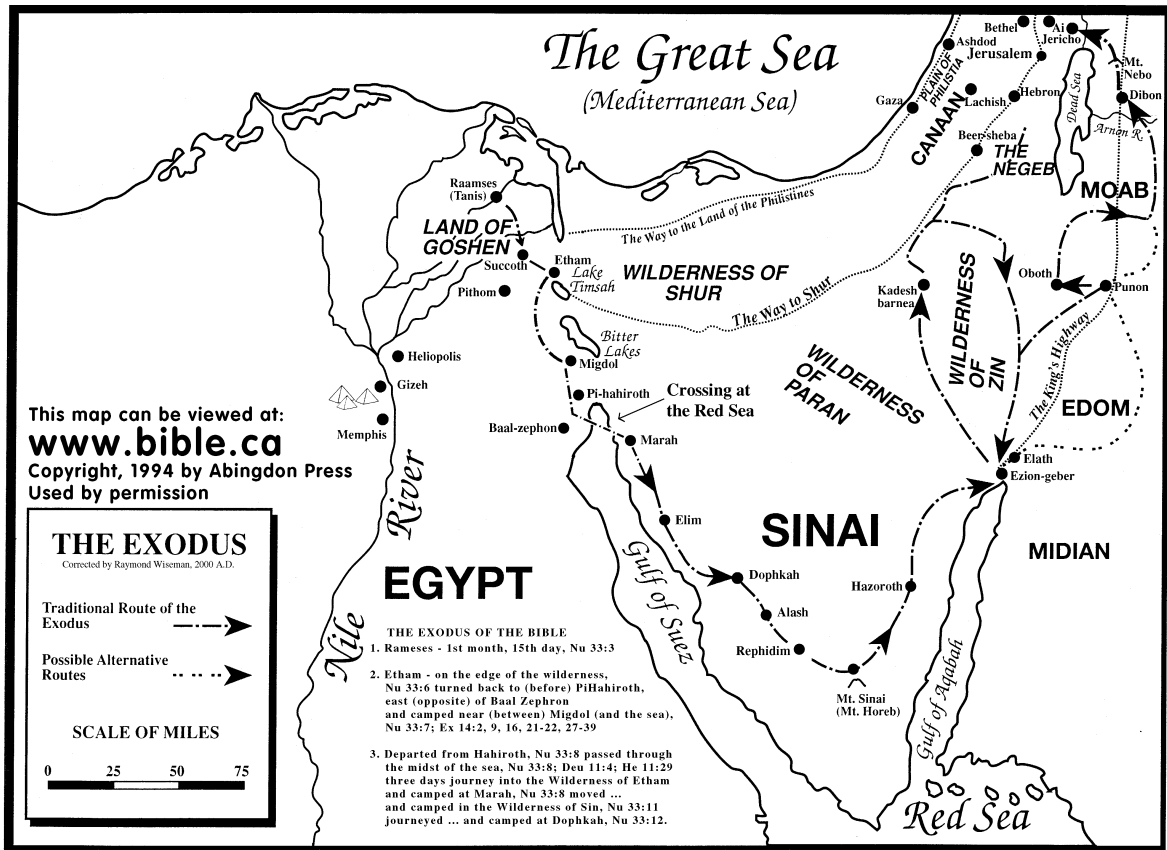


## Exodus

### Lesson #8, Chapters 18-20

1. Who is Jethro and what do we know about him? See Exodus 2:16-22; 3:1; 18:1-6; Numbers 10:29.
2. What do we learn about Moses' family in Exodus 18:2-6? How do the names of Moses' sons reflect the state of his heart when they were born?
3. Based on Exodus 18:1-3, 5-8, what insights can you glean about Moses' regard for and relationship with his father-in-law?
4. God's miraculous deliverance of Israel makes an impact upon Jethro, a priest of Midian. How does he respond when he hears of all God has done for Israel? See Exodus 18:8-12.
5. Jethro's wisdom is seen in his excellent counsel. How does Jethro's counsel help Moses? See Exodus 18:13-23.
6. Notice how Jethro narrows down Moses' "job" description in Exodus 18:19-20. How is that "narrowed down" focus similar to other leaders in the Scriptures? See Acts 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 4:13-16.

7. What leadership principles do we find in Exodus 18:21-26? Are there any principles you can glean from this passage to apply in your life, home, or work?
  
8. Trace Israel's journey on the map below. Also note how long it took after they crossed the Red Sea and entered into the desert from the verses that follow: Exodus 15:27; 16:1; 17:1; 18:5 (for further clarification read Exodus 3:1, 12; 4:27; 24:13); 19:1-2.



9. Where did Moses meet with God? See Exodus 19:3.

10. What does God desire Israel to know and understand from Exodus 19:4-5? How do the people respond to the Lord's message (Exodus 19:7-8)?
  
11. What does the Lord do for Moses? Why? See Exodus 19:9.
  
12. What instruction does God relay to Moses for the people in Exodus 19:10-15? What things does God want them to learn about worshiping Him from these directions?
  
13. How does God manifest Himself as the people come to meet with Him? See Exodus 19:16-20.
  
14. The Lord protectively reminds the people not to come near the mountain lest they be put to death. And then without much preamble, the Ten Commandments are given. As we look at the "shorthand" version of how to live well and please God, consider what God wanted the Israelites to understand about Him. What do you learn as you review Exodus 20:1-17?
  
15. Although we can't say we've been delivered from *Egypt* as Israel had (Exodus 20:2), God can still make a similar declaration to us. What deliverance have we experienced? See Romans 8:12-17; Galatians 1:3-5; Colossians 1:13-14; Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 2:14-15.

16. What kind of worship does God desire? See Exodus 20:3-7 as you consider your answer.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
17. What reason is given for setting aside a day of rest in Exodus 20:8-11?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
18. By Jesus' day, Israel's thoughts about the Sabbath had been distorted and manipulated. What did Jesus remind the people about the purpose of the Sabbath? See Matthew 12:8-12; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:6-11; 13:10-17; John 7:22-23.
  - a. What does the author of Hebrews teach us about the Sabbath? See Hebrews 4:1-11.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
19. With the exception of the Sabbath, the Ten Commandments are still in effect within the Law of Liberty, which is the Law of Christ. How are we to interact with each other according to Exodus 20:12-17? Consider how these commands provide the framework for our interactions with each other today.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
20. What was happening at Sinai as God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses? See Exodus 20:18-21. What *purpose* is explained for the magnificence of this event?
  - a. What new information is introduced about this event by the author of Hebrews in Hebrews 12:18-29? How should those truths affect how we live?

21. God points out that He spoke to the Israelites from *heaven* in Exodus 20:22. What does that teach us about God?
  
22. What instructions about an altar are given in Exodus 20:23-26?
  
23. What does the rather surprising instruction in Exodus 20:26 teach you about God and what He expects of His worshipers? See also Exodus 28:40-43; Leviticus 10:3; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 1:14-16; 2:9-10.
  
24. God is specific in how He wants to be worshiped. What details stand out to you from these chapters?

“‘Sir,’ said the Duke of Wellington to an officer of engineers, who urged the impossibility of executing the directions he had received, ‘I did not ask your opinion, I gave you my orders and I expect them to be obeyed.’ Such should be the obedience of every follower of Jesus.” ~C. H. Spurgeon<sup>1</sup>

“Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven! Feed me till I want no more.”  
~William Williams<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Charles H. Spurgeon, Josiah H. Gilbert, editor, *Dictionary of Burning Words of Brilliant Writers* (New York: Wilbur B. Ketchum, 1895), 435.

<sup>2</sup> William Williams, *ibid.*, 263.