

# Pentateuch

## Exodus 19-40: The Covenant at Sinai

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# Pentateuch (OT3)

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Genesis

From creation, thru the origins of God's people to Egypt

Exodus

Relates God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt and establishing His covenant/Law

Leviticus

Sets forth the Laws of worship

Numbers

Relates the wilderness wanderings

Deuteronomy

Gives the Law to a new generation with special emphasis to those entering the land

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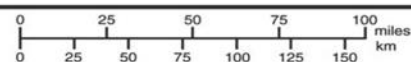
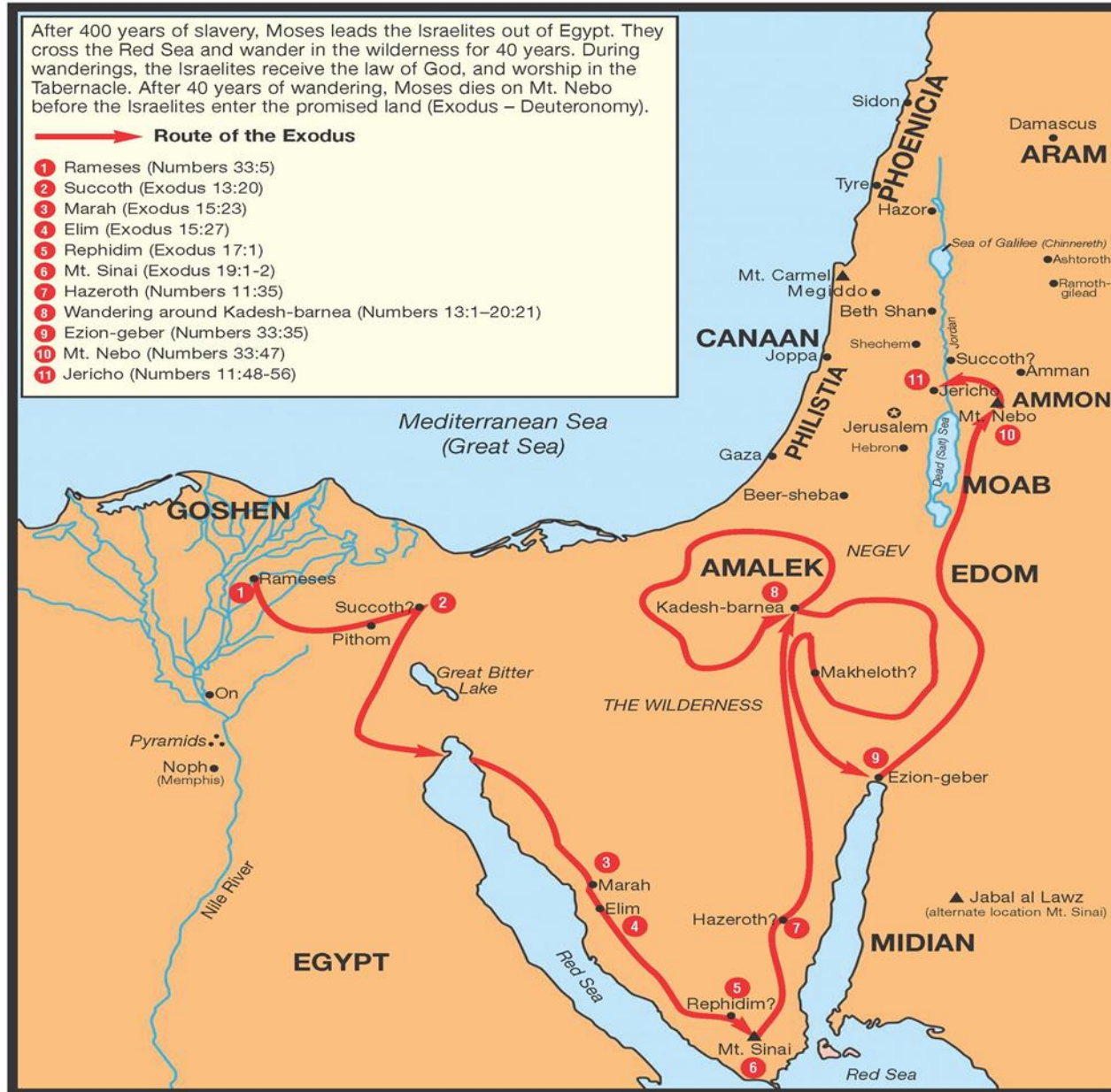
# ***The Book of Exodus***

