

Moses, Mt Sinai & the Exodus

➤ Questions to be Answered:

- Did Moses really grow up in Pharaoh's family as a potential 'Prince in Egypt?' (Yes! See Acts 7:22-24; Hebrews 11:23-27)
- Did Moses really slay an Egyptian? (Yes! I.M pg.105)
- How many people left Egypt at the time of the Exodus? (approx. 2 mill)
- How many years had the Children of Israel been serving as slaves in Egypt? (430 years; Ex 12:40-41)
- Why did the Lord have the Children of Israel put blood on the door posts rather than elsewhere? (Ex 12-13)
- How long did it take for Moses to part the Red Sea? (Ex 14:21 all night?)
- When did *Moses 1* take place (where he saw God and all of His creations)? (After Burning Bush, before returning)
- How many times did Moses go up Mt. Sinai to converse with the Lord? (approx. 10 recorded—see chart)
- Why did Moses bring the Children of Israel to Mount Sinai? (to see God Ex 19:17)
- Which is the most important Commandment? (Harold B. Lee quote; D&C 59:3-4)
- Where were the Children of Israel when they wandered for 40 years? (Wadi Musa in Jordan?)
- How does Moses relate to us today & to the Second Coming?

EXODUS / NUMBERS:

The Book of Genesis (In the Beginning)

The Book of Exodus ("The Departure"; A nation enslaved, a nation redeemed, a nation set apart)

Exodus 12:33-42; 13:17-22 (Passover)

The Book of Numbers (In the Wilderness)

The Book of Deuteronomy (Repetition of the Law)

Site Preparations:

- Exodus 20 (10 Commandments)
- Exodus 19 **Peculiar Treasure** = Sanctify Them = the process is thru Commandments
- D&C 59:3-4 (More Commandments)
- **Spencer W. Kimball's** "The Ten Commandments" (Ensign, Nov., 1978, p. 6)
- Order of Encampment

MOUNT SINAI (in the Sinai Peninsula):

- *Mount Sinai* is also known as Mount Horeb, Mount Musa, Gebel Musa or Jabal Musa.
- Mt. Sinai's elevation is 7,497 feet at the top, and 5,450 feet at the base.
- The hike is approximately **4.35 miles** (7 kilometers). It takes approximately 3 hours to climb to the top and around 2 to get down.
- From the place where the camel drops you off, there are 760 steep steps that are ruggedly cut into the mountain that take you to the top.
- There are 2 ways to descend the Mountain. One is a short way down with 3,750 very steep steps. The other is the winding snake path that the camels take. It is longer, but much better on the knees and joints. ☺

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QUOTES:

We cannot break the 10 Commandments; we can only break ourselves against them, or else by keeping them, rise through them to the fullness of freedom under God. God means us to be free. With divine daring, He gave us the power of choice.

(Cecil B. Demille, Commencement Address, BYU, May 1957.)

“The most important of all the commandments of God is that one that you're having the most difficulty keeping today. If it's one of dishonesty, if it's one of unchastity, if it's one of falsifying, not telling the truth, today is the day for you to work on that until you've been able to conquer that weakness. Then you start on the next one that's most difficult for you to keep.”

(Harold B. Lee, Church News, May 5, 1973)

“Those of deep faith do not murmur. They are generously disposed, and they are reluctant to murmur, even while in deep difficulties . . . Damage to ourselves is sufficient reason to resist murmuring, but another obvious danger is its contagiousness . . . Instead of murmuring, therefore, being of good cheer is what is needed, and being of good cheer is equally contagious. We have clear obligations to so strengthen each other...” *(Neal A. Maxwell, CR, Oct. 89, p. 105)*

