

Chauvinist

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Moses murdered the Egyptian for a wickedness
less miserable than its subsequence: dead children,
every firstborn son (daughters spared the ordination
for being less blessed of our God who murders
whom He chooses and for the least ignominy).

Moses's wage for generosity was blackmail
(by the man he rescued made to flee), kept from Zion
by a God who would neither save him nor his people
but made us to wander until most of us are dead.
And this is everywhere how our God has made us

to suffer for Him (who cannot be a woman,
else She would have murdered every man).