

# The David Patterson Lectures Week 2

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## 'The Bush was Not Consumed: A Rabbinic Reception History of Exodus 3:1-4'

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**Abstract:** The revelation at the burning bush is a key moment early in the story of the Exodus. The themes introduced in this passage are central to the larger story: Moses as leader; the nature of the divine; and the situation of the people of Israel. As such, the rabbinic reception history of this first encounter between God and Moses sheds light on how the Exodus story was understood by its interpreters, in their own places and times.

**Thursday, 25 January 2024  
6 – 7 pm (UK time)**

This lecture will be a hybrid session which will be accessible both online (see below) and in person in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre.

No need to register if attending in person.

In order to participate in this lecture online, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvc-GrrTouGdAjsRiGxpOsuCCzPVmtpwyz>

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