“Happiness is the object and design of our existence; and will be the end thereof, if we pursue the path that leads to it; and this path is virtue, uprightness, faithfulness, holiness, and keeping all the commandments of God. But we cannot keep all the commandments without first knowing them, and we cannot expect to know all, or more than we now know unless we comply with or keep those we have already received . . . He never will institute an ordinance or give a commandment to His people that is not calculated in its nature to promote that happiness which He has designed.” *[HC 5:134-35] Aug. 27, 1842) TPJS, pg. 255-256*

President Nelson: “Of course it’s hard. Everything to do with becoming more like the Savior is difficult. For example, when God wanted to give the Ten Commandments to Moses, where did He tell Moses to go? Up on top of a mountain, on the top of Mount Sinai. So Moses had to walk all the way up to the top of that mountain to get the Ten Commandments. Now, Heavenly Father could have said, ‘Moses, you start there, and I’ll start here, and I’ll meet you halfway.’ No, the Lord loves effort, because effort brings rewards that can’t come without it.”

(“An Especially Noble Calling”, By Joy D. Jones, *Primary General President, April 2020 General Conference*)

MOSES & MOUNT SINAI

(Exodus 19:1-2)

Exodus 3 Burning Bush

Moses 1 Vision of all Creations, Satan, etc.

Exodus 19:3-7 Be a peculiar treasure-a Kingdom of Priests, a Holy Nation

Exodus 19:8-15 Sacntify the people; wash clothes, no sex, etc. for 3 days

Exodus 19:16-25 Lord calls Moses up; People will perish; Bring only Aaron

Exodus 20:1-18 The 10 Commandments Given

Exodus 20:20—Ch. 23 The Lord Reveals His Laws: Eye for an eye, etc. (sprinkles blood on people)

Exodus 24:1-2, 9-11 Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, & 70 Elders see God

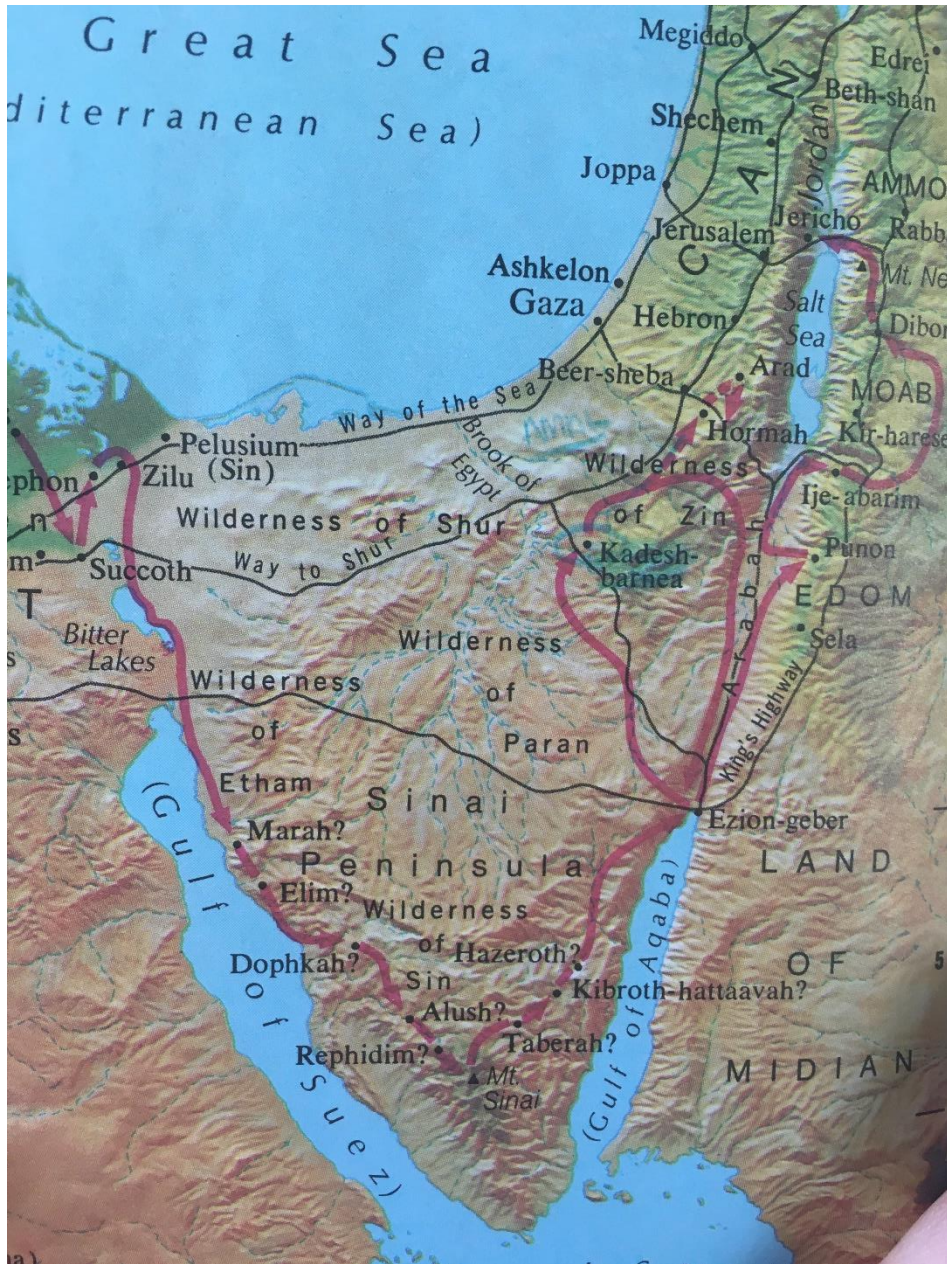
Exodus 24:12—32:29 Moses & Joshua for 40 days: 2 Tablets given, Tabernacle details given; upon return = gold calf; 'Who's on the Lords side?'; melt it & drink

