

From Egypt to Sinai

Exodus 12-19



The Text



- The exodus - **12:31-42**.
Israel is driven out.
Vs. 38 - “a mixed multitude”
Vs. 41 - 430 years, the very same day
- **12:43-13:16** - Moses gives more Passover, feast of unleavened bread & firstborn consecration instructions
(Remember, he likely wrote this letter later).

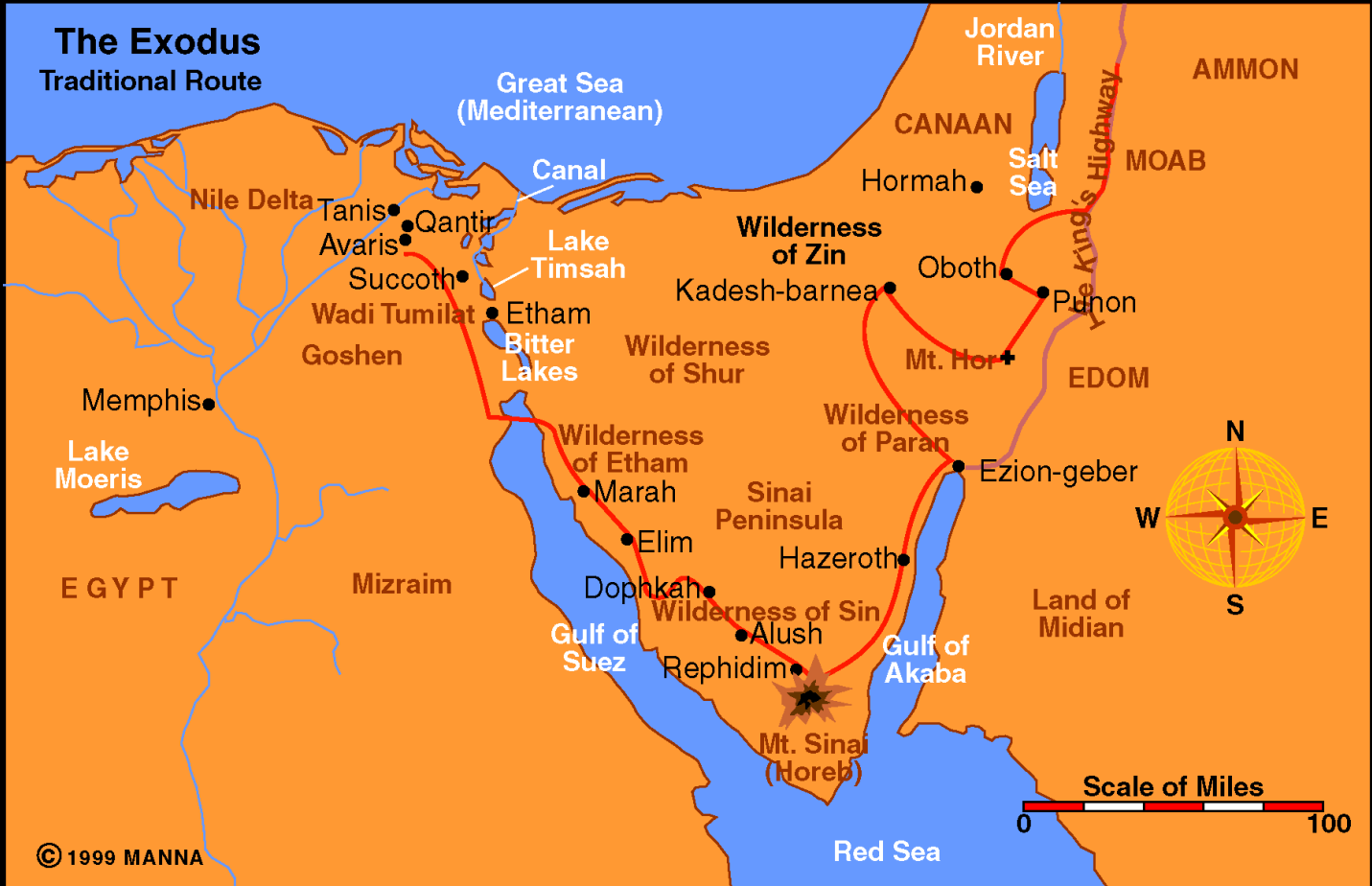
The Text



- Their route toward Sinai - **13:17-22**
The LORD did not send them on the direct trade route, but into the wilderness (they needed to prepare).
There are 2 suggested routes -

The Exodus

Traditional Route



The Exodus

Alternate Route



The Text



- Their route toward Sinai - **13:17-22**

There are 2 suggested routes - the distance is about 250-300 miles to the Red Sea depending on which route.

