



Spiritual Lessons from the life of Moses

Lesson 6- Dedication of the firstborn and Route to Canaan

Exodus 13

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(1)Background:

- Through the 10th plague, the firstborn of Egypt were destroyed.
- The Israelites were protected by the blood of the Passover Lamb.
- Pharaoh's firstborn son died. Pharaoh gave in to God's demand for the release of the Israelites.



(2) Dedicate the Firstborn Israelites to the Lord (Exod 13:1-2)

(a) In remembrance of the deliverance out of slavery by the destruction of the firstborn of Egypt, the firstborn Israelites were set apart for the Lord.

(b) The Israelites were to remember that their lives were ransomed by blood of the passover lamb, which in due time Christ came to fulfil.

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(d) Watch video Chap 13, Exodus. Beginning-end:

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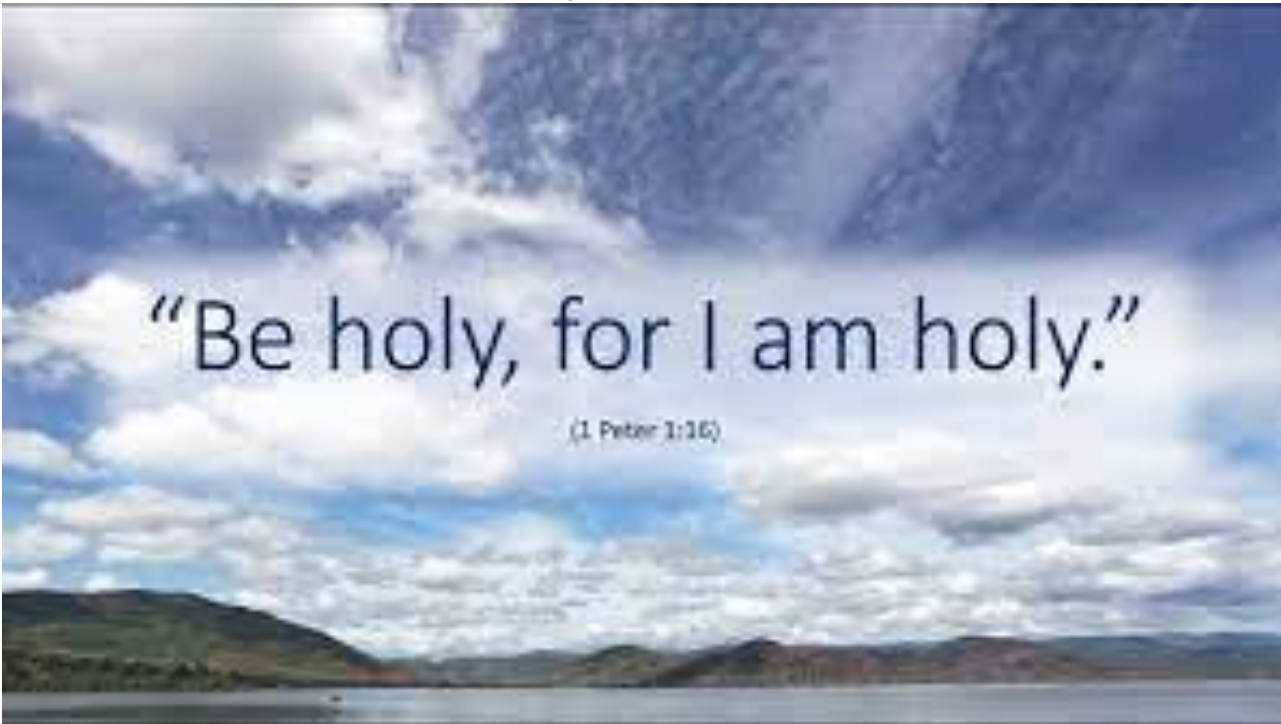
Please watch with discernment as some parts of the movie may be inaccurate.

Question: What are some of the difficulties in moving from Egypt to Canaan?
Consider (a) People, (b) household items, (c) animals.

(2) Spiritual Lessons

(a) Live holy lives

We have also been ransomed by the crucified Christ for our sins. We no longer face the judgment of God because Christ has died for our sins. Hence, we should live holy lives.



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(b) How do we live holy lives?