Exodus 32:30—33:5 Moses mediates; Lead them to Promised Land

Exodus 33:6—34:4 "Face to Face" in the Tabernacle

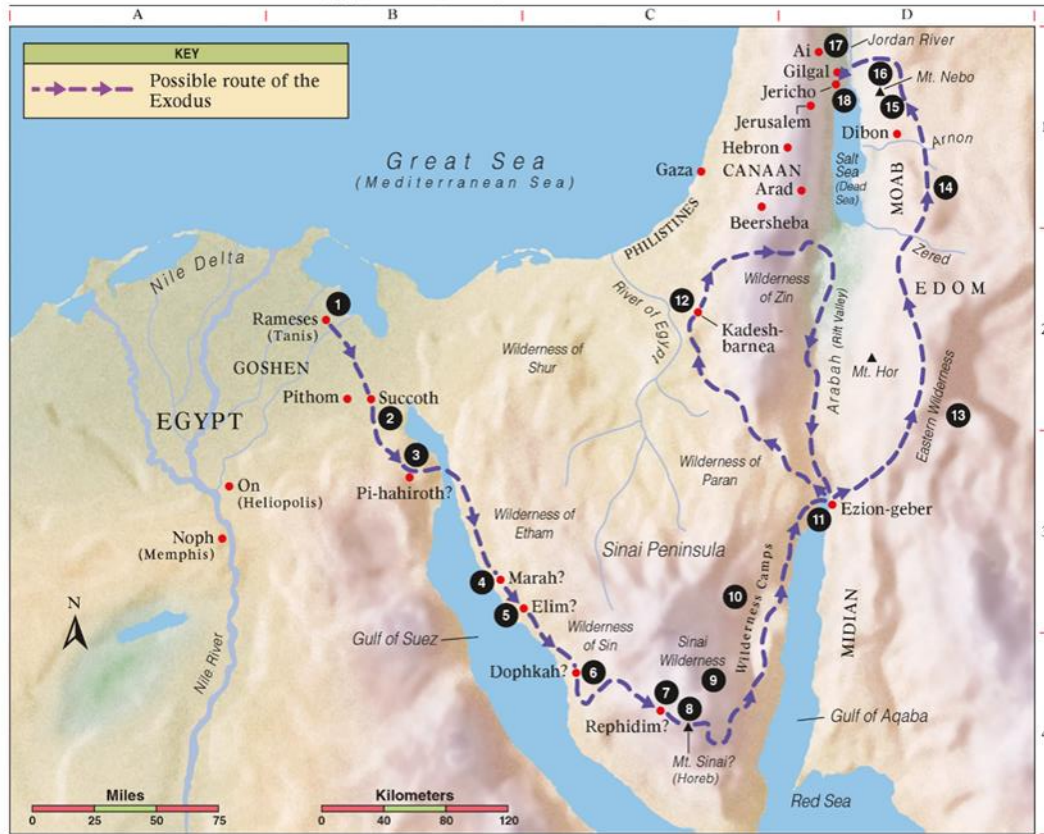
Exodus 34:1—35:29 40 Days: New Tablets (no M.P.), Promised Land- Moses face shines

