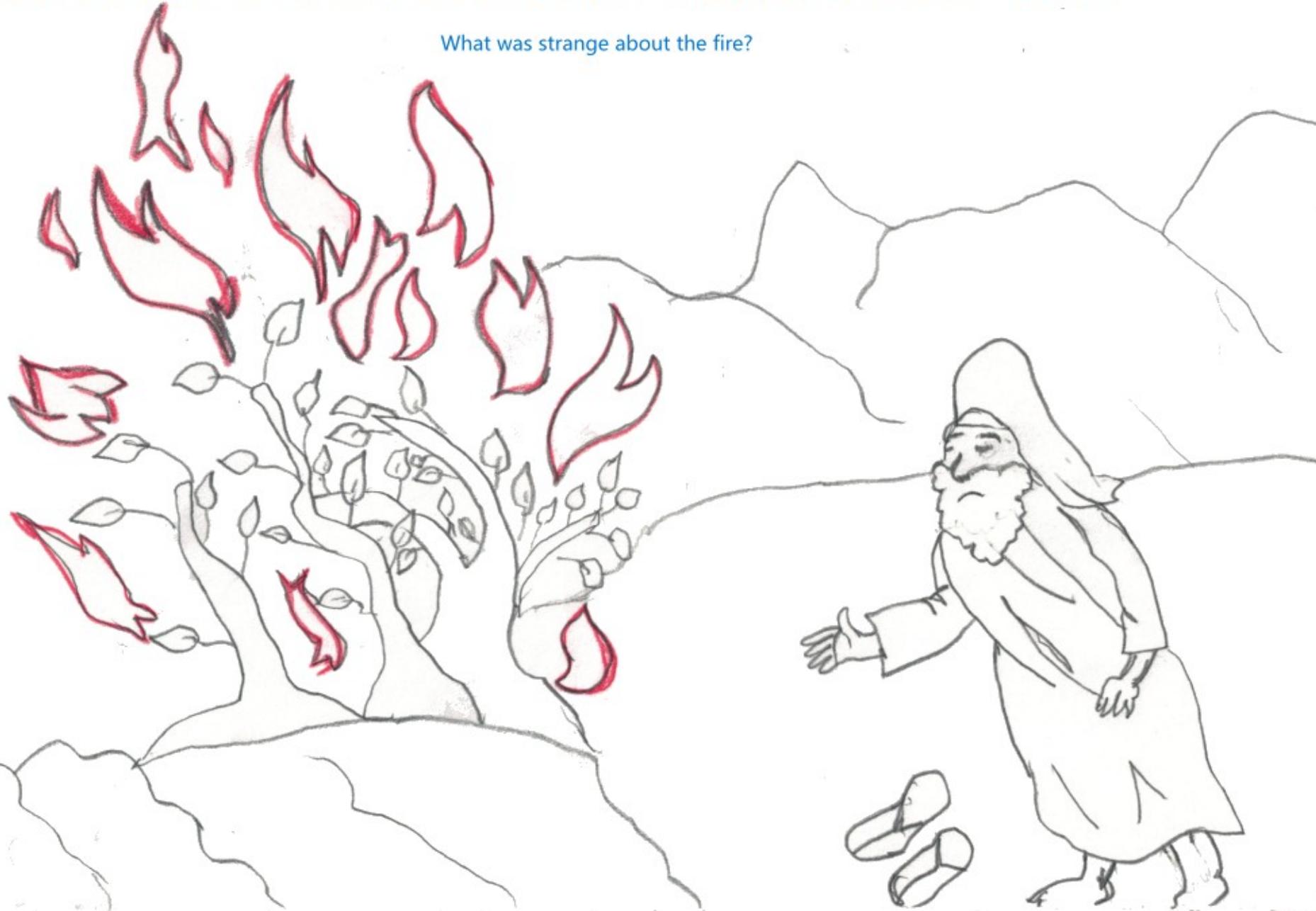
2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

What was strange about the fire?



a bush (*seneh*, cf. *Sinai*)

Deut. 33:16 And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of **him that dwelt in the bush**: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren.

the angel of the Lord = God

Gen 16:7 And **the angel of the LORD** found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, ... 13 And she called the name of **the LORD that spake unto her**, Thou God seest me:

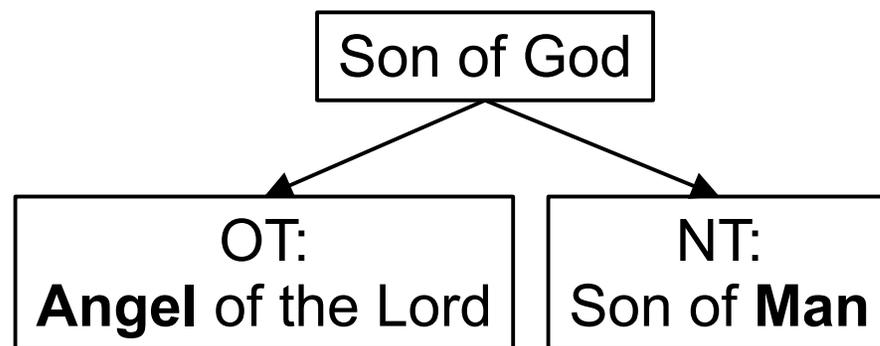
Gen 31:11 And **the angel of God** spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. 12 And he said, ... 13 **I am the God of Bethel**, ...