- God's Word
- Principles and teachings
- Do not violate God's Word
- Sermon and bible study
- Quiet Time

(c) Live righteously

- Turn away from sin
- Do the right thing according to God's Word

(d) Godly counsel

- Pastors
- Elders
- Christian leaders

(e) Holy Spirit

- Peace
- Burden to undertake a task

(f) Events and circumstances

- Push & pull factors

(3) Moving from Egypt to Mt Sinai

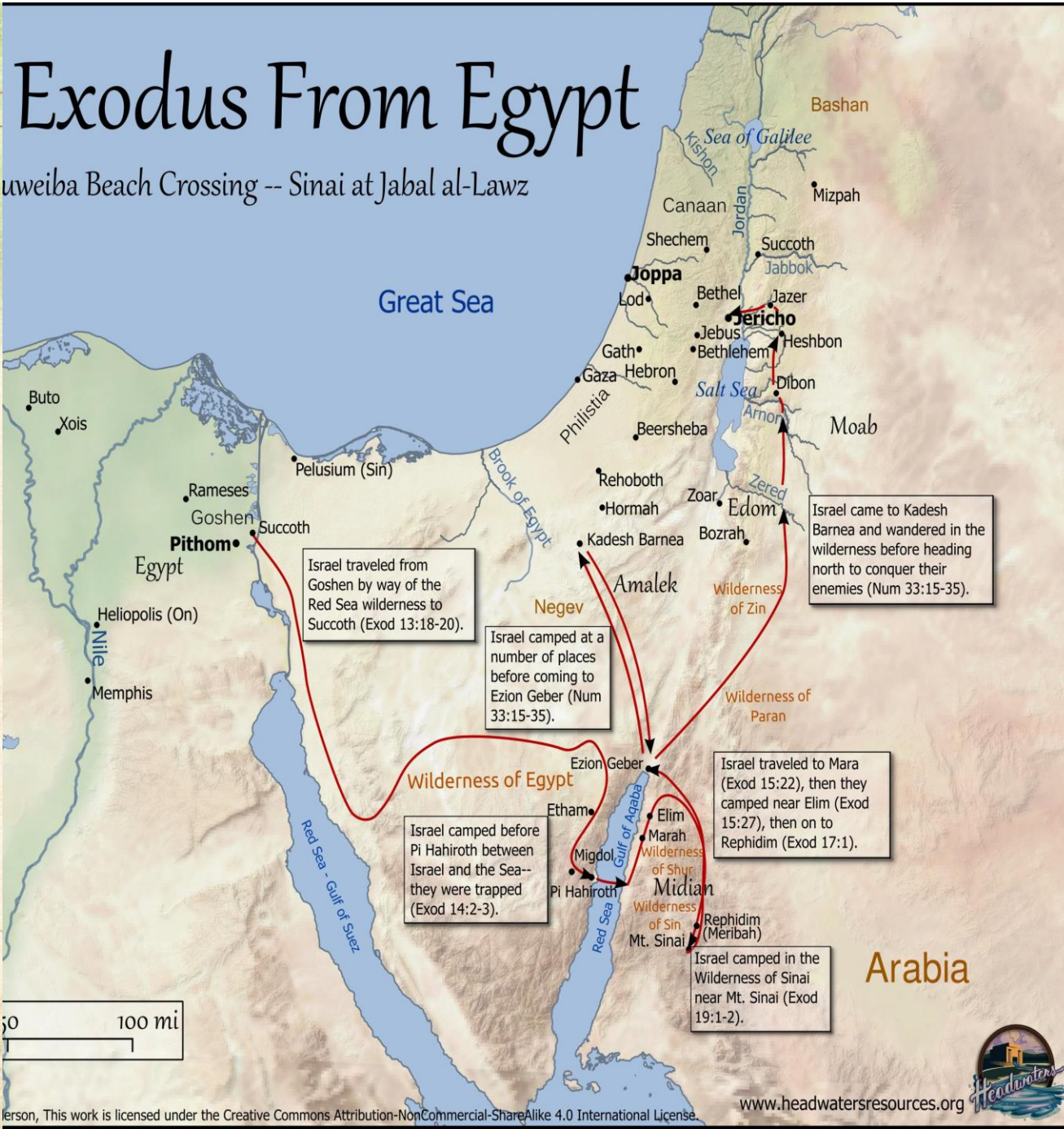
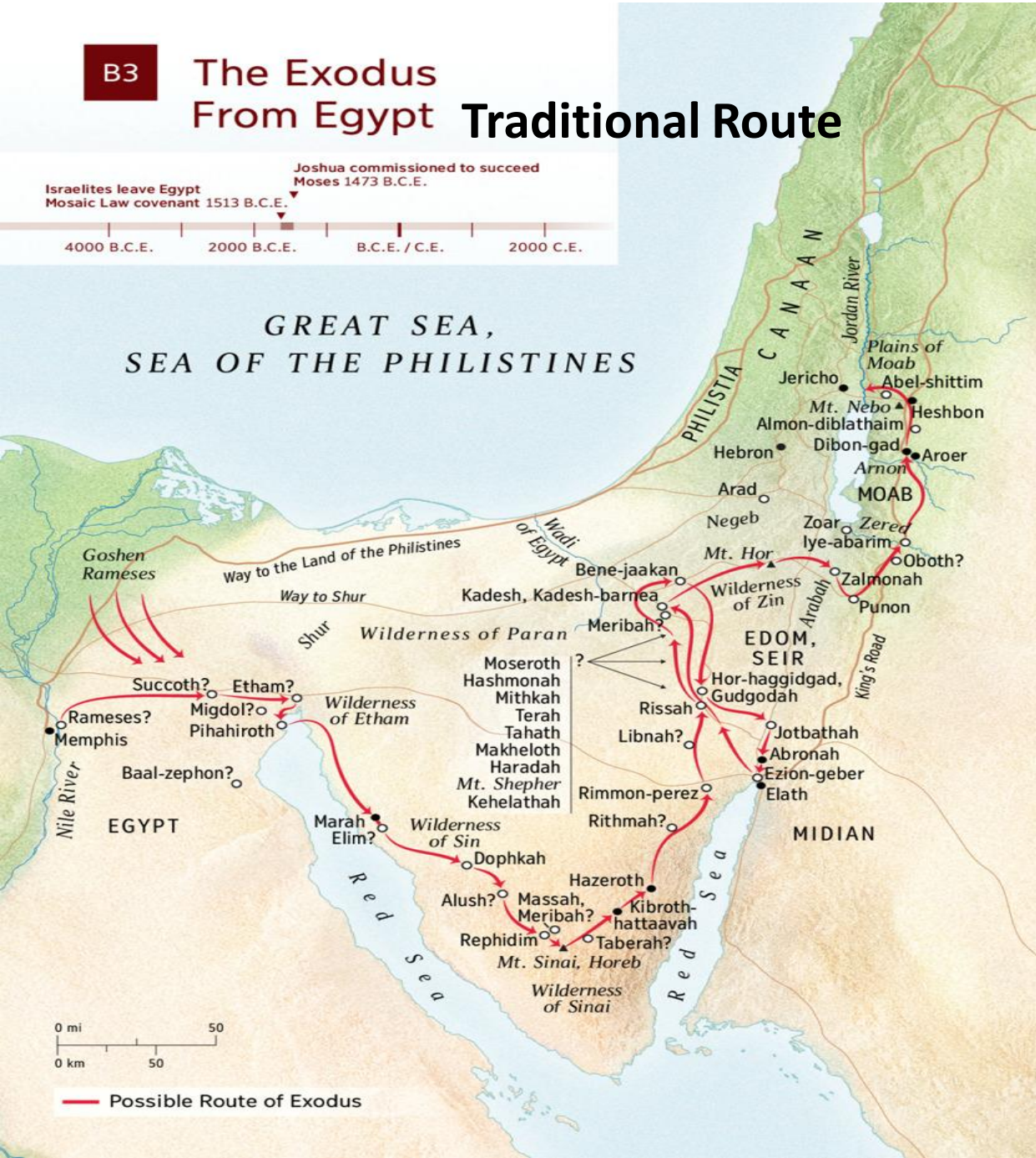
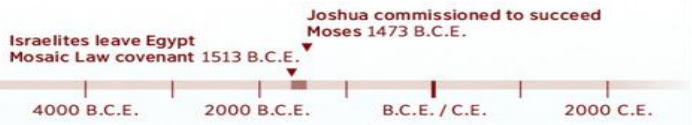
- Google map of Mt Sinai (Satellite map)