Leviticus 1—ch. 8:5 Lord instructs in the Tabernacle; Offerings (Pr. Manual)



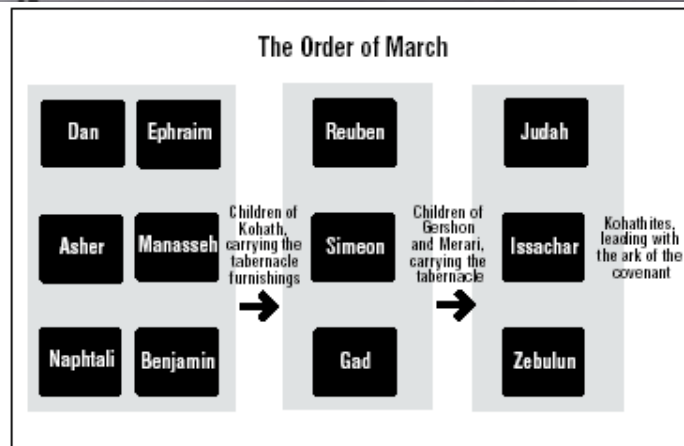
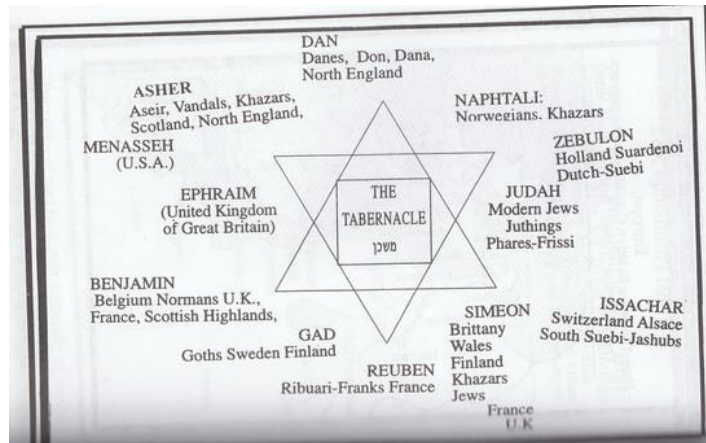
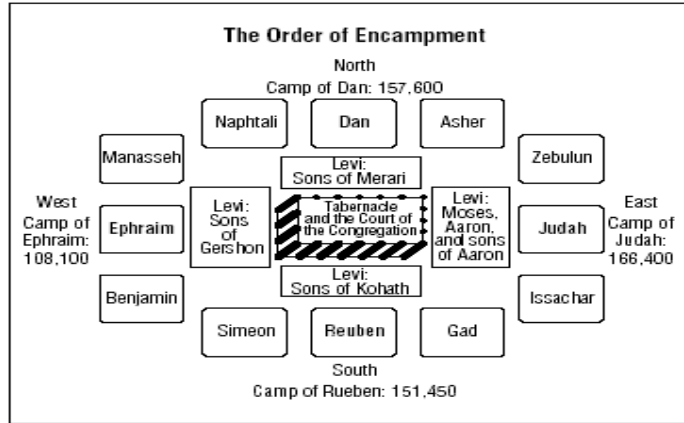
Map found in the Old LDS version of the scriptures

