Presentation Outline

1. The structure of the Bible creates a narrative of a younger sibling’s dominion over the elder:

* Abel’s > Cain’s → bloodshed
* Isaac > Ishmael → banishment
* Jacob > → deceit, threat of bloodshed then reconciliation
* Joseph > the other children → deceit and betrayal, then reconciliation
* Moses > Aaron + Miriam → a relationship that is actually good from the start
* One sibling, the youngest or one of the youngest, is clearly more important than the others

2. Though Aaron enjoys a very high position, it comes with an equally high amount of responsibility than Aaron just isn’t equipped for:

* God chooses him as at Moses’ request
* Aaron wasn’t originally assigned the role of priest
* His use of his staff differs from Moses’. It’s much more passive

3. Aaron did not deserve entry to the promised land, but not for Moses’ transgression

* Golden Calf Incident
  + Aaron directly breaks one of God’s statutes: Do not worship or cast false idols
  + Lies about it
  + Aaron is a very “normal” man compared to Moses
* It is Moses who strikes the rock twice