

# **Plan of Salvation: History of the Hebrew Peoples and the Old Testament**

**Part 1 – The Pentateuch**

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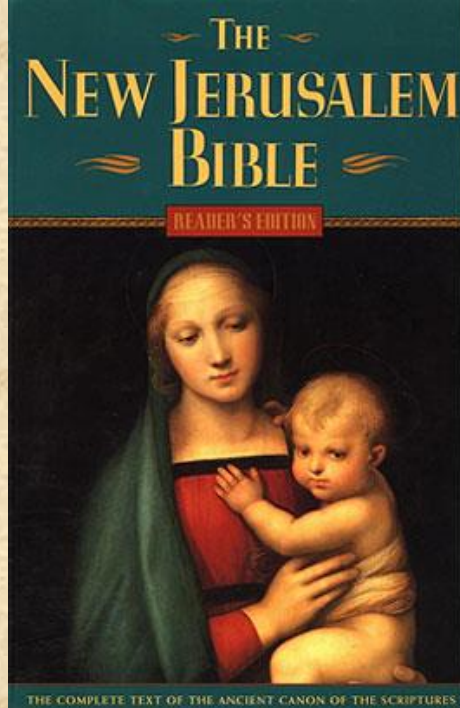
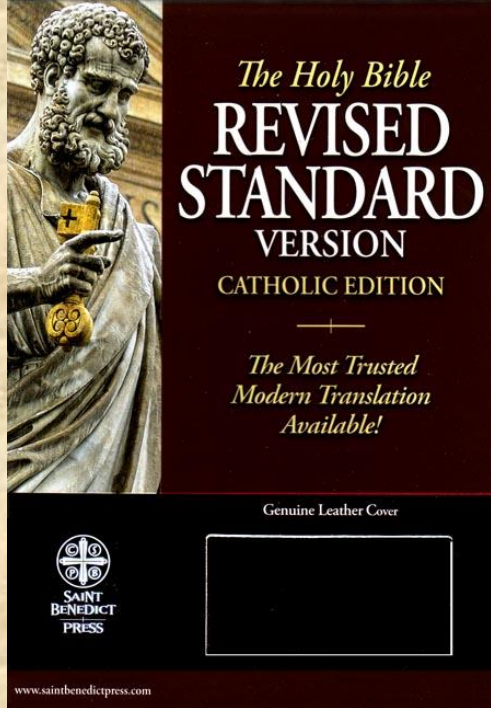
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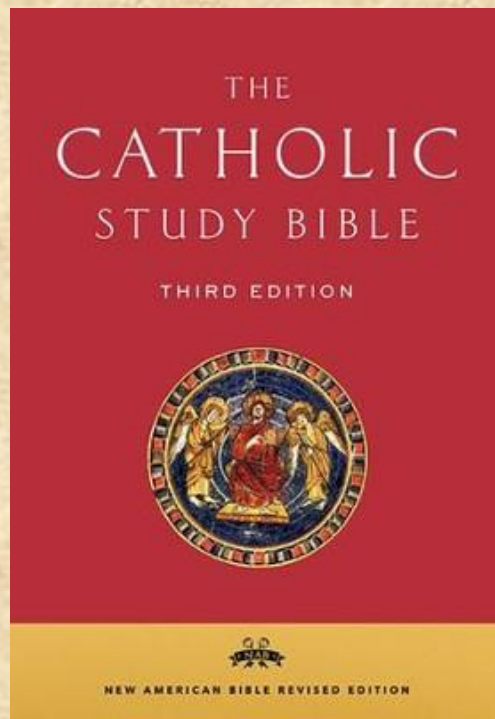
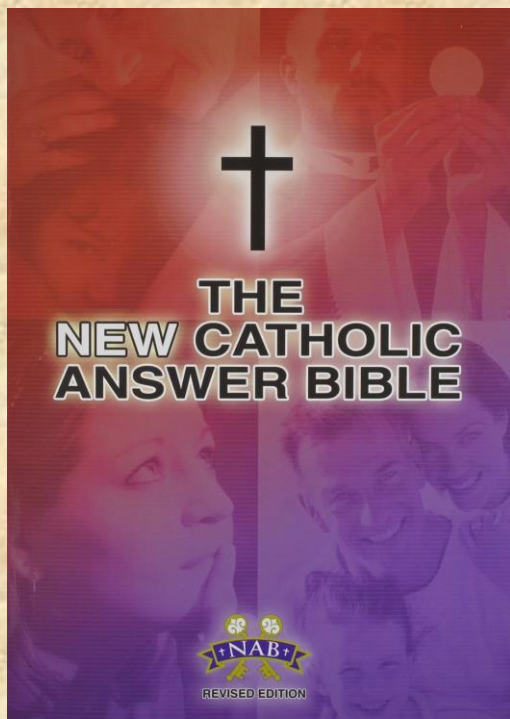
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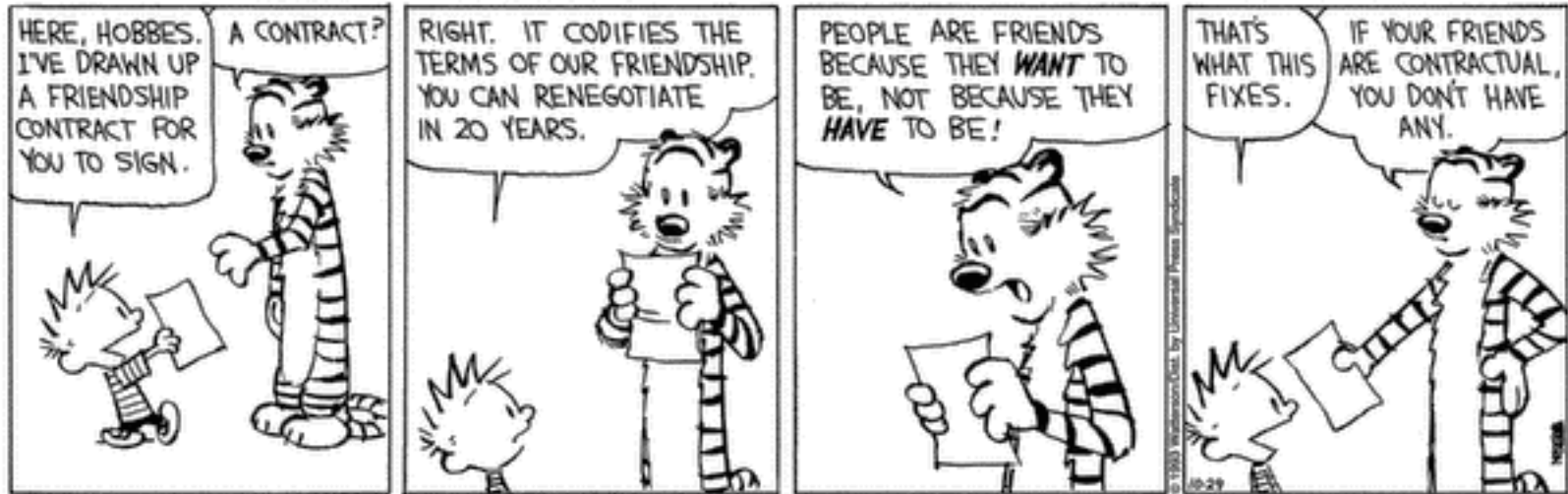
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- What does Bible mean? • **Books.**
- What does testament mean? • **Covenant.**
- What does covenant mean?
- “...covenant is at the heart of God's loving design from all eternity: although He has no need of human beings, He freely desires to bind Himself to a people with the very intimacy of a marriage bond.”