2. Israel's Exodus from Egypt and Entry into Canaan



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Children of Israel Order of Encampment



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On June 3, 2018, **President Russell M. Nelson and his wife, Wendy W. Nelson**, invited the youth to “enlist in the youth battalion of the Lord” and take part in “the greatest challenge, the greatest cause, and the greatest work on earth.”

And what is the greatest challenge? The gathering of Israel.

“My dear extraordinary youth, you were sent to earth at this precise time, the most crucial time in the history of the world, to help gather Israel,” the prophet said. “There is *nothing* happening on this earth right now that is more important than that. There is *nothing* of greater consequence. Absolutely *nothing*. This gathering should mean *everything* to you. This *is* the mission for which you were sent to earth.”

Sister Wendy Nelson:

“While that question simmers in your mind, let’s shift and talk about why you are here on earth—at *this particular time*, which is such a unique time in the history of the earth.

Why are you here on earth right now?

Why were you not born back in the 1880s? or 30 years from now?

Let me tell you of an experience that taught me firsthand about the historic days in which we live.

We often talk about living in the latter days. We are, after all, Latter-day Saints. But perhaps these days are more “latter” than we have ever imagined.

This truth became a reality for me because of what I experienced during one 24-hour period of time that commenced on June 15, 2013. My husband and I were in Moscow, Russia.

While President Nelson met with priesthood leaders, I had the privilege of meeting with nearly 100 of our sisters. I *love* our Russian sisters. They are spectacular!

When I stepped to the pulpit to speak, I found myself saying something I'd never anticipated. I said to the women: "I'd like to get to know you by lineage. Please stand as the tribe of Israel that represents the lineage declared in your patriarchal blessing is spoken."

"Benjamin?" A couple of women stood.

"Dan?" A couple more.

"Reuben?" A few more stood.

"Naphtali?" More stood.

As the names of the twelve tribes of Israel were announced—from Asher to Zebulun—and as the women stood, we were all amazed with what we were witnessing, feeling, and learning.

How many of the twelve tribes of Israel do you think were represented in that small gathering of fewer than 100 women on that Saturday in Moscow?

Eleven! Eleven of the twelve tribes of Israel were represented in that one room! The only tribe missing was that of Levi. I was astonished. It was a spiritually moving moment for me.

Immediately after those meetings my husband and I went directly to Yerevan, Armenia. The first people we met as we got off the plane were the mission president and his wife. Somehow, she had heard about this experience in Moscow, and with great delight, she said, "I've got Levi!"

Just imagine our thrill when my husband and I met their missionaries the next day, including an elder from the tribe of Levi who just happened to be from Gilbert, Arizona.

The Twelve Tribes of Israel

God promised Abraham that his descendants would be His covenant people. This promise came to Abraham's son Isaac and grandson Jacob, also called Israel. He had 12 sons whose descendants are known as the 12 tribes of

Israel. Manasseh and Ephraim were sons of Joseph. Ancient prophets foretold the scattering of Israel. They also foretold that Israel would be gathered again in a future day. To learn more, see President Nelson's October 2006 general conference message, "[The Gathering of Scattered Israel.](#)"



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Now, when I was a little girl attending Primary in Raymond, Alberta, Canada, I learned that in the last days—before the Second Coming of the Savior—the twelve tribes of Israel would be gathered. That truth was thrilling to me and, at the same time, quite overwhelming to wrap my mind around. So imagine what it was like for me to be with members of all twelve tribes of Israel within one 24-hour period of time!

