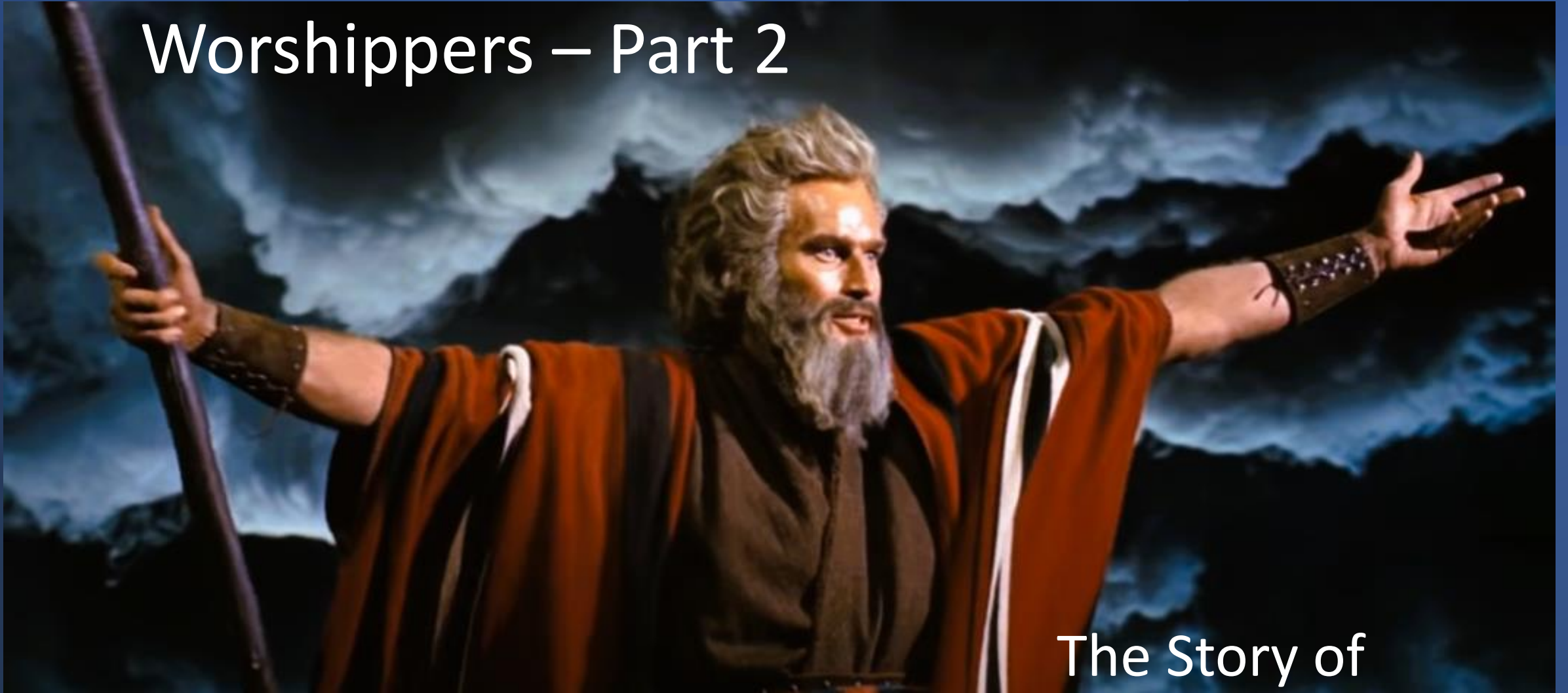


# Forging A Nation Of God Worshippers – Part 2



The Story of  
Moses and Joshua

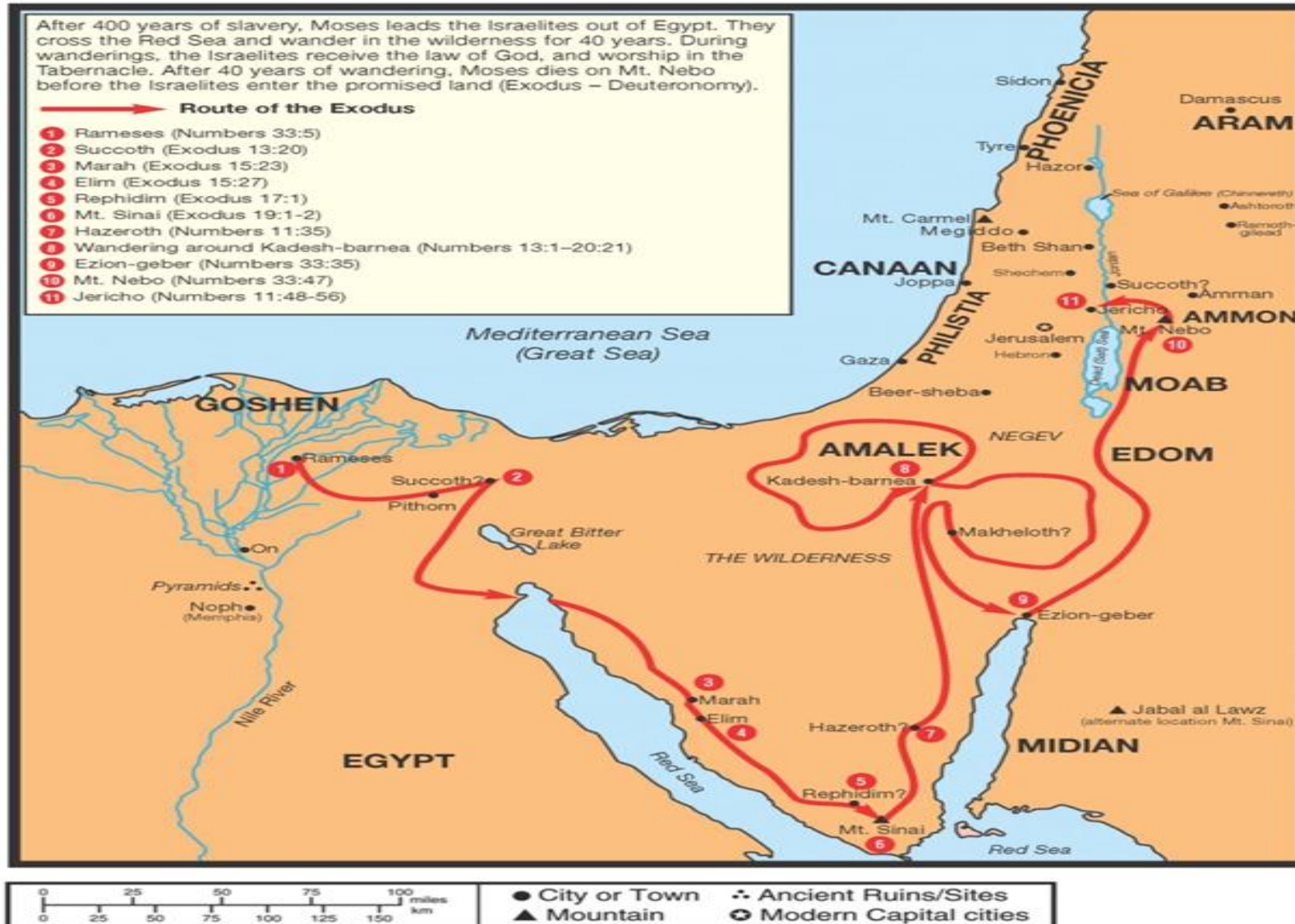
## **To Summarize where things stand after the Israelite left Egypt:**

1. The Israelites who were once a large family of approximately 70 people are now over 1 million strong as they march toward the land of promise
2. The Israelites, Egyptians and many others witnessed the mighty hand of God where God displayed his power through miracles, wonders and signs
3. Ironically, this will not be the end of the foolishness of Pharoah and his armies, nor will it be the end of the lack of faith and rebellion of the Israelites themselves
4. God will show the Israelites, the Egyptians, and all people groups of that time and for all time, that He is God Almighty and He is in control of all things
5. In this lesson we will witness:
  - ✓ God's Protection
  - ✓ God's Provision
  - ✓ God's Commands and Instructions
  - ✓ God's Guidance
  - ✓ God's Providence

After 400 years of slavery, Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt. They cross the Red Sea and wander in the wilderness for 40 years. During wanderings, the Israelites receive the law of God, and worship in the Tabernacle. After 40 years of wandering, Moses dies on Mt. Nebo before the Israelites enter the promised land (Exodus – Deuteronomy).

