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Tehillim	Psalms	Tehillim
Yeshayahu	Isaiah	Yeshayahu

EGYPT, AMUN-RA, AND THE FORBIDDEN BLOODLINE:

What the Hebrews Witnessed, Learned, and Carried Out of Mitsrayim

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PART I — THE ANCIENT PAST: WHAT ARCHAEOLOGY TELLS US

1.1 The Origin of Egypt — Predynastic and the First Dynasty

Egypt — called **Mitsrayim** (מִצְרַיִם, H4714) in the Hebrew Scriptures — stands as one of the earliest unified state societies in the ancient world. The late 4th millennium BCE witnessed the beginning of political unification across the Nile Valley, ultimately culminating in the emergence of the first pharaoh, **Narmer**, around 3100 BCE. The Narmer Palette — discovered at Hierakonpolis in 1898 — records this unification in carved stone relief, depicting the king wearing both the White Crown of Upper Egypt and the Red Crown of Lower Egypt.

Prior to Narmer's unification, Egypt was a network of competing Predynastic cultures: the Badarian (c. 4400–3800 BCE), Naqada I–III cultures, and settlements stretching from the Delta to Nubia. These communities already possessed complex burial traditions, agricultural systems, and proto-religious iconography that would form the bedrock of the classical Egyptian civilization.

Crucially, the most advanced ancient DNA research to date — a 2025 Nature study led by Adeline Morez Jacobs (Liverpool John Moores University) — sequenced the first complete genome from an Egyptian who lived during the Old Kingdom, c. 2855–2570 BCE, in the age of the early pyramids. The individual, designated NUE001, was buried at Nuwayrat in Middle Egypt. The findings confirm *long-standing connections between Egypt and the eastern Fertile Crescent dating back at least 10,000 years*, with genetic evidence that both goods, ideas, and people themselves were moving between Egypt and the Levant from Egypt's earliest phases.

1.2 The Old Kingdom — Age of Pyramids (c. 2686–2125 BCE)

The Old Kingdom — Dynasties III through VI — represents Egypt at the peak of its monumental architectural achievement. The Step Pyramid at Saqqara (c. 2650 BCE), designed under the vizier Imhotep during the reign of Pharaoh Djoser, inaugurated the pyramid-building tradition. The Great Pyramid of Khufu at Giza (c. 2560 BCE) followed, as did those of Khafre and Menkaure — monuments that have not been surpassed in raw scale by any subsequent civilization.

The Old Kingdom was also the period during which the theological concept of the divine pharaoh as **sa Ra** ("Son of Ra") was formally codified. **Yahweh's** Tanakh records that the Egyptian system of kingship is precisely the kind of Babel-pattern self-authority that the covenant warns against (cf. Shemu'el Aleph / 1 Samuel 8). The pharaoh was not merely a political ruler — he was the living embodiment of the god Horus, and upon death merged with Ra, the sun deity.

1.3 The Middle Kingdom (c. 2040–1782 BCE) — Time of the Patriarchs

The Middle Kingdom — Dynasties XI and XII — corresponds in general chronological proximity to the period of the Hebrew patriarchs: Avraham (Abraham), Yitschak (Isaac), Ya'akov (Jacob), and Yosef (Joseph). The pharaohs of the 12th Dynasty — including Senusret I, Amenemhat II, and Senusret III — presided over a highly organized and bureaucratic state with extensive trade networks into Canaan and Nubia.

The presence of Semitic populations in Egypt during this period is archaeologically attested. The site of Avaris (Tell el-Dab'a) in the eastern Nile Delta contains evidence of a large Semitic settlement, with pottery, burial customs, and material culture consistent with Canaanite/Levantine origin. Papyrus Brooklyn 35.1446, dated to approximately the late 12th or early 13th Dynasty, contains a list of domestic servants that includes over 40 Semitic names — including names closely matching **Shifrah** (שִׁפְרָה), one of the Hebrew midwives named in Shemot (Exodus) 1:15. This single document constitutes a significant archaeological corroboration of Hebrew presence in Egypt during the sojourn period.

1.4 The New Kingdom (c. 1550–1070 BCE) — The Period of Greatest Relevance

The New Kingdom — Dynasties XVIII through XX — is the era most directly relevant to the Hebrew sojourn and the Exodus. It was during the 18th Dynasty that Egypt reached its greatest imperial extent, and during which the theological dramas surrounding the cult of Amun-Ra, the revolutionary monotheism of **Akhenaten**, and the probable context of the Mosaic mission unfolded.