Israel had been traveling about 30 days when they arrive at the Red Sea.

The Text



- The Red Sea Crossing - **14:1-31**
- They arrive at the Red Sea
Pharaoh & Egypt change their mind (LORD hardened his heart) and pursued Israel. When they catch up, the LORD puts a barrier between the 2 groups.
- The people complain (**Vs. 10-13**)
- Israel crosses on dry ground
- The Egyptian army follows and the sea closes on them. The army is defeated once and for all.
- **Vs. 30-31** - the LORD saved Israel

The Text

A silhouette of a figure standing on a mountain peak, holding a staff or scepter. The figure is positioned in the center of the top of the slide, between two mountain ranges. The background is a dark, textured sky with vertical lines suggesting rain or a storm.

- The song of Moses - **15:1-19**
- Moses & Israel sang a song praising the LORD for His victory (Note: **Revelation 14:2-3** - a song of victory to those who had overcome Satan)
- **Vs. 20-21** - Miriam, sister of Aaron and the women danced and sang to the Lord (celebration).

The Text



- Bitter waters - **15:22-27**
- In the wilderness of Shur, 3 days traveling with no water. They come to a body of water (Marah), but it is not drinkable (bitter). The people again complain. Moses casts a tree into the water and it is purified (made sweet).
- **26-27** - a statute and ordinance between YHWH and the people



The Text

- Manna - **16:1-36**
- Again, the people complained (comparing how much better they were in Egypt).
- The LORD provides bread for them.
The instructions demonstrated His miraculous provisions daily!
Some of the people failed to listen to the instructions.
- The manna lasts for 40 years (**35, Joshua 5:12**)

The Text



- Water from a rock - **17:1-7**
- Again, the people complained (comparing how much better they were in Egypt).
- Moses cried to the LORD. He instructed him to strike the rock at Horeb with his rod. He did and water flowed for the people.

The Text



- Attacked by the Amalekites - **17:8-16**
- Israel is attacked from the rear (**Deut. 25:17-19**)
Joshua is introduced (**17:9**).
Israel gains a victory (Moses raises his staff and they prevail. Aaron & Hur help him).
- Amalek is cursed by YHWH (**17:14**, cf. **1 Samuel 15**).

The Text



- Jethro, priest of Midian - **18**
- Jethro hears about Moses' victory and visits him. He brings his wife Zipporah & 2 sons (Gershom & Eliezer) to visit him.
- He makes an offering to YHWH
- He sees Moses is overwhelmed with daily judgments and formulates a workable plan.

The Text



- They arrive at the wilderness of Sinai - **19:1**
- 3rd month (about 2-3 months from time of the Exodus).

They arrive at Mt. Sinai

600,000 men (**12:37**) plus children.

They have traveled approximately 450 miles and will remain at Sinai for about a year (**Numbers 10:11**)

Lessons



- The LORD demonstrates His continued care for His people
- Israel was learning to trust YHWH (**cf. Deuteronomy 8:1-3**)
- God CAN take care of us, spiritually and physically - **Matthew 6:32-34, 5:6**
cf. 2 Peter 2:9,
Romans 8:31-32 - If God be for us...
1 John 4:4 - He who is in you...

Lessons



- The Red Sea crossing - a type of salvation
- Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD
Exodus 14:13, 30-31
- Israel was “baptized into Moses” -
1 Corinthians 10:1-4ff. It was “immersion”
“Baptism” saved them - **1 Peter 3:20-21,**
Acts 2:38
- NOTE also: Grace, faith & obedience!



Lessons

- Don't settle for enslavement
- They wanted to return to Egypt (again)

Exodus 14:11-12

- Are we enslaved to sin?

John 8:34, Romans 6:16-17.

We do not have to remain in that state -

Romans 6:17-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12

- Don't CHOOSE to settle in sin because its easier than changing!

Lessons



- The dancing of Miriam (**15:20-21**)
- This example CANNOT be used as an example to justify the lascivious dancing venues today (high school prom, night clubs, etc.)
Galatians 5:19 - lewdness (lasciviousness, sensuality)

Lessons



- Constant complaining (**15:20-21**)
- While Israel had plenty of reason to trust God (they had witnessed the plagues, the Red Sea crossing, miraculous provisions of water & food, defeat of enemies, etc.) over and over they complained. From Egypt to Sinai, 4 occasions are recorded
 - Egyptian army, bitter waters, no food, no water again
- Are we grateful for what we have & content?
1 Thessalonians 5:18, Philippians 4:6, 11-13

Lessons



- Manna - bread from heaven (**Ex. 16**)
- Another example of God's provisions.
- Do we pray for "our daily bread"?