# Route of the Exodus

- 1 Rameses (Numbers 33:5)
- 2 Succoth (Exodus 13:20)
- 3 Marah (Exodus 15:23)
- 4 Elim (Exodus 15:27)
- 5 Rephidim (Exodus 17:1)
- 6 Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:1-2)
- 7 Hazeroth (Numbers 11:35)
- 8 Wandering around Kadesh-barnea (Numbers 13:1-20:21)
- 9 Ezion-geber (Numbers 33:35)
- 10 Mt. Nebo (Numbers 33:47)
- 11 Jericho (Numbers 11:48-56)





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God  
Protects

## God Demonstrates His Mighty Power

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle. Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, “God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place.” After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. **By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light,** so that they could travel by day or night. **Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.** (Exodus 13:17-22)

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!” So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. (Exodus 14:5-8)

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Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to **divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground**. I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. **The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord** when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.” (Exodus 14:15-18)

Then the **angel of God**, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, **withdrew and went behind them**. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. **The waters were divided**, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a **wall of water on their right and on their left**. (Exodus 14:19-22)

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But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, **the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant**. (Exodus 14:29-31)



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God  
Provides



When Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. That is why the place is called Marah. So, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?” Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. (Exodus 15:22-25)

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While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the **glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud**. The Lord said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘**At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread**.’ Then you will know that I am the Lord your God (Exodus 16:10-11)

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The people of Israel **called the bread manna**. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey. Moses said, “This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the wilderness when I brought you out of Egypt.’” (Exodus 16:31-32)

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# God Commands

On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—**they came to the Desert of Sinai**. After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. **Then Moses went up to God**, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. **Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, **you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation**.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”**

(Exodus 19:1-6)



# The 10 Commandments and the Law

1. You shall have no other gods before me (Exodus 20:3)
2. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below (Vs 4-6)
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. (Vs 7)
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. (Vs 8-11)
5. Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you (Vs 12)
6. You shall not murder (Vs 13)
7. You shall not commit adultery (Vs 14)
8. You shall not steal (Vs 15)
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor (Vs 16)
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house (Vs 17)

More Instructions on the Law – (Exodus 20:22-23:9)

## Keep the Sabbath and the Festivals of the Lord

“For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what is left. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove. “Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and so that the slave born in your household and the foreigner living among you may be refreshed. “**Be careful to do everything I have said to you.** Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips. (Exodus 23:10-13)

# Keep the Sabbath and the Festivals of the Lord

Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me. “Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread; for seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Aviv, for in that month you came out of Egypt. “No one is to appear before me empty-handed. “Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. “Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field. “Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign Lord. “Do not offer the blood of a sacrifice to me along with anything containing yeast. “The fat of my festival offerings must not be kept until morning. “Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God. “Do not cook a young goat in its mother’s milk.

(Exodus 23:14-19)





# God Guides

“See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him. If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you. My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out. **Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices.** You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces. Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.(Exodus 23:20-26)

“I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. **I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run.** I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land. (Exodus 23:27-30)

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“I will establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, and from the desert to the Euphrates River. I will give into your hands the people who live in the land, and you will drive them out before you. Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods. Do not let them live in your land or they will cause you to sin against me, **because the worship of their gods will certainly be a snare to you.**” (Exodus 23:31-33)





God Abides

The Lord said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. **“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.** Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you. (Exodus 25:1-9)

**The Tabernacle (where God would dwell among His people) was intended to be Holy and the Israelites were given specific instructions on how it was to be constructed, how God was to be worshipped and how the sins of God’s people were to be atoned for.**

Then the Lord said to Moses: **“Set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, on the first day of the first month.** Place the ark of the covenant law in it and shield the ark with the curtain. Bring in the table and set out what belongs on it. Then bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps. Place the gold altar of incense in front of the ark of the covenant law and put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle. “Place the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting; place the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it. Set up the courtyard around it and put the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. “Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy. Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar, and it will be most holy. Anoint the basin and its stand and consecrate them. (Exodus 40:1-11)



Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the tent of meeting and wash them with water. Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so he may serve me as priest. Bring his sons and dress them in tunics. Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue throughout their generations.”