- Therefore, we, as Christians, are interested in the Old Testament (Covenant) because of what it tells us of our relationship with God and how it has developed.
- The first five books of the Bible are called the Pentateuch (“**five scrolls**”) by Christians and Torah (**and, with other books – Prophets and Writings – the Tanakh**) or the Law by Hebrews. We’re discussing the Pentateuch tonight.
- Can the Bible be read like a chapter book?
- **Yes, in part, depending on which book, or part of book. The books of the Bible can be history, law, culture, poetry, prayer.**
- As Christians, why are we interested in the Old Testament?
- **Jesus, His family, culture, and followers are Jewish; the New Testament and our faith have Jewish roots.**

# Why Study the Bible?

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.”

*Ephesians 1:3-6*

**The Bible is a Theodrama in five acts: the story of us and our relation to God**

- I. Creation (original holiness)**
- II. The Fall (our imperfection, and disability to rescue ourselves)**
- III. The formation of Israel (and its errant paths), under Abraham, as people selected by God, to be the nation to draw all back to God**
- IV. Jesus Christ, who takes up the mission of Israel to gather the Tribes**
- V. The Church, us, starting with the Apostles, to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the end of the World.**

**We read the Scriptures to discern the contours of that drama and, more importantly, our place within it.**

# Why Study the Old Testament?

**“The New Testament lies hidden in the Old,  
and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.”**

*– St. Augustine of Hippo*



Then the Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?”

Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax.” Then they handed him the Roman coin.

He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?”

They replied, “Caesar’s.”

At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

*Matthew 22:15-21*

What does this mean to us now?

What did it mean then to those hearing Jesus?

What belongs to God?

*Jesus teaches by inference, and lets the listener discover the inference.*

So, what bears the image of God, and what holds God's inscription?



What belongs to God? What bears the image of God, and what holds God's inscription?

The Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament tell us  
(and the Pharisees of Jesus' time would have known this).

### *Image – the Law*

“God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them....”

– *Genesis 1:27*

### *Inscription – the Prophets*

“I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God and they shall be my people.”

– *Jeremiah 31:33*

“When they heard this they were amazed and leaving him they went away.”

– *Matthew 22:22*



## Proposed List for Reading the Bible Chronologically as History

# Reading the Old Testament as History

<u>Book</u>	<u>Topical Period</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>
• <b>Genesis</b>	Early World and Patriarchs	(Creation to ~ 1700 BC)
• <b>Exodus</b>	Egypt and Exodus	(1700 – 1280 BC)
• <b>Numbers</b>	Desert wanderings	(1280 – 1240 BC)
• <b>Joshua</b>	Conquest	(1240 BC – ... )
• <b>Judges</b>	Judges	( ... – 1050 BC)
• <b>1 Samuel</b>	Royal Kingdom	(1050 BC – ... )
• <b>2 Samuel</b>	Royal Kingdom	( ... – ... )
• <b>1 Kings</b>	Royal Kingdom & Divided Kingdom	( ... – 722 BC)
• <b>2 Kings</b>	Divided Kingdom and Exile	(722 – 540 BC)
• <b>Ezra</b>	Return	(538 – ... )
• <b>Nehemiah</b>	Return	( ... – 167 BC)
• <b>1 Maccabees</b>	Maccabean Revolt	(167 – 0 BC)
• <b>Luke</b>	Messianic Fulfillment	(0 – 33 AD)
• <b>Acts of the Apostles</b>	The Church	(33 AD – ~67 AD)

Highly recommend reading the Bible as part of a Bible Study Group

# Bible Review

- Why are there various versions?
  - Original and extant manuscripts were written in Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, Latin.
  - Each contemporary version of the Bible is an interpretation of early/earlier manuscripts based on traditions, customs, vernacular, dialects, and customary writing styles recast to the language of the time.
- Why do different versions of the same story differ?
  - Seen in Old Testament (e.g., two creation accounts)
  - Also seen in Gospel stories (e.g., Sermon on the Mount or Plain)
  - Different writers emphasize different aspects of story
  - Recollections differ from person-to-person and even for the same person
  - Intent often is allegorical, not literal.

“Therefore, since everything asserted by the inspired authors or sacred writers must be held to be asserted by the Holy Spirit, it follows that the books of Scripture must be acknowledged as teaching solidly, faithfully, and without error *that truth which God wanted put into sacred writings for the sake of salvation.*” – *Dei Verbum*

# **Translation can be difficult**

**heisnowhere**

**the boys said the girls are crazy**

**I didn't say you stole the money**

**earth and love**

## Phrasing

Heisnowhere

He is nowhere.

He is now here.

## Punctuation

the boys said the girls are crazy

The boys, said the girls, are crazy.

## Emphasis

I didn't say you stole the money.

I didn't say you stole the money.

I didn't say you stole the money.

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I didn't say you stole the money.