Matthew 6:11

- NOTE, Israel had to act to receive that bread -
cf. 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- We have an even greater "bread" -
John 6:48, 51 - Jesus is "the bread of life"

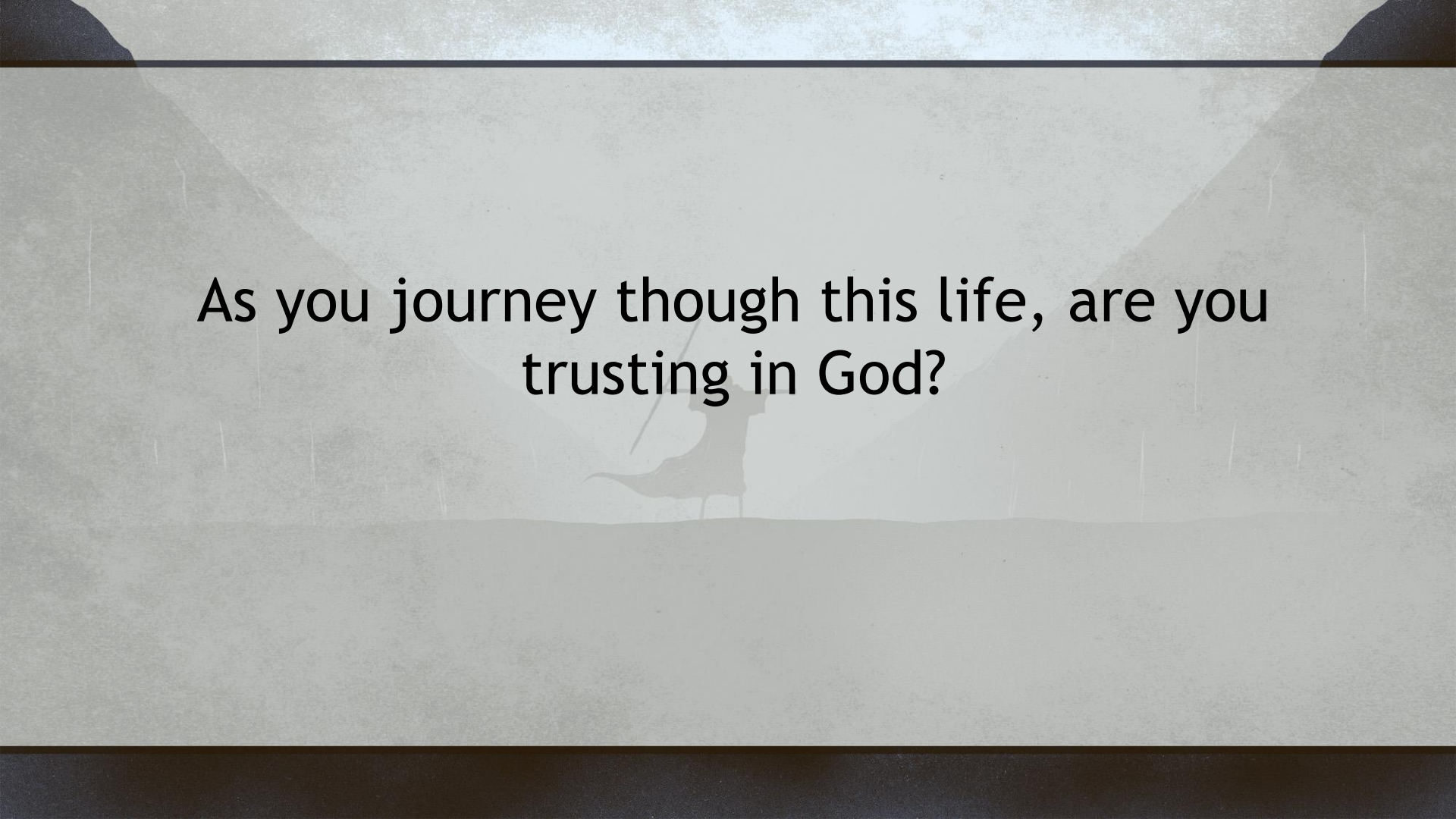
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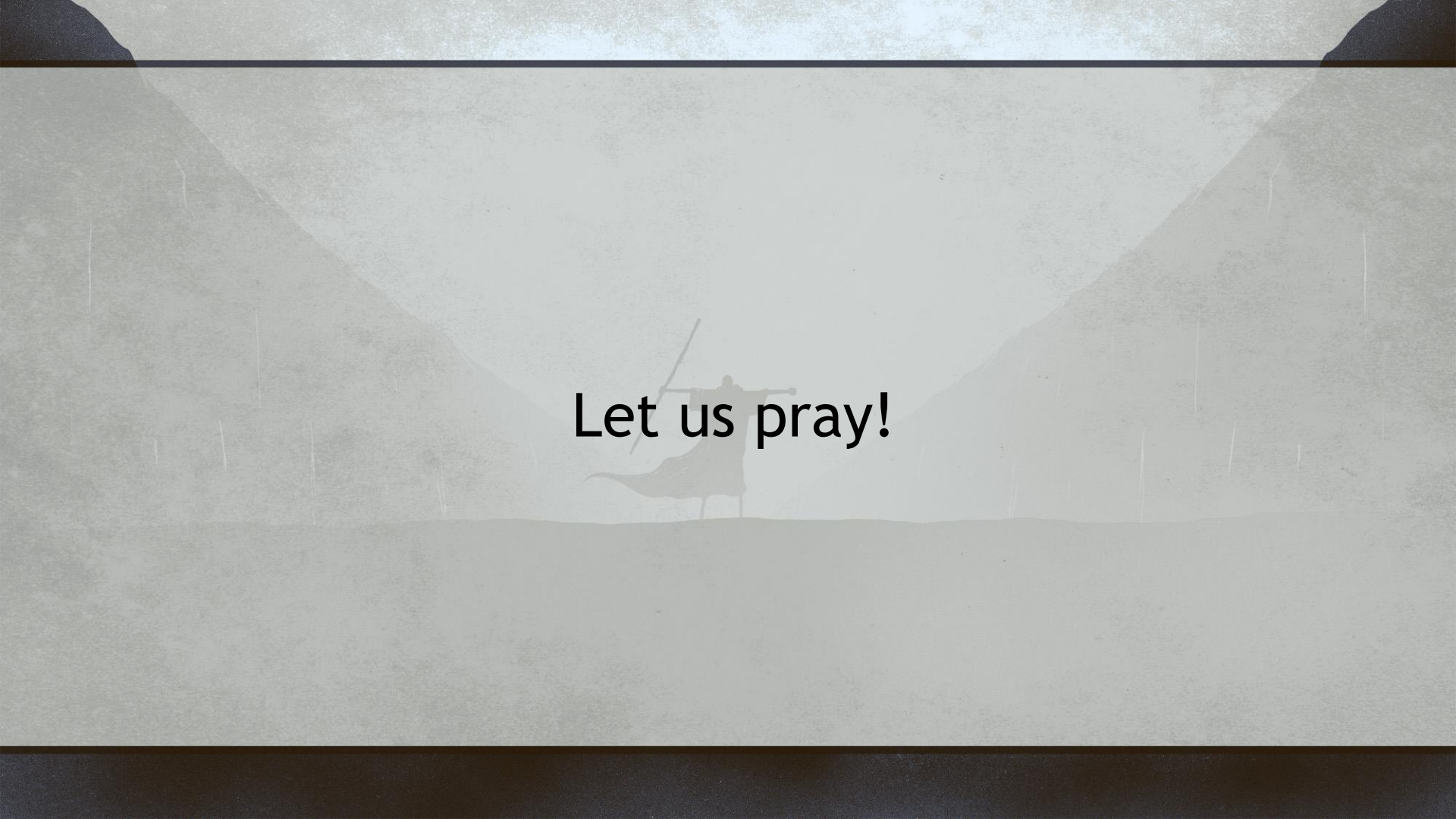
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- A lesson in leadership (**Ex. 18**)
- As Jethro meets with Moses and gives him advice.

Throughout this text we see the importance of wise leadership and delegation of authority, etc. It must be based upon trustworthiness, etc.

As you journey through this life, are you
trusting in God?



A silhouette of a person with a cape and a staff, standing on a hill against a background of mountains and a cloudy sky. The person is holding a staff or a cross. The scene is rendered in a monochromatic, textured style with a light blue and grey color palette. The person is positioned in the center of the frame, standing on a low ridge. Behind them are two large, rounded mountain peaks. The sky is filled with soft, textured clouds. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Let us pray!