<i>Focus</i>	Redemption from Egypt				Revelation from God	
<i>Reference</i>	1:1----- 2:1-----5:1-----15:22-----19:1-----32:1-----40:38					
<i>Division</i>	Need for Redemption	Preparation for Redemption	Redemption of Israel	Preservation of Israel	Revelation of the Covenant	Response of Israel to the Covenant
<i>Topic</i>	Narration				Legislation	
	Subjection		Redemption		Instruction	
<i>Location</i>	Egypt			Wilderness	Mount Sinai	
<i>Time</i>	430 Years			2 Months	10 Months	

After 400 years of slavery, Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt. They cross the Red Sea and wander in the wilderness for 40 years. During wanderings, the Israelites receive the law of God, and worship in the Tabernacle. After 40 years of wandering, Moses dies on Mt. Nebo before the Israelites enter the promised land (Exodus – Deuteronomy).

→ **Route of the Exodus**

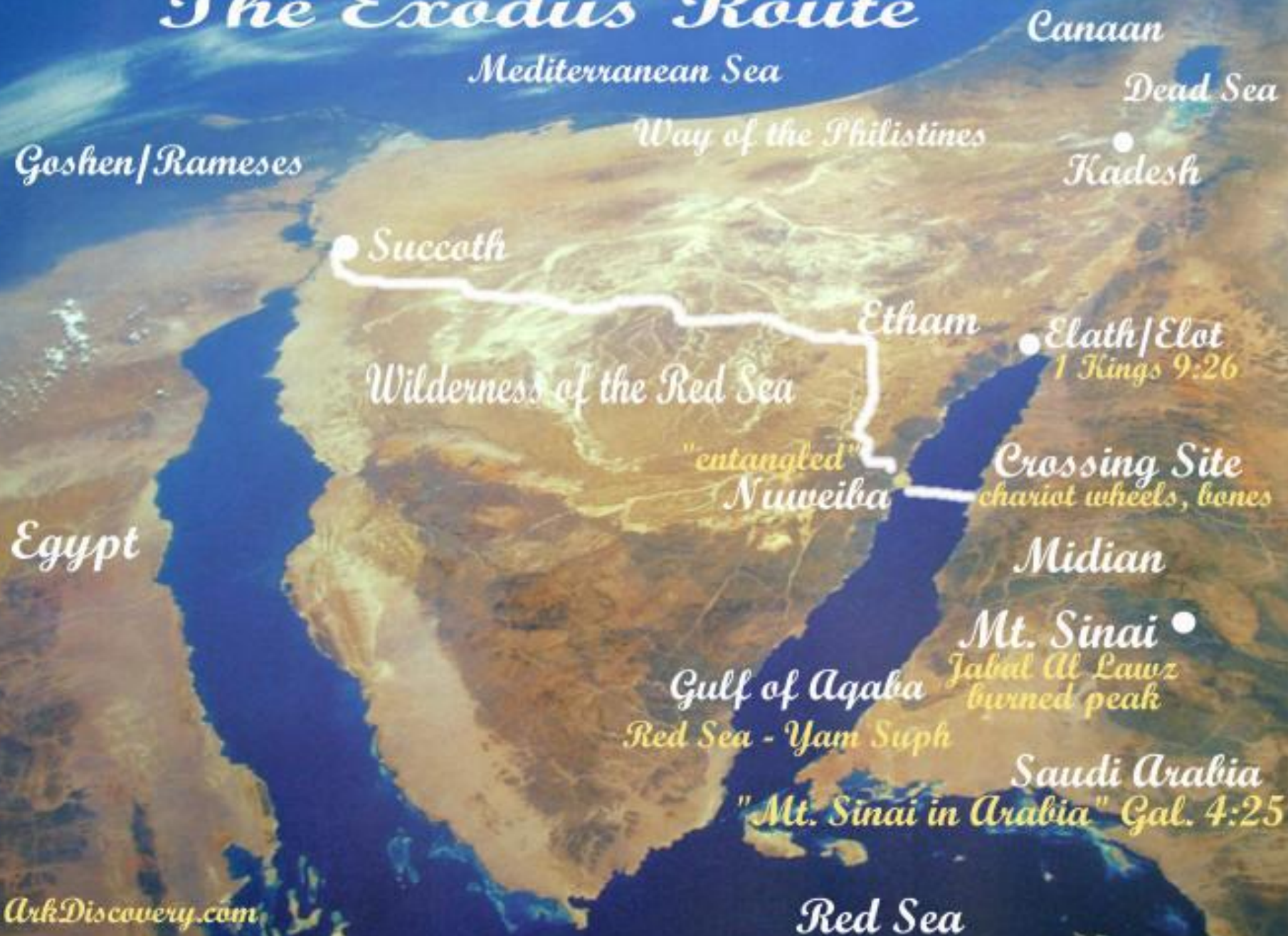
- 1 Rameses (Numbers 33:5)
- 2 Succoth (Exodus 13:20)
- 3 Marah (Exodus 15:23)
- 4 Elim (Exodus 15:27)
- 5 Rephidim (Exodus 17:1)
- 6 Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:1-2)
- 7 Hazeroth (Numbers 11:35)
- 8 Wandering around Kadesh-barnea (Numbers 13:1–20:21)
- 9 Ezion-geber (Numbers 33:35)
- 10 Mt. Nebo (Numbers 33:47)
- 11 Jericho (Numbers 11:48-56)