## Translation

Earth – אדמה (adamah, Hebrew, also means land, soil – root of name Adam)

Love – φιλία (philia, Greek – love for friend)

ἀγάπη (agape – “to will the good of another” – St. Thomas Aquinas)

**Context** – *historical, cultural, Biblical content and unity, Tradition*

# Pentateuch / Torah (the Law)

- Genesis – In the Beginning
- Exodus – Departure
- Leviticus – Ritual Laws and Sacrifices
- Numbers – Census
- Deuteronomy – Second Law

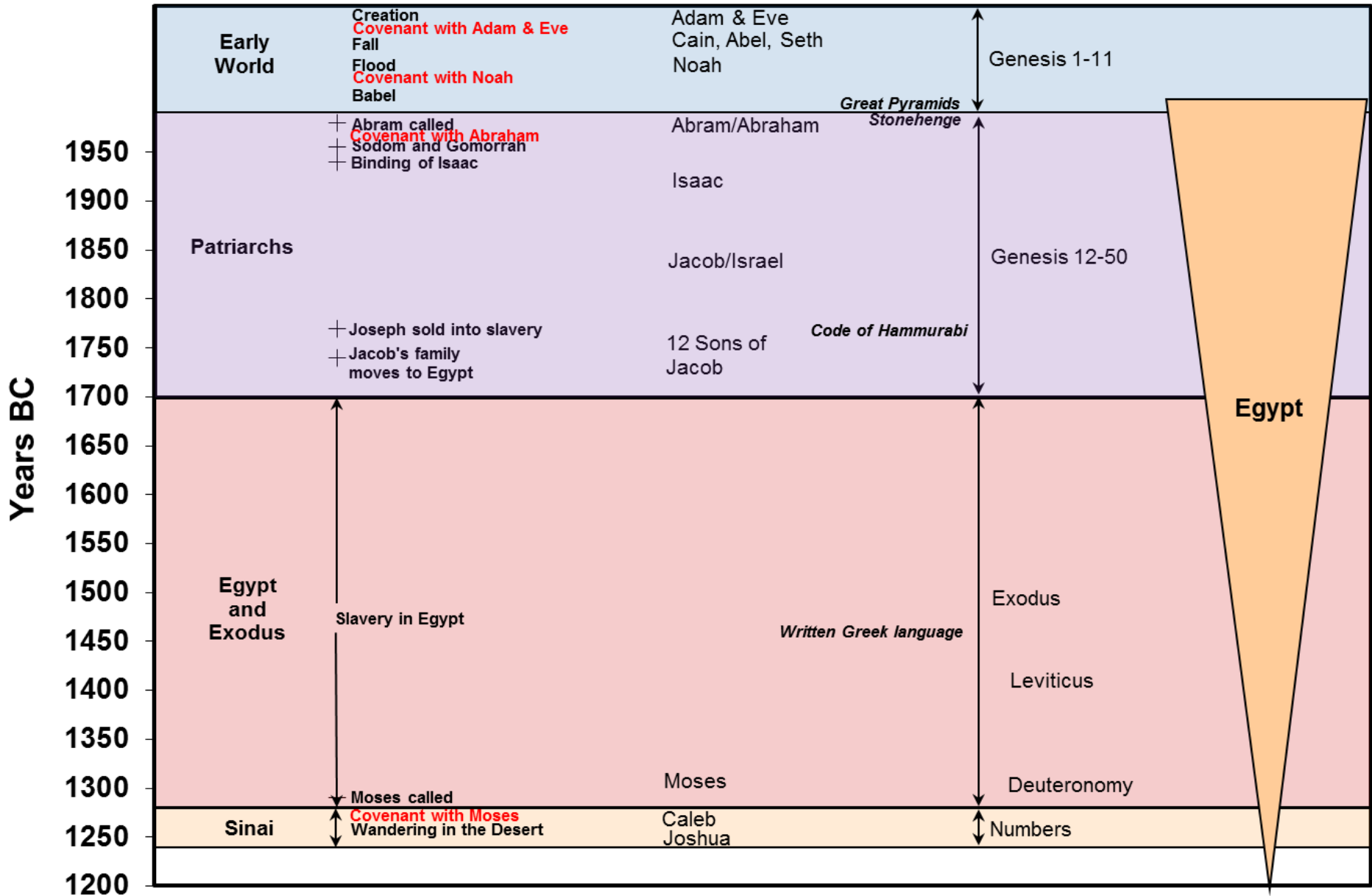
## – Types of laws

- Ritual – e.g., dietary, washing, circumcision
- Liturgical / Ceremonial – for worship
- Moral – e.g., Ten Commandments, Shema

# Key Events in the Pentateuch

<b>Creation</b>	<b>Jacob and Esau</b>	<b>God's Covenant with Moses on Mt Sinai</b>
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Jacob Steals Blessing; Flees from Esau</b>	<b>Golden Calf</b>
<b>Curse and Promise</b>	<b>Jacob Returns with 12 Sons; Wrestles with God</b>	<b>Levitical Priesthood Established</b>
<b>Noah and the Flood</b>	<b>Joseph Sold into Slavery</b>	<b>Tabernacle Built</b>
<b>People Scattered at Babel</b>	<b>Jacob's Family Moves to Egypt</b>	<b>12 Spies Sent to Canaan</b>
<b>God Calls Abram Out of Ur</b>	<b>400 Years of Slavery</b>	<b>40 Years Wandering in Desert</b>
<b>Melchizedek Blesses Abram</b>	<b>God Speaks to Moses; Sent to Pharaoh</b>	<b>Aaron's Rod</b>
<b>Sodom and Gomorrah</b>	<b>Ten Plagues</b>	<b>Moses Strikes Rock</b>
<b>Binding of Isaac</b>	<b>Exodus &amp; First Passover (1280 BC)</b>	<b>Bronze Serpent</b>
<b>God's Covenant with Abraham</b>	<b>Red Sea</b>	<b>Covenant in Moab</b>
	<b>Manna from Heaven</b>	

# Old Testament Timeline – Creation to Moses



In the beginning . . .

— *Genesis 1:1*

# ACT I: CREATION



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.