Key pharaohs of the 18th Dynasty include: Ahmose I (founder, expelled the Hyksos), Hatshepsut (female pharaoh), Thutmose III (military empire-builder), Amenhotep III (height of New Kingdom wealth), **Akhenaten** (Amenhotep IV — the monotheistic revolutionary), Tutankhamun (restored polytheism), and Ramesses II (the 19th Dynasty builder associated in popular culture with the Exodus, though chronology is disputed).

PART II — THE THEOLOGY OF AMUN-RA: THE HIDDEN ONE AND THE FORBIDDEN BLOODLINE

2.1 Who Was Amun — The Hidden Creator

The name **Amun** (or Amen, Amon) derives from the ancient Egyptian root meaning "*the hidden one*" or "*the invisible*." This is theologically significant: unlike Ra (the visible sun) or Osiris (the dying and rising god), Amun was conceived as the inscrutable, self-created primordial force behind all things — the power that cannot be seen, only experienced through creation.

Amun first appears as one of the eight gods of the **Ogdoad** of Hermopolis — the primordial eight deities representing the chaos before creation. His consort was **Amunet** (the female hidden one). When Thebes rose to political dominance during the Middle Kingdom, Amun was elevated to principal national deity, and the royal family's patron god.

The merging of Amun with Ra — the solar deity — into **Amun-Ra** produced the most comprehensive theological construct in Egyptian history. Amun-Ra was simultaneously

the invisible creative force AND the visible sustaining power of the sun. He was declared "*king of the gods*", outranking even Osiris in some theological registers. The Egyptians gave Amun-Ra the role of creative power responsible for all life on earth, in heaven, and in the ***Tuat*** (the underworld).

2.2 The Royal Bloodline and the Divine Paternity Doctrine

Here is where the "forbidden bloodline" dimension becomes critical for covenant study. The Egyptian theological establishment devised a doctrine in which the reigning pharaoh was not merely the representative of Amun-Ra — he was literally Amun-Ra's *biological son*. This claim was enforced through a system of sacred mythology, priestly declaration, and architectural propaganda.

The doctrine worked as follows: Amun-Ra was said to have taken the form of the sitting pharaoh and impregnated the chief royal wife in her sleep. The resulting heir was therefore a ***demi-god*** — half divine, half human — whose right to rule derived from divine conception rather than political succession alone. This is not mere mythology; it was codified as state policy, carved in stone relief across the walls of the most important temples in Egypt.

Many of the 18th Dynasty kings commissioned temple friezes showing Amun-Ra fathering them. This doctrine served double duty: it legitimized incumbents AND was wielded by rulers whose succession was in question. The female pharaoh **Hatshepsut** — who ruled as co-regent for Thutmose III — commissioned murals explicitly depicting Amun-Ra impregnating her mother, declaring herself the god's daughter to legitimize her reign. Queen Nefertari received the title ***Hemet-Netjer en Amun*** — "*God's Wife of Amun*" — which carried the propaganda that the pharaoh would be a demi-god upon birth.

2.3 The God's Wife of Amun — The Forbidden Lineage Structure

The office of **God's Wife of Amun** represents one of the most extraordinary and politically engineered "bloodline" structures in the ancient world. It was, at its core, a mechanism by which the ruling dynasty controlled the immense wealth and political power of the Amun priesthood by interposing a royal princess — bound to celibacy — as the symbolic consort of Amun himself.

The earliest reference to the title appears during the reign of Senusret I (c. 1971 BCE), but the office reached its full political force only in the 18th Dynasty. The first royal wife to hold the elevated title was **Ahmoose-Nefertari**, wife of Ahmoose I (founder of the New Kingdom), as recorded in a stele in the Temple of Amun at Karnak.

The structure of this "forbidden bloodline" was deliberately enforced through *adoptive celibate succession*: the God's Wife was required to remain childless, adopting the daughter of the next king as her heiress. This ensured the throne could never pass through the Amun cult itself — preventing the high priests from founding a biological dynasty. Yet the irony is sharp: by the 21st Dynasty, Egypt was ruled by a dynasty of priest-kings, and the God's Wife controlled a significant portion of the ancient Egyptian economy, including vast temple estates that rivaled the pharaoh's own holdings.