I have since learned that I probably should not have asked those sisters to identify themselves by lineage because patriarchal blessings are sacred and the lineage declared in them is personal. Yet I am so grateful for the privilege I had of seeing the fruits of the gathering of Israel firsthand. The impact of that experience has never diminished in my heart or mind.

My dear brothers and sisters, these are indeed the latter days! There has *never* been a time like this in the history of this world. Never! Premortally, you and I committed to do a great work while we are here on earth. And with the Lord's help, we will do it! In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

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President Russell M. Nelson: Thank you, Wendy. I love you! Isn't she wonderful?

My dear young brothers and sisters, these surely *are* the latter days, and the Lord is hastening His work to gather Israel. That gathering is the most important thing taking place on earth today. Nothing else compares in magnitude, nothing else compares in importance, nothing else compares in

majesty. And if you choose to, if you want to, you can be a big part of it. You can be a big part of something big, something grand, something majestic!

When we speak of the *gathering*, we are simply saying this fundamental truth: every one of our Heavenly Father's children, on both sides of the veil, deserves to hear the message of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. They decide for themselves if they want to know more.

Those whose lineage is from the various tribes of Israel are those whose hearts will most likely be turned to the Lord. He said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."³ Those who are of the house of Israel will most easily recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and will desire to be gathered into His fold. They will want to become members of His Church, make covenants with Him and Heavenly Father, and receive their essential ordinances.

The Lord told the Prophet Joseph Smith that now, meaning our day, is the eleventh hour and the last time that He will call laborers into His vineyard for the express purpose of gathering the elect from the four quarters of the earth.⁴

My question tonight to every one of you between the ages of 12 and 18 is this: Would you like to be a big part of *the greatest* challenge, *the greatest* cause, and *the greatest* work on earth today?

Would you like to help gather Israel during these precious latter days? Would you, who are the elect, be willing to help find the elect who have not heard the message of the restored gospel? Would you like to be among those "swift messengers" of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke?⁵



Now, participating in the gathering of Israel will require some sacrifice on your part. It may even require some changes in your life. It will definitely take some of your time and energy and your God-given talents. Are you interested?

Just think of the excitement and urgency of it all: every prophet commencing with Adam has seen our day. And every prophet has talked about *our* day, when Israel would be gathered and the world would be prepared for the Second Coming of the Savior. Think of it! Of all the people who have ever lived on planet earth, we are the ones who get to participate in this final, great gathering event. How exciting is that!

Our Heavenly Father has reserved many of His most noble spirits—perhaps, I might say, His finest team—for this final phase. Those noble spirits—those finest players, those heroes—are *you!*

I testify that the gathering is now, and it is real. In the year I was born, the total membership of the Church was less than 600,000 people, with no members in South America. Today there are more than 16 million members worldwide, with nearly 3 million members in South America.

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“What can I, as a teenager, do to help gather Israel?”.....

We first asked, “What is the gathering of Israel? And what does it mean to you?” Their answers varied, but the majority indicated they weren’t quite sure what it was. Tonight, we want you to know that the gathering of Israel ultimately means offering the gospel of Jesus Christ to God’s children on both sides of the veil who have neither made crucial covenants with God nor received their essential ordinances.

Every child of our Heavenly Father deserves the opportunity to *choose* to follow Jesus Christ, to accept and receive His gospel with all of its blessings—yes, all the blessings that God promised to the lineage of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who, as you know, is also known as Israel.

My dear extraordinary youth, you were sent to earth at this precise time, the most crucial time in the history of the world, to help gather Israel. There is *nothing* happening on this earth right now that is more important than that. There is *nothing* of greater consequence. Absolutely *nothing*.

This gathering should mean *everything* to you. This is the mission for which you were sent to earth.

So my question to you is “Are you willing to enlist in the youth battalion of the Lord to help gather Israel?” Please think about it. Don’t answer just yet.