— *John 1:1-3*

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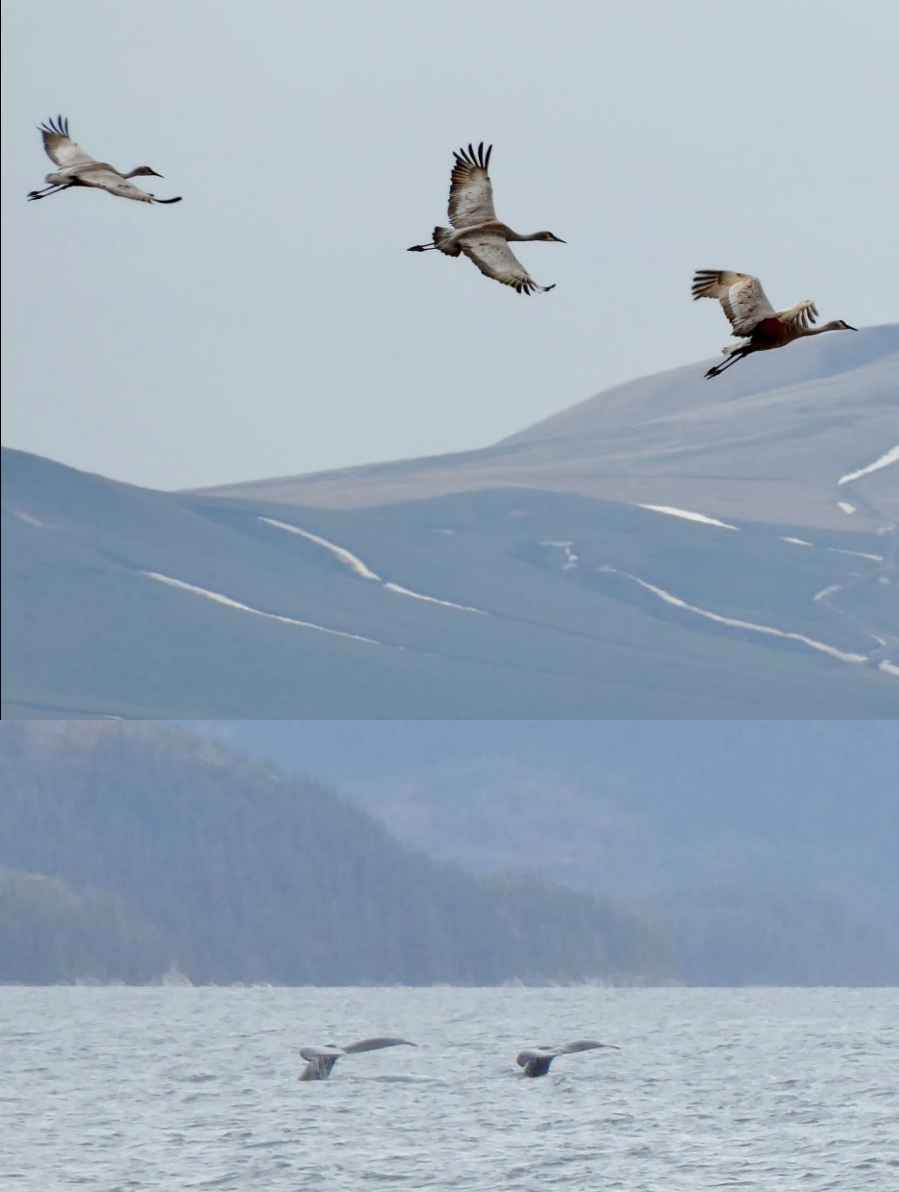




**Then God said: Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. And so it happened: the earth brought forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree that bears fruit with its seed in it. God saw that it was good. Evening came, and morning followed—the third day. – *Genesis 1:9-13***



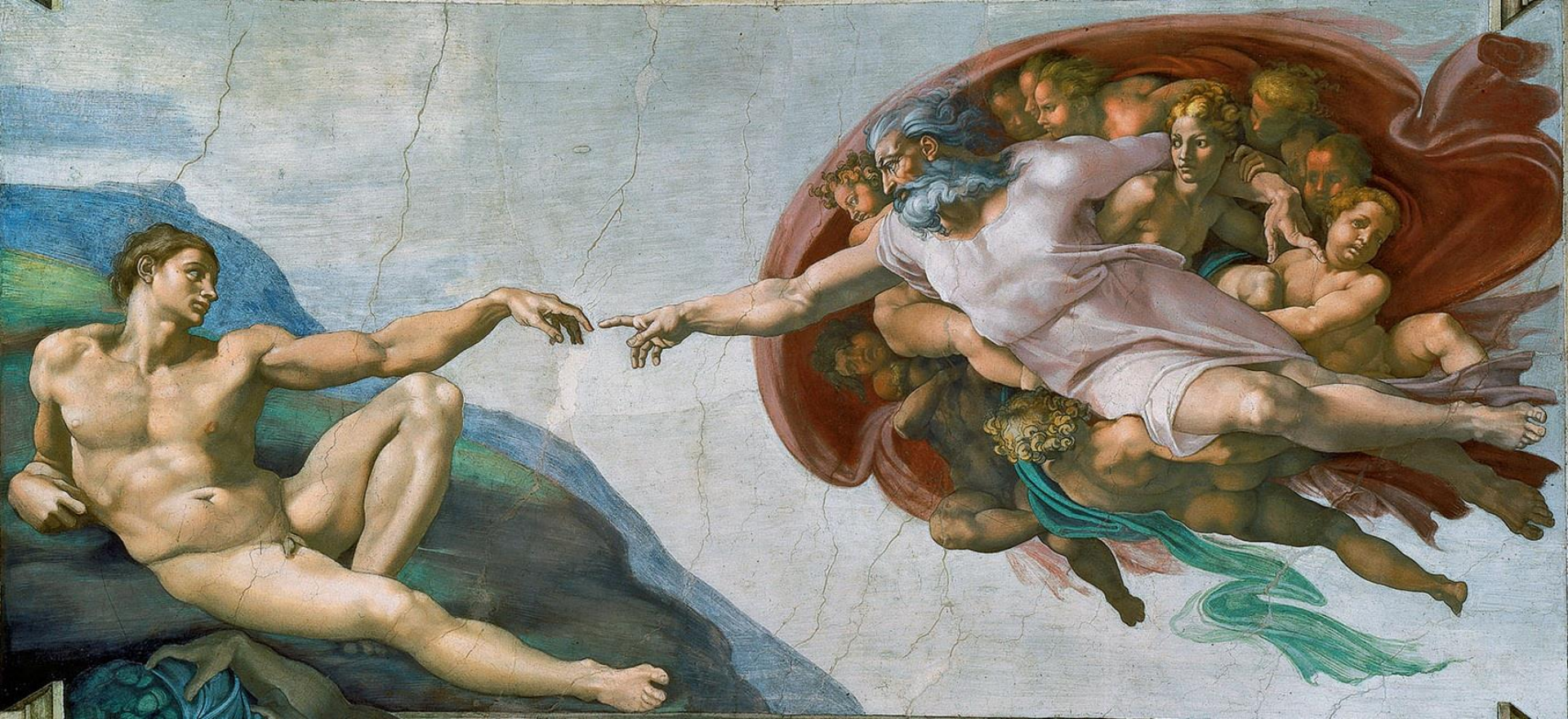
**God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to illuminate the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day. – *Genesis 1:16-19***



**Then God said: Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky. God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of crawling living creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw that it was good, and God blessed them, saying: Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth. Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day. – *Genesis 1:20-23***



**Then God said: Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature: tame animals, crawling things, and every kind of wild animal. And so it happened: God made every kind of wild animal, every kind of tame animal, and every kind of thing that crawls on the ground. God saw that it was good. – Genesis 1:24-25**



**Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth.**

**God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth. God also said: See, I give you every seed-bearing plant on all the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the wild animals, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the earth, I give all the green plants for food. And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day. – *Genesis 1:27-31***

**On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing; he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation. – *Genesis 2:2-3***