Jdg 6:11 And there came ~~an~~ **the angel of the LORD**, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, ... 14 And **the LORD looked upon him, and said**, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

References for 3:2

The Angel and Christ

Mic 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; **whose goings forth have been from of old**, from everlasting.



NT: “AN angel of the Lord”

Mat 1:20 ... behold, ~~the~~ **an** angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: ... 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as **the** angel of the Lord [from v. 20] had bidden him, ...

A Flame of Fire

Gen 15:17 a smoking **furnace** and a burning **lamp**

Exod 13:21 a pillar of **fire**

Exo 19:18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because **the LORD descended upon it in fire:**

1 John 1:5 God is **light**, and in him is no darkness at all

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Deu 4:24 For the LORD thy God is a **consuming fire**, even a jealous God. (Heb 12:29)

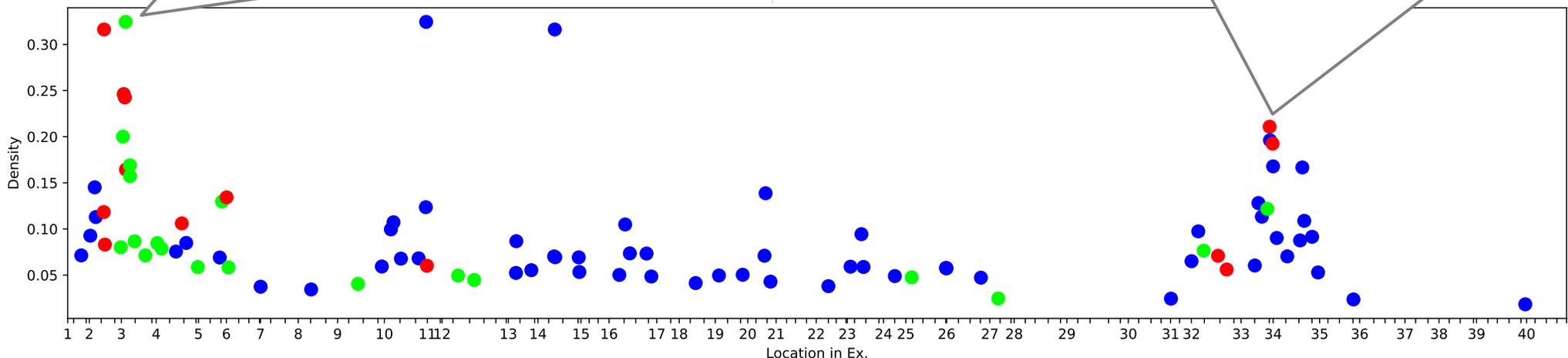
1 John 4:8, 16 God is love

“To see” ראה *ra-ah* H7200 in Exodus

Red: Moses is subject
Green: God is subject

Ch. 3: God reveals his name יהוה “YHWH, Jehovah”

Ch. 34: God reveals his name “compassionate, gracious, longsuffering, full of mercy and truth”



4, “Moses, Moses”: Double Names

Gen. 22:11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, **Abraham, Abraham:**

Gen. 46:2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, **Jacob, Jacob.**

1Sam. 3:10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, **Samuel, Samuel.**

Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, **Simon, Simon,** ...

Acts 9:4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul,** ...

“Repetition of Endearment”

2Sam. 19:4 ... the king cried with a loud voice, O my son **Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!**

Is. 29:1 Woe to **Ariel, to Ariel,** the city where David dwelt!

Matt. 23:37 O **Jerusalem, Jerusalem,** ... how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings...

5, Holy Ground

Jos 5:15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for **the place whereon thou standest is holy.**

Psa 5:4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: **neither shall evil dwell with thee. 5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight:** thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Hab 1:13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and **canst not look on iniquity: ...**

In the NT:

Eph 2:22 In whom [Jesus Christ] ye also are builded together for **an habitation of God** through the Spirit.

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up **a spiritual house,** an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Holy Ground in the NT (cont.)

2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple of the living God**; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and I will receive you,

1Co 11:28 But let a man **examine himself**, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not **discerning [διακρίνω diakrinō G1252] the Lord's body**. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would **judge diakrinō ourselves**, we should not be judged.

6, God of thy Father (!)

Exo 3:15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The LORD God of your fathers**, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: 16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, **The LORD God of your fathers**, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, ...

8, List of Nations

Gen 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: 19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, 20 And the **Hittites**, and the **Perizzites**, and the Rephaims, 21 And the Amorites, and the **Canaanites**, and the Gergashites, and the **Jebusites**.

Exod 3:6-8 Expounds 2:23-25

Exodus 3

6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of **Abraham**, the God of **Isaac**, and the God of **Jacob**. ...

7 And the LORD said, I have surely **seen *ra-ah*** the affliction of my people which are in Egypt,

and have **heard** their cry by reason of their taskmasters;

for I **know *yada*** their sorrows;

8 And **I am come down** to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians,

and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, **unto a land** flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. [Gen 15:18-21]

Exodus 2

23 ... the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and **their cry came up unto God** by reason of the bondage.

24 And God **heard** their groaning,

and God remembered his **covenant** with **Abraham**, with **Isaac**, and with **Jacob**.

25 And God **looked *ra-ah*** upon the children of Israel, and God **had respect *yada*** unto them.