Moses did everything just as the Lord commanded him. (Exodus 40:12-16)

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Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels. (Exodus 40:34-38)

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God  
Instructs

# Instruction on Making Oneself Right with God and Man

1. Burnt Offering – Leviticus 1, Leviticus 6:8-14
2. Grain Offering – Leviticus 2, Leviticus 6:14-23
3. Fellowship Offering – Leviticus 3, Leviticus 7:11-21
4. Sin Offering – Leviticus 4-5:13, Leviticus 6:24-30
5. Guilt Offering – Leviticus 5:14-19, Leviticus 7:1-10

## The roll of the Priest (Leviticus 7-9)

1. They were set apart by God (anointed/ordained for ministry) – Leviticus 8
2. They were to present the sacrifices as God required for the purpose of at/one/ment (making them “at one” with God)

## **Instruction on Living/Being Right with God and Man (Here are several)**

1. Proper diet – Leviticus 11
2. How to handle disease – Leviticus 13-15
3. Proper and improper sexual relationships – Leviticus 18
4. Basic laws of holiness and right living – Leviticus 19
5. Proper punishment for violating these instructions – Leviticus 20
6. Established rules for priests - Leviticus 21-23
7. Reward for obedience - Leviticus 26:1-13
8. Punishment for disobedience – 26:14-46



# Festivals and Sacred Assemblies “Set Apart” to the Lord

1. The Sabbath – Leviticus 23:3
2. The **Passover** and Festival of **Unleavened Bread** – Leviticus 23:4-8
3. Offering of Firstfruits/**Harvest** – Leviticus 23:9-14
4. The Festival of Weeks/**Ingathering** – Leviticus 23:15-22
5. The Festival of Trumpets – Leviticus 23:23-25
6. The Day of Atonement – Leviticus 23:26-32
7. The Festival of Tabernacles

## Special Years

1. The Sabbath Year – Leviticus 25:1-7
2. The Year of Jubilee – Leviticus 25:8-55

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God  
Chooses

When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, “Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land.” It was the season for the first ripe grapes. (Numbers 13:17-20)

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They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. **But the people who live there are powerful**, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.” (Numbers 13:26-29)



Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. **Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land**, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but **the Lord is with us**. Do not be afraid of them.”

(Numbers 14:5-9)

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So the men Moses had sent to explore the land, who returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it - these men who were responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the Lord. Of the men who went to explore the land, **only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh survived**.

(Numbers 14:36-38)

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

(Deuteronomy 4:1-2)

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Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created human beings on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of? Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived? Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? (Deuteronomy 4:32-34)

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

(Deuteronomy 6:1-3)

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Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **Love the Lord your God** with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **strength**. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)



To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. Yet the Lord set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and **he chose you**, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. **Circumcise your hearts**, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. For the

Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

(Deuteronomy 10:14-22)

If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow - to **love the Lord your God**, to **walk in obedience to him** and to **hold fast to him** - then the Lord will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you. Every place where you set your foot will be yours: **Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the Euphrates River to the Mediterranean Sea**. No one will be able to stand against you. The Lord your God, as he promised you, will put the terror and fear of you on the whole land, wherever you go. (Deuteronomy 11:22-25)

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You are about to cross the Jordan to enter and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you. When you have taken it over and are living there, **be sure that you obey all the decrees and laws I am setting before you today**.  
(Deuteronomy 11:31-32)

The Lord your God commands you this day to follow these decrees and laws; carefully observe them with all your heart and with all your soul. You have declared this day that the Lord is your God and that you will walk in obedience to him, that you will keep his decrees, commands and laws—that you will listen to him. And the Lord has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands. He has declared that he will set you in praise, fame and honor high above all the nations he has made and that you will be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised. (Deuteronomy 26:16-19)

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This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you **life and death, blessings and curses**. Now **choose life**, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. **For the Lord is your life**, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, **Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**. (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)



**Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel:** “I am now a hundred and twenty years old and **I am no longer able to lead you.** The Lord has said to me, ‘You shall not cross the Jordan.’ The Lord your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. **Joshua also will cross over ahead of you,** as the Lord said. And the Lord will do to them what he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, whom he destroyed along with their land. The Lord will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, **for the Lord your God goes with you;** he will never leave you nor forsake you.” Then **Moses summoned Joshua** and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “**Be strong and courageous,** for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; **he will never leave you nor forsake you.** Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

(Deuteronomy 31:7-8)

Now **Joshua** son of Nun was **filled with the spirit of wisdom** because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses. Since then, **no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses**, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel. (Deuteronomy 34:9-12)



# Closing Remarks

- ✓ **God affirms** to Joshua that He will be with him: “No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; **as I was with Moses, so I will be with you**. I will not leave you nor forsake you. (Joshua 1:5-6)
- ✓ **God instructs** Joshua as to what his **responsibilities** and **obligations** are: “Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:6-7)
- ✓ **God’s promise** to Joshua: “This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:8-9)