**By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear. – *Hebrews 11:3***



**When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of man this one has been taken."**

**– *Genesis 2:22-23***

# Covenant

- MEDIATORS: Adam and Eve
- GOD'S PROMISE: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it." *Genesis 1:28*
- "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body." *Genesis 2:24 & Matthew 19:5*
- SIGN: Marriage



## ACT II: THE FALL



Now the snake was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, "Did God really say, 'You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden'?" The woman answered the snake: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; a it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, or else you will die.'" But the snake said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know\* good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. – *Genesis 3:1-6*



**To the woman he said: I will intensify your toil in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Yet your urge shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.**

**To the man he said: Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, You shall not eat from it, cursed is the ground because of you! In toil you shall eat its yield all the days of your life.**

**Thorns and thistles it shall bear for you, and you shall eat the grass of the field.**

**By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**

**– Genesis 3:16-19**



# Noah's Ark

When the LORD saw how great the wickedness of human beings was on earth, and how every desire that their heart conceived was always nothing but evil, the LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved. So the LORD said: I will wipe out from the earth the human beings I have created, and not only the human beings, but also the animals and the crawling things and the birds of the air, for I regret that I made them. But Noah found favor with the LORD.  
– Genesis 6:5-8



In the evening the dove came back to him, and there in its bill was a plucked-off olive leaf!  
So Noah knew that the waters had diminished on the earth. — *Genesis 8:11*

# Covenant

- MEDIATOR: Noah
- GOD'S PROMISE: "... never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood, there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." *Genesis 9:11*
- SIGN: Rainbow

# People Scattered at Babel



Then the LORD said: If now, while they are one people and all have the same language, they have started to do this, nothing they presume to do will be out of their reach. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that no one will understand the speech of another. So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the speech of all the world. From there the LORD scattered them over all the earth.

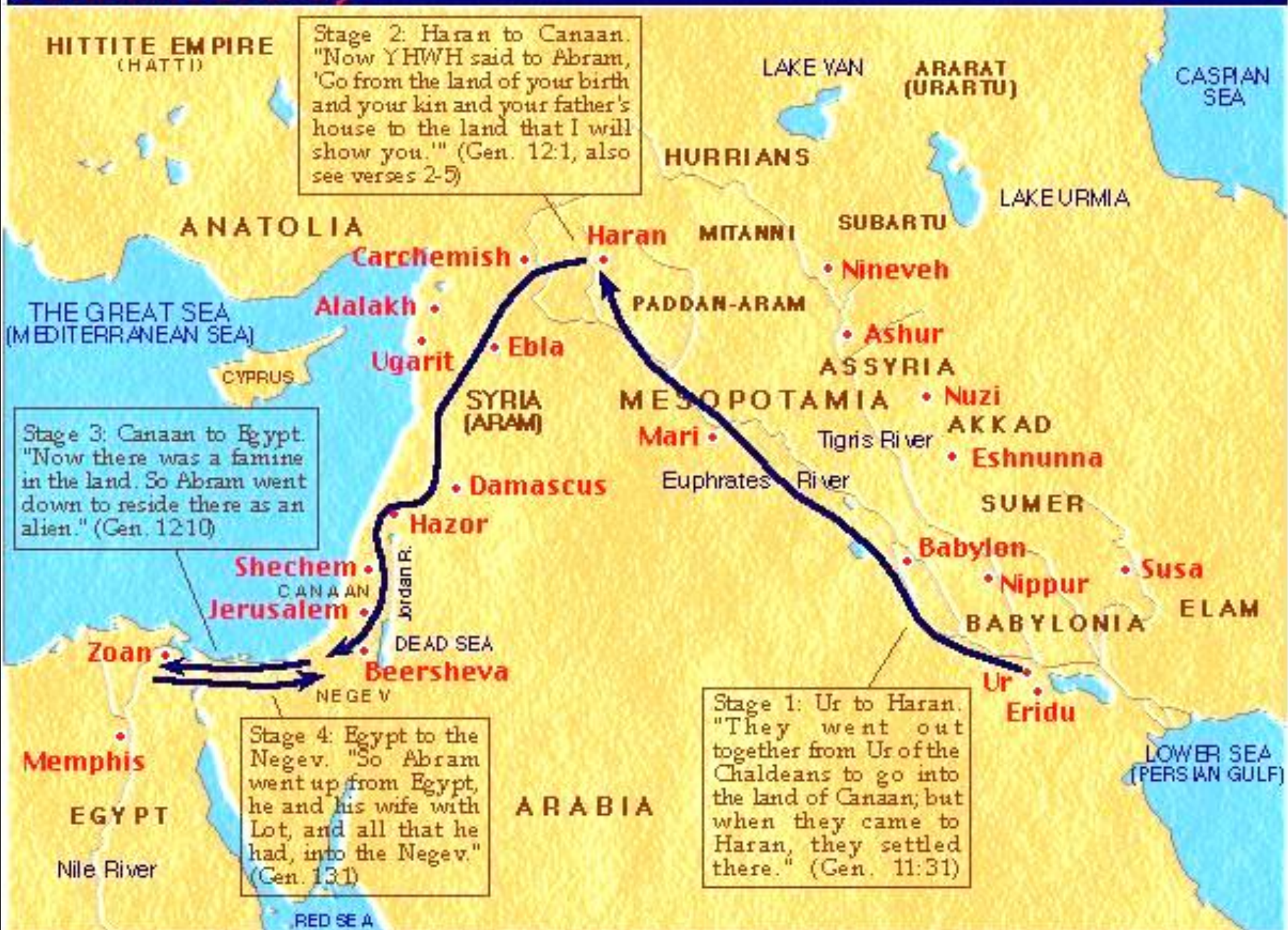
– *Genesis 11:6-9*

# ACT III: GOD CALLS ABRAM TO FORM ISRAEL



The LORD said to Abram: Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will find blessing in you. Abram went as the LORD directed him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. — *Genesis 12:1-4*

# Abraham's Journey





## Promise of a Son to Abraham and Sarah

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oak of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, he saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if it please you, do not go on past your servant." . . . One of them said, "I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son." – *Genesis 18:1-3, 10*





## Testing of Abraham

Then God said: Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There offer him up as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you.

So Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, while he himself carried the fire and the knife.

“My son,” Abraham answered, “God will provide the sheep for the burnt offering.”

