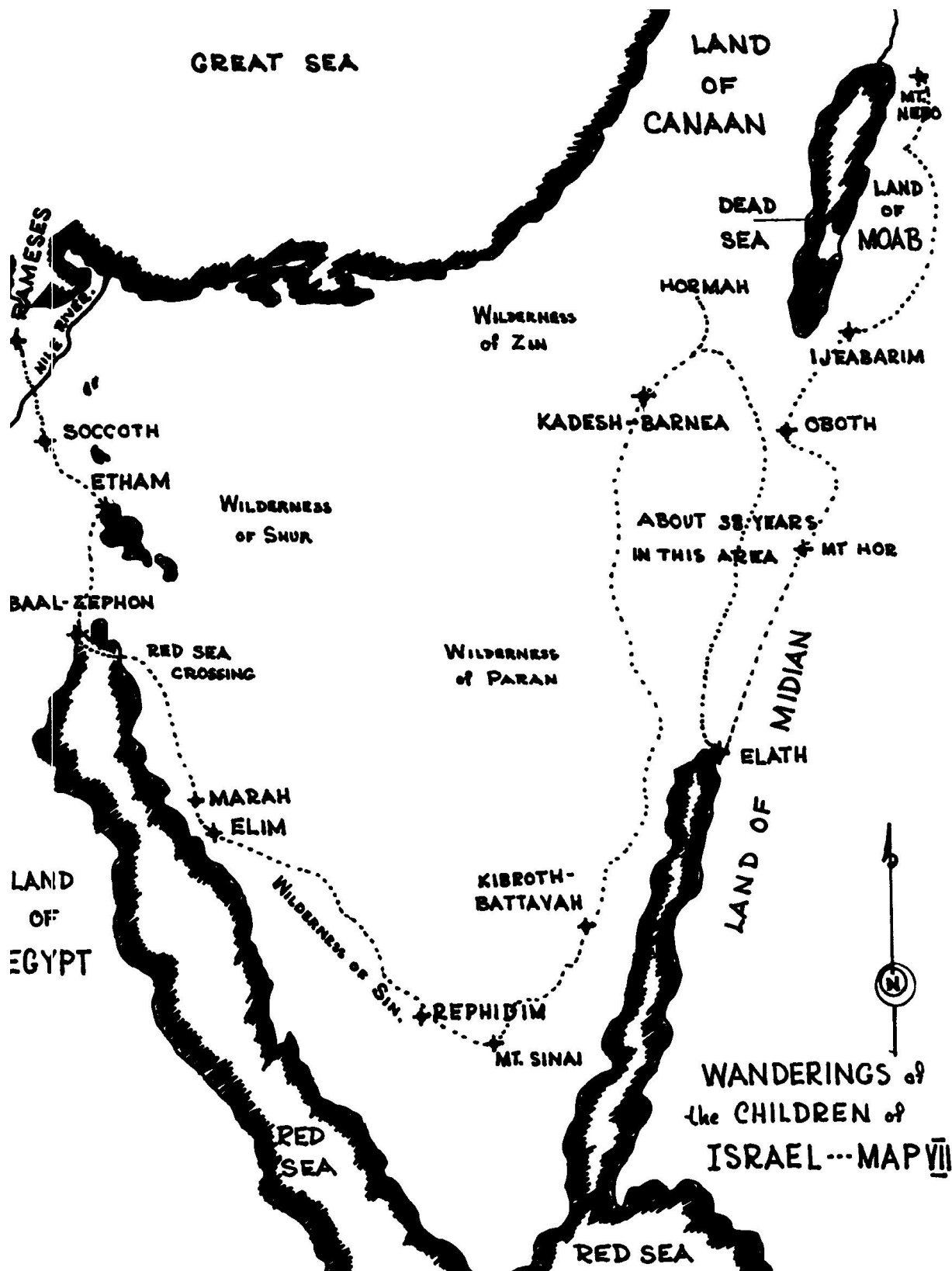


OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
PERIOD THREE
THE HEBREW NATION - SLAVES
LESSON 10

Time	PERIOD THREE	THE HEBREW NATION
Main thought	MAKING A NATION AND TAKING LAND	
Books that tell of each part	EXODUS	LEVITICUS NUMBERS DEUTERONOMY JOSHUA
What this part tells about	<p>The diagram consists of six rectangular boxes arranged in an ascending staircase pattern from left to right. The boxes contain the following text from bottom-left to top-right: SLAVE, SET FREE, MT. SINAI (Law given), WANDERING IN WILDERNESS, TAKING THE LAND, and SETTLING THE LAND.</p>	



WANDERINGS of
 the CHILDREN of
 ISRAEL---MAP VII

1. THE HEBREW NATION IN EGYPT

READ EXODUS 1:1 to 13:19.

A. The people of Israel to return to Canaan.

The word "exodus" means "way out" or "a going out." The first part of Exodus tells us that it was time for the people of Israel to go back to Canaan. It was time to go out of the country of Egypt.

God told Abraham that his descendants would spend 400 years in a strange country. God told him that they would be treated mean. God also told Abraham that He would bring his descendants back to their own country. He said He would punish the nation that would be mean to Abraham's children (Genesis 15:13,14).

The people of Israel had been in Egypt 400 years. It was time for them to go back to their own country.

B. The people of Israel were a great nation.

Who had more people, Egypt or Israel (Exodus 1:9)?

It is believed that Israel grew to be a nation of about 3,000,000 people. When they left Egypt there were 600,000 men. There were also women and children. Also people of mixed blood joined with the people of Israel. See Exodus 12:37,38.

C. The people of Israel suffered.

What did Pharaoh do when he saw that the people of Israel were a great nation (Exodus 1:11)?

What happened to the people of Israel because of this (Exodus 1:11,12)?