- City or Town
- ▲ Mountain
- ✕ Ancient Ruins/Sites
- ★ Modern Capital cities



# The Exodus Route





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Exodus 19:1-9

# The Chosen People of God

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10

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# The Appearance of the Holy Lord

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup> Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. <sup>19</sup> As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

<sup>20</sup> The Lord descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up <sup>21</sup> and the Lord said to him, “Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see the Lord and many of them perish. <sup>22</sup> Even the priests, who approach the Lord, must consecrate themselves, or the Lord will break out against them.”

Exodus 19:16-22

# The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup> “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Exodus 20:1-11



# The Ten Commandments

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

<sup>18</sup> When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance <sup>19</sup> and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

<sup>20</sup> Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

Exodus 20:12-20

## The Book of the Covenant (20:22-23:33)

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites this: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven: <sup>23</sup> Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.

<sup>24</sup> “‘Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you. <sup>25</sup> If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it. <sup>26</sup> And do not go up to my altar on steps, or your private parts may be exposed.’

<sup>21</sup> “These are the laws you are to set before them:

Exodus 20:22-21:1

# Building the Tabernacle & Ark of the Covenant

The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give. ....

<sup>8</sup> "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. <sup>9</sup> Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

<sup>10</sup> "Have them make a chest of acacia wood — two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. <sup>11</sup> Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it. <sup>12</sup> Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other. <sup>13</sup> Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. <sup>14</sup> Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest to carry it. <sup>15</sup> The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed. <sup>16</sup> Then put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you.

Exodus 25:1-16







## THE TABERNACLE TENT

The entire tent was 45 feet (13.7 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high. It was a wooden skeletal structure, overlaid with gold, with no solid roof or front wall (Ex. 26:15–29). Five wooden bars (overlaid with gold) passed through rings attached to each frame (Ex. 26:26–30).

The Most Holy Place was a 15-foot (4.6-m) cube, containing only the ark of the covenant (Ex. 25:10–22; 37:1–9). It was here that Yahweh would descend to meet with his people in a cloud theophany (divine appearance). The high priest could enter only once a year, on the Day of Atonement (see note on Heb. 9:7).

The framed structure was covered by four layers of cloth and skin (Ex. 26:1–14).

The table for the bread of the Presence (Ex. 25:23–30)

The Holy Place of the tabernacle tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high.

The veil separating the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place was made from blue, purple, and scarlet dyed yarns woven with fine twined linen and embroidered with cherubim (Ex. 26:31–33). It hung on four golden pillars.