“I swear by my very self—oracle of the LORD—that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your son, your only one, I will bless you and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants will take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth will find blessing, because you obeyed my command.” – *Genesis 22:2, 6, 8, 16-18*

# Covenant

- MEDIATOR: Abraham
- GOD'S PROMISE:
  - Land and Bountiful Descendants – *Genesis:15*
  - Kingdom – Father of Nations – *Genesis:17*
  - Worldwide Blessing – “I will make your name great and in your descendants all nations of the earth shall find blessing.” – *Genesis:22*
- SIGN: Circumcision

# The Patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – and the 12 Tribes

**ABRAHAM** [Abram] and

**Hagar** or

**Sarah** [Sarai]

(Sarah's maidservant)

(wife)

Ishmael

Isaac

**Isaac** ← and

**Rebekah**

(wife)

Esau (twin)

Jacob (twin)

**Israel** [Jacob] and

**Leah** or

**Bilhah** or

**Zilpah** or

**Rachael**

(wife 1)

(Rachael's maidservant)

(Leah's maidservant)

(wife 2, favorite)

1 Reuben

5 Dan

7 Gad

11 Joseph

2 Simeon

6 Naphtali

8 Asher

12 Benjamin

3 Levi

4 Judah

9 Issachar

10 Zebulun

- Dinah

## Joseph Sold into Slavery by His Brothers



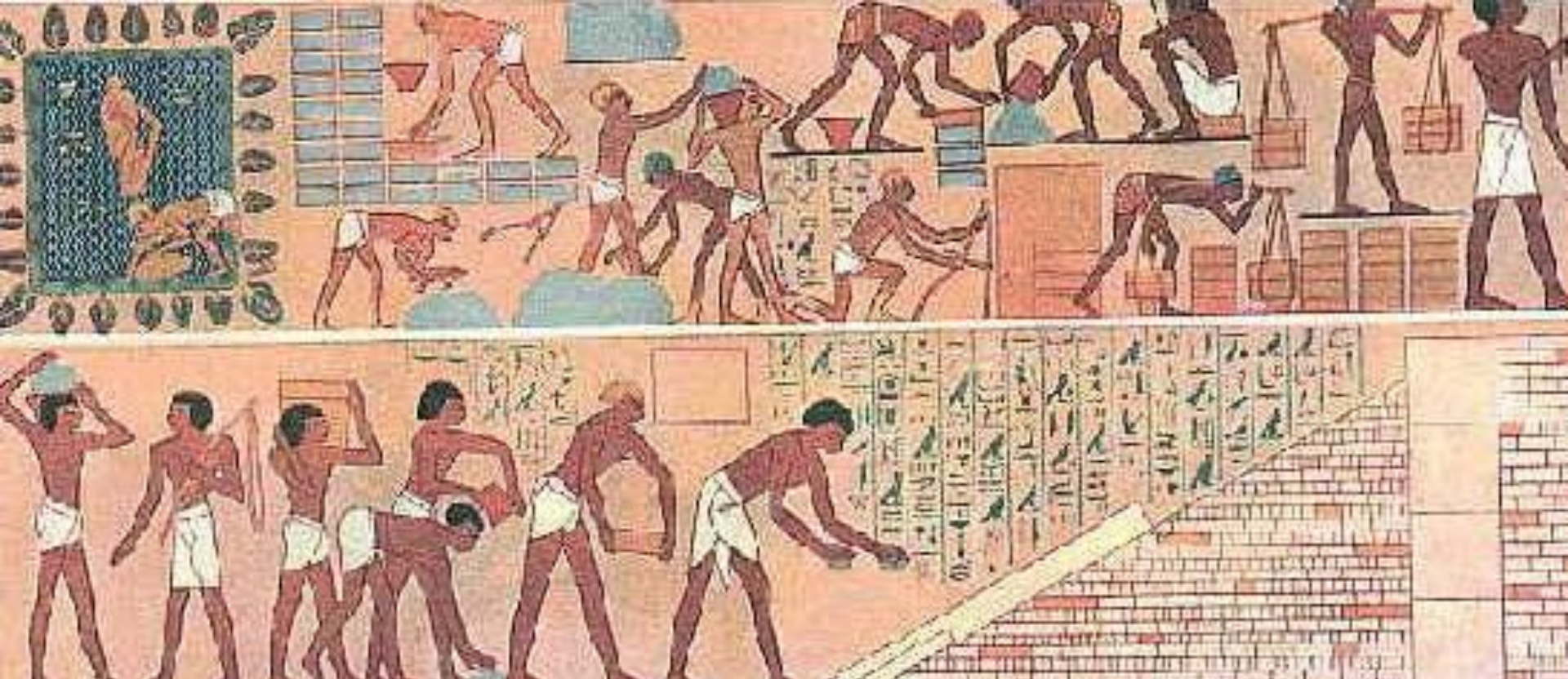
When Joseph was seventeen years old, he was tending the flocks with his brothers; he was an assistant to the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah, and Joseph brought their father bad reports about them. Israel loved Joseph best of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age; and he had made him a long ornamented tunic. When his brothers saw that their father loved him best of all his brothers, they hated him so much that they could not say a kind word to him . . . They sold Joseph for twenty pieces of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. – *Genesis 37:2-4, 28*

## Jacob's Family Moves to Egypt



Joseph went and told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers have come from the land of Canaan, with their flocks and herds and everything else they own; and they are now in the region of Goshen.” He then presented to Pharaoh five of his brothers whom he had selected from their full number.

– *Genesis 47:1-2*



## 400 Years of Slavery

**“See! The Israelite people have multiplied and become more numerous than we are! Come, let us deal shrewdly with them to stop their increase; otherwise, in time of war they too may join our enemies to fight against us, and so leave the land.” Accordingly, they set supervisors over the Israelites to oppress them with forced labor. Thus they had to build for Pharaoh the garrison cities of Pithom and Raamses. Yet the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians began to loathe the Israelites. So the Egyptians reduced the Israelites to cruel slavery, making life bitter for them with hard labor, at mortar and brick and all kinds of field work—cruelly oppressed in all their labor.**

**– Exodus 1:9-14**

# Moses and The Burning Bush



Meanwhile Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock beyond the wilderness, he came to the mountain of God, Horeb. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him as fire flaming out of a bush. When he looked, although the bush was on fire, it was not being consumed. So Moses decided, “I must turn aside to look at this remarkable sight. Why does the bush not burn up?” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to look, God called out to him from the bush: Moses! Moses! He answered, “Here I am.” God said: Do not come near! Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, he continued, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

– Exodus 3:1-6



# Ten Plagues

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Water into blood      | Exodus 7:14–25   |
| 2. Frogs                 | Exodus 7:25–8:11 |
| 3. Lice                  | Exodus 8:16–19   |
| 4. Wild animals or flies | Exodus 8:20–32   |
| 5. Diseased livestock    | Exodus 9:1–7     |
| 6. Boils                 | Exodus 9:8–12    |
| 7. Storms of fire        | Exodus 9:13–35   |
| 8. Locusts               | Exodus 10:1–20   |
| 9. Darkness              | Exodus 10:21–29  |