The office reached its absolute apex of power during the late Third Intermediate Period (c. 740–525 BCE). **Shepenupet I**, daughter of the Libyan pharaoh Osorkon III, was the first God's Wife to wield genuine regional sovereignty — ruling Upper Egypt from Thebes with authority equal to a pharaoh. Under the Nubian 25th Dynasty, this office continued as the principal mechanism of political legitimacy in the south.

Summary: The God's Wife of Amun — Political Progression

Period	Holder	Dynasty	Power Level
c. 1550 BCE	Ahmose-Nefertari	18th Dyn.	Ceremonial + Priestly
c. 1490 BCE	Hatshepsut	18th Dyn.	Pharaoh-level rule
c. 1100 BCE	Iset (Ramesses VI's daughter)	20th Dyn.	Revival + Adoratrice title
c. 740 BCE	Shepenupet I	23rd Dyn.	Sovereign Upper Egypt
525 BCE	Office abolished	Persian conquest	Dismantled by Cambyses II

2.4 The Akhenaten Revolution — The Suppressed Monotheism

The 18th Dynasty pharaoh Amenhotep IV — who renamed himself **Akhenaten** ("Servant of Aten," c. 1352–1338 BCE) — carried out the most radical theological revolution in Egyptian history. He discovered a deeply corrupt Amun clergy, grown rich beyond measure and wielding power through fear, superstition, and the manipulation of oracles. He decreed the abandonment of Amun and all animal-headed deities, and instituted the exclusive worship of **Aten** — the solar disc — as the sole divine force.

Akhenaten moved the capital to a newly built city, **Akhetaten** (modern Tell el-Amarna), and composed what scholars call the **Great Hymn to the Aten** — the longest and most sophisticated religious text of the Amarna period (c. 1345 BCE). Within decades of Akhenaten's death, the Amun priesthood reasserted control, the city was abandoned, Akhenaten's name was systematically erased from monuments, and polytheism was restored under Tutankhamun.

The scholarly significance for covenant research is this: **Tehillim (Psalm) 104** — a Tanakh hymn celebrating **Yahweh** as the sole sustainer of all creation — bears a documented structural resemblance to the Great Hymn to the Aten, noted as early as 1894 by Egyptologist James Henry Breasted. Both texts celebrate a single divine creative power that commands the sun, sets the boundaries of the sea, gives breath to all creatures, and can withdraw that breath to cause death. The debate among scholars is whether Psalm 104 was *influenced by* Atenism, both derive from a common ancient Near Eastern hymnic tradition, or the similarity reflects a convergence of universal theological observation.

From a Miqdash Bethel covenant perspective, the correct frame is this: **Yahweh** is the reality; Aten was an Egyptian approximation of that reality, filtered through the lens of sun- veneration. The fact that Egypt, at its theological peak, converged toward something resembling monotheism does not diminish the covenant — it witnesses to it. The nations *sensed* the unity of the divine; Yisra'el was called to *know* it by name and walk in it by covenant.

PART III — THE HEBREW SOJOURN: WHAT YISRA'EL WITNESSED, LEARNED, AND CARRIED OUT

3.1 The Duration and Context of the Sojourn

Shemot (Exodus) 12:40 records: **"Now the sojourn of the sons of Yisra'el who lived in Mitsrayim was 430 years."** Scholarly debate divides between a long sojourn (430 years entirely in Egypt, c. 1876–1446 BCE) and a short sojourn (215 years in Egypt, with the 430-year count beginning from **Yahweh's** covenant with Avraham in Bereshit 15). Both positions have serious academic defenders, and the Devarim 19:15 standard of two or three witnesses does not allow a dogmatic conclusion on this specific chronological question.

What is archaeologically supportable is the following general framework: the Hebrew entry into Egypt aligns most plausibly with the Hyksos period (Second Intermediate Period, c. 1650–1549 BCE), during which Semitic rulers from Canaan controlled the Nile Delta. The connection between the Hyksos and the Hebrews was drawn as early as the 3rd century BCE by the Egyptian historian Manetho, preserved in Josephus' *Against Apion* — though Manetho's account carries a demonstrable anti-Semitic bias and must be used cautiously (consistent with the Miqdash Bethel standard of corroborating Josephus).