It is said, when young eagles are old enough to fly, the mother eagle takes the feathers out of the nest. This leaves the sharp thorns and sticks. The young eagles become unhappy. They want to leave the nest.

This is what God did to the people of Israel. The people of Israel were happy in Egypt. They lived in the best part of Egypt. No one bothered them, because Egypt was the strongest nation at that time. Egypt ruled as far north as the Euphrates River.

God wanted the people of Israel to go back to their own country. He had to make them want to leave Egypt. God made Pharaoh fear the people of Israel. Pharaoh made it hard for them. He made them build large cities (Exodus 1:11). Some of these cities can be seen today. When the people of Israel suffered very much, they cried to God for help.

The book of Exodus is a picture of our salvation. Before we can be saved, we must want to leave the sinful pleasures of this world. We must want to stop doing the sinful things we are doing. God makes us miserable in the sinful things we do. He makes it hard, that we want to get away from the sinful things. We come to the place where we cry to God for help. Then He sends the Savior to save us.

God had to make the people of Israel willing to leave Egypt. God wanted them in their own country. He also had to give them a leader or savior.

2. MOSES IN EGYPT

READ EXODUS 2:1-15.

A. His birth.

Acts 7:20 and Hebrews 11:23 help us to know more of Moses' birth.

What did Pharaoh want done to the boys who were born to the people of Israel (Exodus 1:15-21)?

What did Moses' mother do (Hebrews 11:23; Exodus 2:2)?

B. His childhood.

It is wonderful to see how God works in the minds of people. What did Moses' mother do when she could not hide him any longer (Exodus 2:3)?

God guided her to place the basket in the Nile River. Then God sent the daughter of Pharaoh to find Moses in the River. When the daughter of Pharaoh found Moses, she had for him (Exodus 2:6).

What did Moses' sister do (Exodus 2:7)?

The safest place was in the home of Pharaoh. That was where God put Moses. God worked things out. The mother of Moses could take care of her own child the first years of his life. She was paid to take care of him. Wonderful!

C. His learning.

Moses' mother must have taught him the things of God. When Moses was older, he chose to go God's way (Hebrews 11:24-26; Acts 7:22-25).

When Moses was old enough, he went to Pharaoh's house. Pharaoh's daughter named him Moses. Moses means "drawn out of the water."

While Moses was in Pharaoh's house, he got the best learning he could get. He went to school for forty years in Pharaoh's house. He was taught to be a great ruler like Pharaoh. He learned how to rule a nation. God prepared Moses to become a leader of His people.

3. MOSES IN THE WILDERNESS

A. His work and learning.

Moses loved the people of Israel. He wanted to help them. What happened when he went out to see them (Exodus 2:11,12)?

What did he learn the next day (Exodus 2:13,14)?

Moses left Egypt and went into the land of Midian. Find this on the map.

Who did Moses work for in Midian (Exodus 2:16,18)?

What kind of work did he do?

This was a great change for Moses. He had been in a beautiful house. Now he was out in the fields with the sheep. Moses had learned how to be a leader. Here God showed Moses how he could use what he learned. Before he studied from books. Now he had nothing to read. He was alone with God. God could talk to him.

God taught Moses for forty years. Moses learned about the wilderness. He learned how to take care of himself in the wilderness. **He learned to know God. He learned to trust God.**

B. His call.

What did Moses see one day (Exodus 3:2)?

Who was in the bush (Exodus 3:6)?

What did He say His name was (Exodus 3:14)?

This name tells us that God is a person. God knows who He is and what He is. God is the person who knows all things. God does not need anyone else to keep Him alive.

After forty years in God's school, Moses forgot how great he was. God told Moses, "Go and bring the people of Israel out of Egypt."

What did Moses tell God (Exodus 4:10)?

The word "eloquent" means to be able to talk easily, to be able to talk with power.

Was God happy with Moses' words?

Sometimes God will let us have our own way. But, we will not get the greatest happiness.

Who was to help Moses with this work (Exodus 4:14)?

God gave Moses three signs to show that He sent him. What were these three signs?

- Exodus 4:3,4
- Exodus 4:6,7
- Exodus 4:9

4. MOSES BEFORE PHARAOH

A. Ten plagues.

Name the ten plagues God sent into Egypt.

- 1) Exodus 7:20
- 2) Exodus 8:6
- 3) Exodus 8:17
- 4) Exodus 8:24
- 5) Exodus 9:6
- 6) Exodus 9:10
- 7) Exodus 9:23
- 8) Exodus 10:13
- 9) Exodus 10:22
- 10) Exodus 11:5

B. Pharaoh's heart.

Egypt had thousands of gods. Each Pharaoh had his own god. What did this Pharaoh say

about the God of Israel (Exodus 5:2)?

Pharaoh was to learn who this God of Israel was. Because Pharaoh did not know God, he did not want to obey Him.

Pharaoh did not think the miracles Moses did were great. All his medicine men could do miracles. Pharaoh would not listen to Moses. He made the people of Israel work harder.

Even the people of Israel turned against Moses. Moses prayed to God for help. God helped Moses. After a while God did things the medicine men could not do. Then the medicine men could not stand before Moses (Exodus 9:11). They knew there was a greater God than their gods.

However, Pharaoh still would not listen. He made his heart hard to God. After Pharaoh made his heart hard to God, God made Pharaoh's heart hard (Exodus 9:12).

This is a lesson for us. If we do not listen to God when He speaks to us, He may make our hearts hard. When we make our hearts hard till God makes them hard, something really bad can happen to us (Hebrews 3:8,15).

WORDS TO LEARN

1. eloquent - to be able to talk easily, to be able to talk with power.
2. plague - something that makes great trouble.
3. sons - is sometimes used in the Bible to mean children, boy or girl, man or woman.