**10. Then the LORD spoke to Moses: One more plague I will bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. After that he will let you depart. In fact, when he finally lets you go, he will drive you away. Instruct the people that every man is to ask his neighbor, and every woman her neighbor, for silver and gold articles and for clothing. The LORD indeed made the Egyptians well-disposed toward the people; Moses himself was very highly regarded by Pharaoh's servants and the people in the land of Egypt. Moses then said, "Thus says the LORD: About midnight I will go forth through Egypt. Every firstborn in the land of Egypt will die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne to the firstborn of the slave-girl who is at the handmill, as well as all the firstborn of the animals. Then there will be loud wailing throughout the land of Egypt, such as has never been, nor will ever be again.**

**– Exodus 11:1-6**

# Passover Preparation

- Select a 1-year-old spotless male lamb without blemish
- Slaughter it
- Spread the blood of the lamb on the lintel and two doorposts
- Eat its roasted flesh.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. – *John 1:29*



## First Passover

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month will stand at the head of your calendar; you will reckon it the first month of the year. Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every family must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a household is too small for a lamb, it along with its nearest neighbor will procure one, and apportion the lamb's cost in proportion to the number of persons, according to what each household consumes. Your lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You will keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole community of Israel assembled, it will be slaughtered during the evening twilight. They will take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They will consume its meat that same night, eating it roasted with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or even boiled in water, but roasted, with its head and shanks and inner organs. This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you will eat it in a hurry. It is the LORD's Passover. For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn in the land, human being and beast alike, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD! But for you the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thereby, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you. – *Exodus 12:1-13*

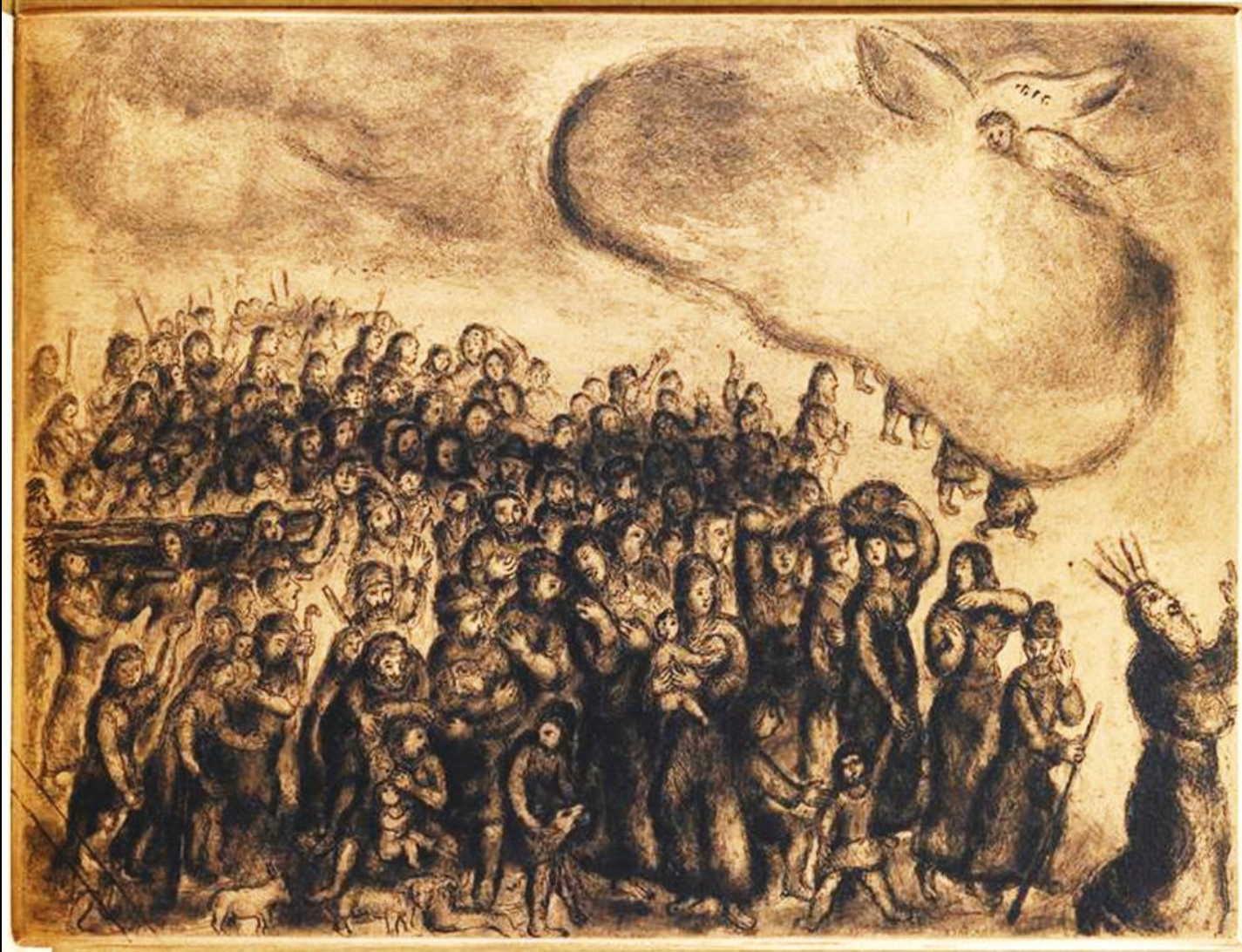
# Tenth Plague



And so at midnight the LORD struck down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh sitting on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner in the dungeon, as well as all the firstborn of the animals. Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was loud wailing throughout Egypt, for there was not a house without its dead.

– Exodus 12:29-30

## Crossing the Sea of Reeds



But Moses answered the people, “Do not fear! Stand your ground and see the victory the LORD will win for you today. For these Egyptians whom you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you have only to keep still.” . . .

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel’s army, now moved and went around behind them. And the column of cloud, moving from in front of them, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the Egyptian army and that of Israel. And when it became dark, the cloud illumined the night; and so the rival camps did not come any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD drove back the sea with a strong east wind all night long and turned the sea into dry ground. The waters were split, so that the Israelites entered into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water as a wall to their right and to their left. – *Exodus 14:13, 19-22*



**Then the LORD spoke to Moses: Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their horsemen. So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea returned to its normal flow. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward it when the LORD cast the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the horsemen. Of all Pharaoh's army which had followed the Israelites into the sea, not even one escaped. – *Exodus 14:26-28***



## Manna from Heaven

Then the LORD said to Moses: I am going to rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion . . . In the evening twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will have your fill of bread, and then you will know that I, the LORD, am your God. In the evening, quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning there was a layer of dew all about the camp, and when the layer of dew evaporated, fine flakes were on the surface of the wilderness, fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, “What is this?” for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, “It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.”