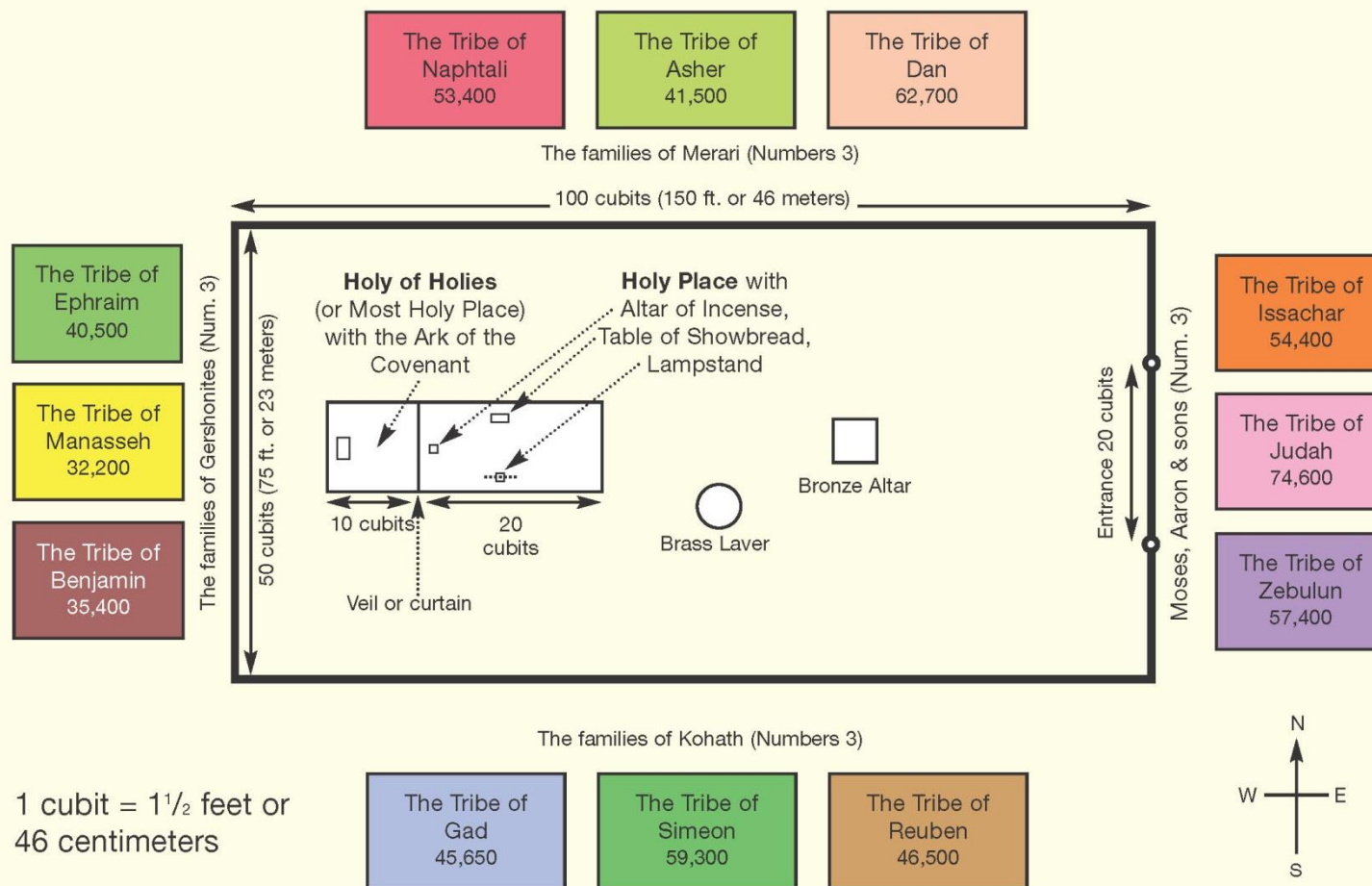
The altar of incense (Ex. 30:1–5; 37:25–29)