3.2 What the Hebrews Absorbed — The Knowledge Transfer

A. Moshe (Moses) and Egyptian Education

The central transmission point is **Moshe** (מֹשֶׁה) himself. Acts 7:22 — drawing on a well-attested tradition also recorded by Philo of Alexandria and Josephus — states plainly: **"Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds."** This was not peripheral exposure. Moshe was raised as royalty in Pharaoh's own household for 40 years, educated in the highest scribal and priestly traditions Egypt possessed.

Egyptian royal education in the New Kingdom encompassed: hieroglyphic and hieratic writing; mathematics and land measurement (geometry as a practical science); astronomy and calendar-keeping; medical knowledge from papyri such as the Ebers and Edwin Smith papyri; architectural principles; law and administration; and religious

theology including the complex theological texts of the Book of the Dead, the Pyramid Texts, and the Coffin Texts. Moshe absorbed all of this before **Yahweh** commissioned him at the burning bush.

B. The Covenant Law vs. Egyptian Law — Contrast and Carry-Out

The standard scholarly claim is that Mosaic law was "borrowed" from Egypt or Babylon. A careful comparative study reveals the opposite: the Covenant law carried out of Mitsrayim was systematically superior to and structurally distinct from its Egyptian contemporaries in several demonstrable areas:

- **Sanitation and hygiene:** Egyptian medical papyri (Ebers, c. 1550 BCE) prescribed remedies including animal dung, blood, and putrefied materials for wound treatment. The Mosaic laws of quarantine, clean and unclean categories, hand-washing, and the immediate burial of excrement outside the camp were not paralleled in any ancient Egyptian text. These laws would not be vindicated by Western medicine until the germ theory of disease in the 19th century CE.
- **Animal sacrifice purity:** Egypt's religious system required animal offerings but had no systematic covenant framework connecting sacrifice to atonement, communal identity, and ethical obligation. The Levitical system (Vayikra) was structurally unprecedented.
- **Debt release and land law:** Egypt had no Sabbath year, no Jubilee land reset, no formal debt cancellation law. The Shemitah (7th year release) and Yovel (50th year Jubilee) of Vayikra 25 represent a covenant economic model with no Egyptian counterpart.
- **Treatment of the stranger:** Egypt practiced ethnic stratification — the Ipower Papyrus documents this — with foreigners occupying the lowest social strata. The covenant command to love the **ger** (גֵּר, the resident alien) "as yourself" (Vayikra 19:34) had no parallel in any Egyptian legal corpus.

The Hebrews did not leave Egypt empty-handed of knowledge. They left with a *better* knowledge — one that the covenant community received not from the academy of Pharaoh but from **Yahweh** himself, delivered through a man who had mastered Egypt's best and knew precisely what was missing from it.

C. Architecture, Craft, and Construction Knowledge

The Hebrews who labored in Mitsrayim — making mudbricks, quarrying limestone, working construction sites described in Shemot 1:11 and 5:7 — acquired centuries of practical building and engineering knowledge. The site of Pithom (likely Tell el-Maskhuta or Tell er-Retaba) and Ramesses (Pi-Ramesses, modern Qantir) have yielded archaeological evidence of massive mudbrick construction phases corresponding to the Ramesside period. The Hebrews did not merely suffer this labor — they learned it.

This knowledge is visible in the post-Exodus building traditions of Yisra'el. The Tabernacle (**Mishkan**) described in Shemot 25–40 reflects the organizational sophistication of a people who had watched and participated in large-scale cultic

construction. The measurements, the layered curtain system, the acacia wood frames with silver socket bases — these are the work of craftsmen who knew what precision sacred architecture required.

D. Writing, Language, and Scribal Tradition

Over 200 samples of Egyptian hieratic script have been identified at archaeological sites in Israel and Judah, confirming that Israelite scribes of the First Temple period used Egyptian writing systems alongside Hebrew. Hieratic was a cursive form of hieroglyphics used for administrative, medical, and literary texts — precisely the kind of writing a 430-year community embedded in Egypt would have mastered.

Moshe himself is specifically described in the tradition as literate in the Egyptian scribal arts. The Hebrew alef-bet (alphabet) itself belongs to the Proto-Sinaitic script family that scholars increasingly connect to a Semitic population living in Egypt and Sinai in the Middle Bronze Age — the precise chronological and geographical window of the sojourn.