– *Exodus 16:4, 12-15*

“Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” So they said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. – *John 6:32-35*

# Ark of the Covenant



**You shall make an ark of acacia wood, two and a half cubits long, one and a half cubits wide, and one and a half cubits high. Plate it inside and outside with pure gold, and put a molding of gold around the top of it. Cast four gold rings and put them on the four supports of the ark, two rings on one side and two on the opposite side. Then make poles of acacia wood and plate them with gold. These poles you are to put through the rings on the sides of the ark, for carrying it; they must remain in the rings of the ark and never be withdrawn. In the ark you are to put the covenant which I will give you. You shall then make a cover of pure gold, two and a half cubits long, and one and a half cubits wide. Make two cherubim of beaten gold for the two ends of the cover; make one cherub at one end, and the other at the other end, of one piece with the cover, at each end. The cherubim shall have their wings spread out above, sheltering the cover with them; they shall face each other, with their faces looking toward the cover. This cover you shall then place on top of the ark. In the ark itself you are to put the covenant which I will give you. – Exodus 25:10-21**





## Covenant on Mount Sinai

Moses then turned and came down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hands, tablets that were written on both sides, front and back.

The tablets were made by God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

– *Exodus 32:15-16*

# The 10 Commandments

Exodus 20:2-17	Deuteronomy 5:6-21	Catechetical Formula
<p>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.</p> <p>You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.</p>	<p>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me . . .</p>	<p>1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.</p>
<p>You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.</p>	<p>You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain . . .</p>	<p>2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.</p>
<p>Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.</p>	<p>Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy . . .</p>	<p>3. Remember to keep holy the LORD'S Day.</p>

# The 10 Commandments

Exodus 20:2-17	Deuteronomy 5:6-21	Catechetical Formula
Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you.	Honor your father and your mother . . .	4. Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not kill.	You shall not kill.	5. You shall not kill.
You shall not commit adultery.	Neither shall you commit adultery.	6. You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.	Neither shall you steal.	7. You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.	Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.	8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.	Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife . . .  You shall not desire . . . anything that is your neighbor's.	9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.  10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.





## Molten Calf

When the people saw that Moses was delayed in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for that man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.”

Then the LORD said to Moses: Go down at once because your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, have acted corruptly. They have quickly turned aside from the way I commanded them, making for themselves a molten calf and bowing down to it, sacrificing to it and crying out, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!”

I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are, continued the LORD to Moses. Let me alone, then, that my anger may burn against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation. But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, “Why, O LORD, should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a strong hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent he brought them out, that he might kill them in the mountains and wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning wrath; change your mind about punishing your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.’” So the LORD changed his mind about the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. — *Exodus 32:1, 7-13*

# Covenant

- MEDIATOR: Moses
- GOD'S PROMISE: He will make Israel a great nation and sacred to the Lord their God if they observe His statutes, commandments, and decrees and hearken to His voice  
– *Deuteronomy 4-26*
- SIGN: Passover

## INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

1. Holy of Holies
2. Ark
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Shewbread
8. Outer Veil

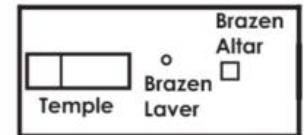
Pillar of Smoke

The Temple

Pillar



Size comparison (approximate):



Court of the Tabernacle

## TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen

Curtain enclosure

Court of the Tabernacle

Brzen Laver

Brzen Altar

Slaughter Tables

Entrance Curtain

# The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.



## Twelve Sent to Scout Canaan

They told Moses: “We came to the land to which you sent us. It does indeed flow with milk and honey, and here is its fruit. However, the people who are living in the land are powerful, and the towns are fortified and very large . . . Caleb, however, quieted the people before Moses and said, “We ought to go up and seize the land, for we can certainly prevail over it.”

– *Numbers 13:27-28, 30*

## **Note:**

- **Only 3 months passed from departure of Egypt to arrival at Mount Sinai and receipt of the Covenant tablets.**
- **Only one year passed from departure from Egypt until the scouting of Canaan.**

**The Hebrew people remained a further one year in the wilderness for each of the 40 days the scouts were in Canaan.**

**Significance – a new generation, intimately dependent on the protection of YHWH, was born and grew up in the wilderness under the leadership of Moses.**





So the LORD sent among the people seraph serpents, which bite the people so that many of the Israelites died. Then the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray to the LORD to take the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses: Make a seraph and mount it on a pole, and everyone who has been bitten will look at it and recover. Accordingly Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever the serpent bit someone, the person looked at the bronze serpent and recovered.

– *Numbers 21:6-9*

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

– *John 3:14-15*

1. Rameses. Israel left Egypt.
2. Succoth. After the Hebrews left this first campsite, the Lord attended them in a cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.
3. Pa-hahiroth. Passage through the Sea of Reeds.
4. Marah.
5. Elim.
6. Wilderness of Sin. The Lord sent manna and quail.
7. Rephidim.
8. Mount Sinai. Ten Commandments.
9. Sinai Wilderness. Israel constructed the Tabernacle.
10. Wilderness Camps.
11. Ezion-geber.
12. Kadesh-barnea.
13. Eastern Wilderness.
14. Arnon River.
15. Mount Nebo. Moses viewed the promised land and delivered sermons.



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## Moses' Farewell Address

You are standing today, all of you, in the presence of the LORD, your God . . . to enter into the covenant of the LORD, your God, which the LORD, your God, is making with you today, with its curse, so that he may establish you today as his people and he may be your God, as he promised you and as he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But it is not with you alone that I am making this covenant, with its curse, but with those who are standing here with us today in the presence of the LORD, our God, and with those who are not here with us today.

– *Deuteronomy 29:9a, 11-14*



## Paul Reminds the (Gentile) Christian Greeks of Corinth of Their Jewish Heritage

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. And do not become idolaters, as some of them did, as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.” Let us not indulge in immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell within a single day. Let us not test Christ as some of them did, and suffered death by serpents. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come.

– *1 Corinthians 10:1-11*

# Covenants Made in This Journey

- Adam & Eve – One Holy Couple – *Genesis:1-3*
- Noah – One Holy Family – *Genesis:9*
- Abraham – One Holy Tribe – *Genesis:15, 17, 22*
- Moses – One Holy Nation – *Exodus:24 / Deuteronomy:29*

The Hebrew people stand at the threshold of the Promised Land.

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