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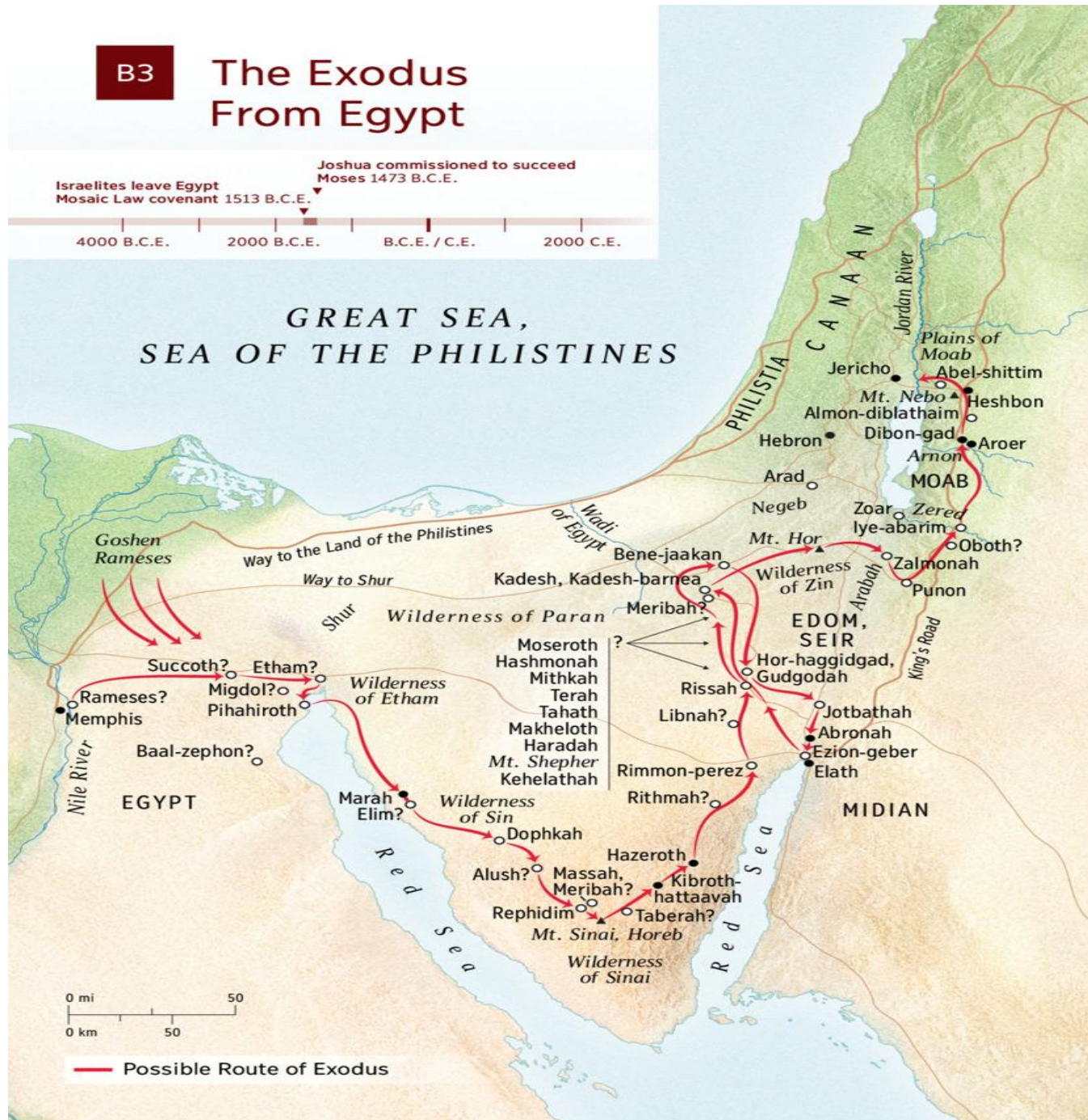
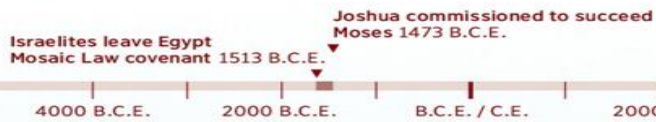
- Method of moving: on foot, carts drawn by animals, backs of animals
- Objects to be moved:
 - Very young to the very old
 - About 2 million people (600,000 men on foot, besides women and children (Exodus 12:37))
 - Household items
 - Flocks of goats and sheep and other animals
- Distance: approx. 250km from Goshen to Mt Sinai (approx. distance from SG to Malacca)
- Expose to sun and the weather