E. The Theological Warning — What Yisra'el Was Told to Reject

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 17:16 explicitly prohibits the king of Yisra'el from sending the people back to Mitsrayim to multiply horses — a direct counter to the Egyptian model of chariot militarism. Devarim 18:9–12 prohibits the entire repertoire of Egyptian divinatory practices: augury, soothsaying, necromancy, child sacrifice, and communicating with the dead — all of which were integral to Egyptian cult practice.

The Ten Commandments (Shemot 20; Devarim 5) open with the most precise possible theological stake: **"I am Yahweh your Elohim who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slavery."** The liberation from Egypt is the covenant's founding credential. But liberation is not merely geographical — it is cognitive and spiritual. Yisra'el was commanded to be the *anti-Egypt* in matters of theology, economics, political structure, and treatment of the vulnerable.

PART IV — THE GOLDEN CALF AND THE PATTERN OF REGRESSION

The single most devastating exhibit of what the Hebrews absorbed from Egypt is found in Shemot (Exodus) 32: the ***Egel HaZahav*** — the Golden Calf. When Moshe ascended Sinai to receive the covenant terms, the people gathered around Aharon and demanded: **"Make us gods who will go before us."** Aharon cast the gold into a calf form, and the people declared: **"These are your gods, Yisra'el, who brought you up from the land of Mitsrayim."**

The bull/calf was not a random choice. **Apis** — the sacred bull of Memphis — was one of the most venerated animal deities in Egypt. **Hathor**, depicted as a cow, was central to

Egyptian religion. The ram of **Amun-Ra** was the divine icon of Thebes. The Hebrews did not invent a new idol at Sinai — they reached back into the iconographic vocabulary of Mitsrayim. This is the covenant's central diagnosis: you cannot spend 215–430 years embedded in a theological system and emerge entirely clean. The battle for Yisra'el's identity was precisely the battle to *unlearn* Egypt.

This pattern — the regression toward Egyptian-style centralized, divine-king, image-based religious power — recurs throughout the Nevi'im (Prophets). When the Northern Kingdom established golden calves at Bethel and Dan (Melakhim Aleph / 1 Kings 12:28), **Yahweh** did not overlook the source. Yeroboam's words — "**These are your gods, Yisra'el, who brought you up from the land of Mitsrayim**" — are a direct quotation of Shemot 32:4, centuries later. The Egyptian mold was never fully broken for an entire generation of kings.

PART V — RECENT ARCHAEOLOGY: NEW LIGHT ON THE ANCIENT RECORD

5.1 The 2025 Old Kingdom Genome — DNA from the Age of the Pyramids

In September 2025, an international team led by Adeline Morez Jacobs published in *Nature* the sequencing of the first complete ancient Egyptian genome from the Old Kingdom period (c. 2855–2570 BCE). Prior to this study, the oldest recovered Egyptian DNA came from mummies dated between 787 and 23 BCE. The new genome — 1,500 years older — came from NUE001, excavated at Nuwayrat in Middle Egypt in 1902 but only now genetically analyzed.

The genome confirms that early Egyptians were genetically connected to Levantine and Fertile Crescent populations, consistent with millennia of trade, movement, and intermarriage between the Nile Valley and the eastern Mediterranean world — precisely the human geography of the patriarchal narratives in Bereshit.

5.2 The Lost Golden City of Luxor (2021)

In April 2021, Egyptian archaeologist Zahi Hawass announced the discovery of a 3,500-year-old city near Luxor — described as the largest ancient Egyptian city ever found. Built by Amenhotep III (grandfather of Tutankhamun), and continued under Akhenaten and Tutankhamun himself, the city contained workshops, administrative buildings, and residential areas still containing tools, rings, scarabs, and colored pottery. This discovery confirmed the immense scale of New Kingdom Egyptian civilization at precisely the period overlapping with the Mosaic era.

5.3 The Avenue of the Sphinxes (2021)

In November 2021, Egypt completed the restoration and public opening of the 3,000-year-old *Tariq el-Kibash* — the "Avenue of Sphinxes" — a 2.7-kilometer processional road linking the Karnak and Luxor temples, lined with over 1,000 sphinx statues. This road served as the main processional route for the *Opet Festival*, during which the sacred statue of Amun-Ra was carried from Karnak to Luxor Temple — the central annual ceremony of the New Kingdom state religion. The scale of this ceremony, now confirmed by excavation, helps calibrate just how pervasive and total the Amun cult was in the environment the Hebrew community inhabited.

