

## Three stories of an Egyptian woman, an “Israelite” man and another person

CODE:

gender high status/gender low status

Ethnic high status/ethnic low status

Economic high status/economic low status

### Genesis 16

Abram, wealthy man of relative social status

Sarai, a “princess” without a throne, but of relative social status

Hagar, an Egyptian woman of low status

**ISSUE: how Abram and Sarai treat Hagar**

**OUTCOME: Hagar is expelled with her child**

***[ethnic solidarity trumps gender]***

### Genesis 39

Joseph, an Israelite man now an Egyptian (“Hebrew”) slave

Potiphar, a high status Egyptian man

“Mrs. Potiphar,” a high status Egyptian woman

**ISSUE: How Mr. and Mrs. Potiphar treat Joseph**

**OUTCOME: Joseph is thrown in prison**

***[ethnic solidarity trumps gender]***

### Exodus 2

Moses, an Israelite baby boy of no status

Pharaoh’s daughter, a high status Egyptian woman

Moses’ sister, an Israelite woman of no status

**ISSUE: how Moses’ sister and Pharaoh’s daughter treat Moses**

**OUTCOME: Moses is included in pharaoh’s household**

***[gender solidarity trumps ethnic inequality]***