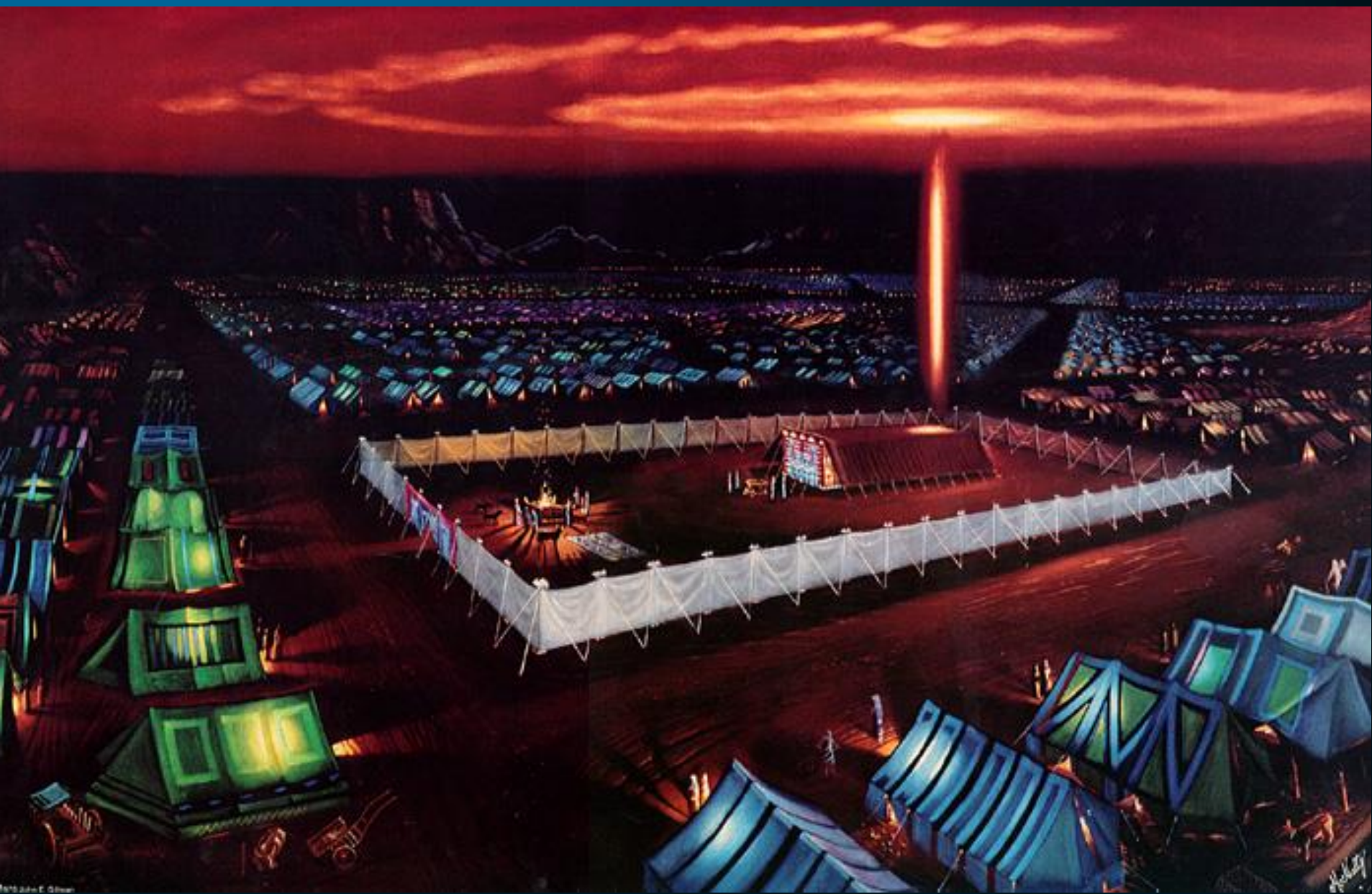
The golden lampstand (Ex. 25:31–40; 37:17–24)

The veil that formed the entrance to the tabernacle was similar to the veil separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, except that cherubim were not embroidered on it. It was suspended on five golden pillars (Ex. 26:36–37).



The Tabernacle was in the center of the Israelite camp. The 12 Tribes of Israel were encamped around it. The figures in the boxes refer to the number of males age 20 or over in each tribe. The total would be 603,550.





# The Golden Calf

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

<sup>2</sup> Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

<sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.” <sup>6</sup> So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Ex. 32:1-6





# Moses' Reaction to The Golden Calf

When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup> And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

<sup>21</sup> He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?"

<sup>22</sup> "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. <sup>23</sup> They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' <sup>24</sup> So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

<sup>25</sup> Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. <sup>26</sup> So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the Lord, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him.

Exodus 32:19-26

# The Lord Forgives

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ <sup>2</sup> I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>3</sup> Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way.”

Exodus 33:1-3

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

<sup>36</sup> In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; <sup>37</sup> but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. <sup>38</sup> So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels. Exodus 40:34-38





# Major Themes in Exodus

- Election
- Covenant
- Salvation/Deliverance
- Theophany/Presence of God
- God's Forgiveness
- God's Protection