5.4 The Grand Egyptian Museum (2025)

The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) — a \$1 billion project on the edge of the Giza Plateau — opened to the public in 2025 after more than a decade of preparation by over 150 conservators and 100 archaeologists. The museum houses the complete Tutankhamun collection, the Ramesses II galleries, and thousands of previously unseen artifacts. For researchers working at the intersection of Tanakh covenant studies and Egyptian history, the GEM represents the most comprehensive physical archive of New Kingdom material culture ever assembled in one location.

PART VI — COVENANT ANALYSIS: THREE-RELIGION AUDIT

6.1 For the House of Yisra'el (Judaism)

The Egyptian sojourn is not incidental to the covenant — it is foundational. The Passover (*Pesach*) retelling in the Haggadah annually reactivates the memory: **"We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and Yahweh our Elohim brought us out from there."** Every command in the Torah connects back to this memory. The Egyptian context explains WHY the Torah forbids idolatry, WHY it commands justice for the stranger, WHY it prohibits the accumulation of divine-king power structures (Shemu'el Aleph 8). Post-biblical rabbinic tradition has preserved these memories liturgically while sometimes obscuring the direct Tanakh covenant application. The Egyptian chapter demands re-examination from within the text itself.

6.2 For the Community of Islam

The Qur'an (Surah Al-Qasas, 28:1–88; Surah Ta-Ha, 20:1–135; Surah Al-A'raf, 7:103–141) preserves detailed accounts of Musa (Moses), Fir'aun (Pharaoh), and the Exodus. Islam identifies Fir'aun as the archetypal tyrant who claimed divinity: **"I am your Lord, the Most High"** (Surah An-Nazi'at, 79:24). The Qur'anic emphasis on Fir'aun's claim to divinity maps precisely onto the Amun-Ra divine-paternity doctrine — the pharaoh who declared himself the son of the hidden god. The covenant answer to this claim, in both Tanakh and Qur'an, is the same: **Yahweh / Allah** alone is sovereign, and any human claim to divine origin is the primordial usurpation.

6.3 For the Nations — Christianity and the Gentile World

The apostolic tradition preserved in Acts 7 (Stephen's speech before the Sanhedrin) recognized Moses as the one educated in all Egyptian wisdom — and yet the one who chose the covenant over the palace. The typological use of Egypt in the Messianic writings of the New Testament (Revelation's "Egypt and Sodom" language; the flight to Egypt of Miriam, Yosef, and Yeshua in Matthew 2) draws on a deep Tanakh grammar: Egypt = the world-system of human self-exaltation. The Exodus = the pattern of covenant liberation from that system.

For the post-Nicene church, the theological framework imported from Hellenistic and Neoplatonist tradition shares structural features with the Amun-Ra "hidden ineffable deity" theology. The convergence is intellectually interesting but does not carry covenant authority. The Tanakh's account of **Yahweh** is not Amun made more precise — it is the Creator speaking his own name and giving his own terms.

CONCLUSION — THE TESTIMONY OF MITSRAYIM

Egypt — *Mitsrayim* — is not merely a backdrop for Hebrew history. It is the covenant's first laboratory. In Egypt, the Hebrews witnessed the full expression of human civilization built on false premises: the divine-king bloodline of Amun-Ra's supposed sons; the priesthood that accumulated land and economic power under the cover of serving the "hidden god"; the theological revolution of Akhenaten that glimpsed truth and was crushed by institutional corruption; the monumental architecture that enslaved bodies while worshipping the visible sun.

Out of this came Moshe — a man formed in Egypt's finest institutions — who met **Yahweh** at a burning bush and received the actual terms of the actual covenant. What he carried out was not merely 600,000 men on foot. He carried out a *counter-civilization*: a covenant people commanded to build a society in which there is no divine king but **Yahweh**, no untouchable priestly economic empire, no ethnic hierarchy, no exploitation of the stranger.

The "forbidden bloodline" of Amun-Ra — the system by which divine parentage was manufactured to legitimize human power — stands as the opposite of the covenant lineage. **Yahweh** does not impregnate queens to legitimate pharaohs. He speaks to a shepherd at a burning bush and says: "**I AM WHO I AM. Thus you shall say to the sons of Yisra'el: I AM has sent me to you.**" (Shemot 3:14)

That is the difference between Mitsrayim and the covenant. Egypt built monuments to the hidden god's sons. **Yahweh** said his name and set a nation free.

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