God was in control in the management and execution of this great feat!

B3 The Exodus From Egypt Traditional Route



The Exodus From Egypt



(4) After leaving Egypt, there were 3 routes:

(a) Route through the Philistine country

- The Lord did not lead the Israelites through this route as war with the Philistines may turn the Israelites back to Egypt. (Exod 13:17)

(b) The way of Shur

(c) The way of Mt Seir

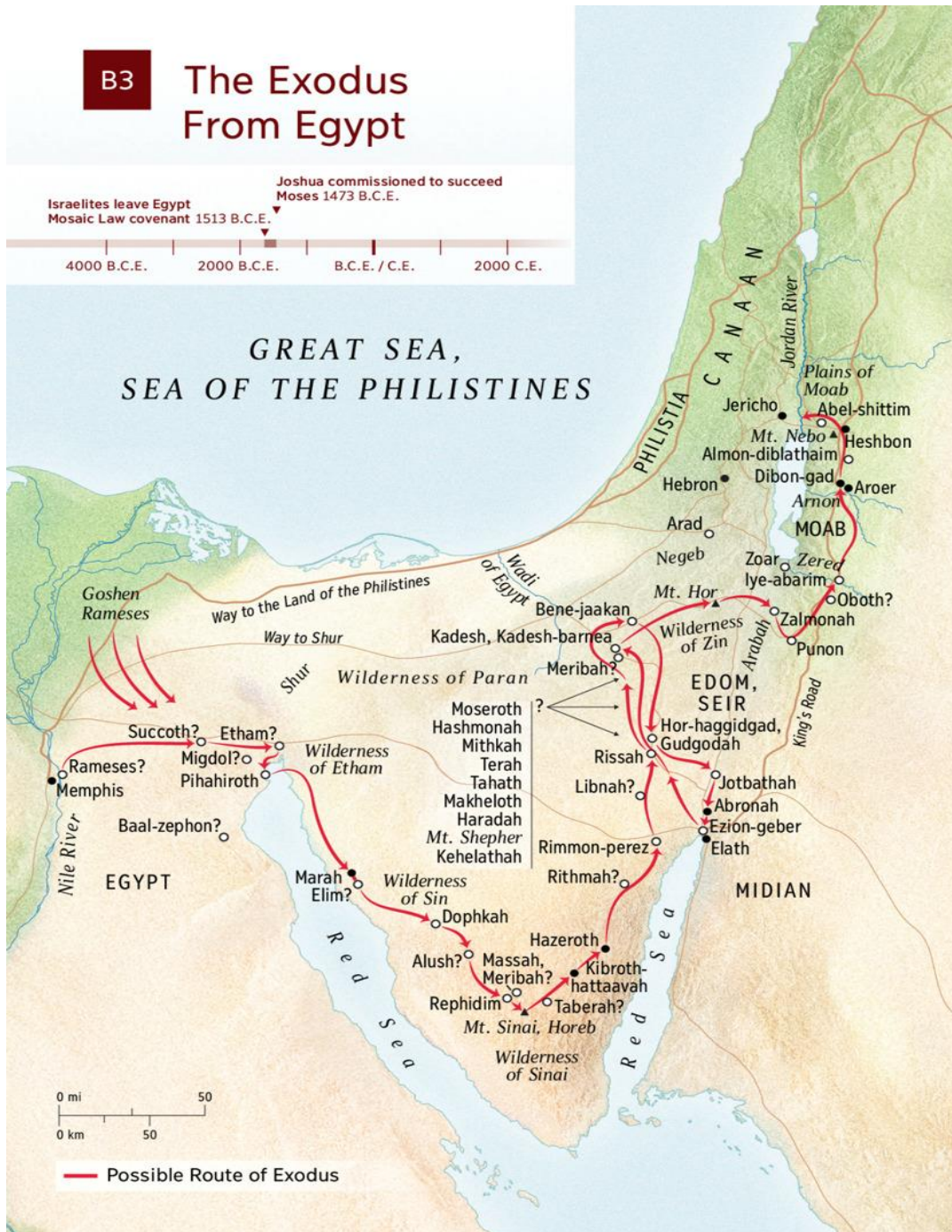
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The Exodus From Egypt

Israelites leave Egypt
Mosaic Law covenant 1513 B.C.E.

Joshua commissioned to succeed
Moses 1473 B.C.E.

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(5) God did not lead the Israelites through any of the 3 routes, but led them southwards to camp before Migdol (see map).

Consider:

(a) Why didn't God lead them by any of the 3 shorter routes?

Ans: (i) The shortest route by way of the Philistine country was unsuitable as they would be attacked by the philistines.

(ii) God wanted to judge the Egyptians for their sins by bringing them across the Red Sea.

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(6) Spiritual Lessons:

- (a) Our lives may be winding and long in reaching a goal in accordance with God's will.
- (b) There are precious lessons in the long journey.
- (c) With the benefit of hindsight, there are good reasons for the longer way.
- (d) Personal sharing



(7) By day, the Lord led the Israelites in a pillar of cloud.
By night, in a pillar of fire to give them light.
(Exod 13:21)

(a) God led them to camp by the side of the sea, a seemingly defenceless position. But, it was to teach Pharaoh a severe lesson.

(b) Even if there are obstacles, it may still be God's will for you to carry on in God's way. (eg the Exodus route was fraught with difficulties)

(8) About 600,000 Israelites moved on foot (Exodus 12:37)

(a) Including women and children the no. would be about 2 million.

(b) Not an easy feat to move 2 million people, but God was in control.

(c) God is in control of our lives too. He will plan, manage and move us in accordance with His will. We should fear nothing.