

INTERACTIVE TRAVEL GUIDE

DESTINATION: *Exodus 19-40*

Throughout the drama of Exodus God demonstrates His power to deliver through miraculous signs and wonders. It is an epic story that portrays God as Savior and Provider of His people. At Mount Sinai God gives to Moses a series of detailed laws and instructions. This revelation from God would define Israel's national identity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

c. 1446 B.C.

The Tabernacle is constructed

c. 1445 B.C.

The Law is given on Mount Sinai

c. 1406 B.C.

Joshua conquers Jericho

c. 1380 B.C.

Joshua's death

TRIP PLANNER:

Exodus is divided into two major sections. The second section from Exodus 19:1 – 40:38 focuses on the identification of God's People from bondage. The setting for our journey is the Sinai Peninsula where God reveals the Ten Commandments to the nation of Israel and gives specific instructions on how He is to be worshipped.

1. The Law: 19:1 – 23:33

2. The Tabernacle: 24:1 – 31:18

3. Israel's Response in Disobedience: 32:1 – 33:23

4. Israel's Response in Obedience: 34:1 – 40:38

PLACES OF INTEREST:

Mount Sinai – Mountain in the south central part of the Sinai Peninsula in the northwestern end of Arabia. God made many significant revelations of Himself and His purposes to Israel there. The Bible uses the term Sinai for both the mountain and the entire wilderness area (Lev. 7:38). Sometimes Sinai is called "the mount" (Ex. 19:2); sometimes "the mountain of God" (Ex. 3:1); sometimes "the mount of the Lord" (Num. 10:33).

The Tabernacle – The English word tabernacle comes from the Latin tabernaculum, meaning “tent.” The Hebrew word literally means “dwelling place.” The tabernacle was to provide a place where God might dwell among His people. The description of the tabernacle begins with the inside and moves to the outside signifying that God built the tabernacle from God’s viewpoint out.

The Wilderness Of Sin – Located between Elim and Sinai. This was probably the narrow plain of el-Markha, which stretches along the eastern shore of the Red Sea for several miles toward the promontory of Ras Mohammed, the southern extremity of the Sinitic Peninsula. It was here that Moses received the ten commandments.

PEOPLE OF INTEREST

Aaron – Brother of Moses – became his brother’s representative, being called his “mouth” (Ex 4:16) and his “prophet” (Ex 7:1). Aaron was the first high priest of Israel.

Bezalel – The designer of the tabernacle. He was filled with the Spirit of God in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship.

Moses – The central figure of the Exodus story. Moses is known as a great prophet and the “lawgiver” of Israel.

FUN FACTS

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN EXODUS

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| 1. The giving of the Law | A God of Holiness (Ex 19-24) |
| 2. The tabernacle, priests & offerings | A God of Fellowship (Ex 25-30) |
| 3. The judgment for the golden calf | A God of Discipline (Ex 32) |
| 4. The renewal of the covenant | A God of Grace (Ex 33) |
| 5. The descent of God’s glory | A God of Glory (Ex 40) |

THE FEASTS AND HOLY DAYS OF EXODUS:

Feast of Unleavened Bread – The nation of Israel would eat unleavened bread seven days during the month of Abib. This feast commemorated the first 7 days of the Exodus.

Feast Of Harvest – Also called the Feast Of Weeks or Pentecost. This festival was observed 50 days after the offering of the barley sheaf at the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It marked the end of the harvest and the beginning of the seasonal offering of first fruits.

Feast Of Ingathering - Also known as the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths. This festival commemorated Israel's wanderings in the wilderness when they lived in tents (tabernacles). This holiday was celebrated the 15th day of the 7th month (Tishri) which is equivalent to October.

The Sabbath - The first mention of the Sabbath is Exodus 16:23. There seems to be no mention of a special day of rest before the time of Moses. In the Wilderness of Sin, God gives Moses the Ten Commandments and institutes the Sabbath day rest in honor of God's work of creation where He rested on the seventh day. The Sabbath day separated the Israelites from all work activities and reminded them that God was their provider.

MANNA: Manna translated means "what is it?"

MAPS:

Figure 1: Major Events Of Exodus

