



**"Journey"** is all about 'leaving & arriving', 'going out & coming in'. Exodus chap 6 is an important part of this, the language is very plain in vs 6 - 8. (See overleaf)

The 137 chapters that make up the four Old Testament books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy are full of "journey language". In historical terms they cover 40 years of the long history of the descendants of Abraham; a man who himself began a journey 650 years earlier:

*Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup> So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him... Genesis 12 v 1 - 4.*



**"Journey"** is the theme of many other parts of the Bible. This journey in particular is included in at least 10 Psalms (& virtually every verse of Ps 78!). It features in around half of the verses that record Stephen's defence in Acts 7 and in many other places.



**"Journey"** is an 'EVENT' (over a short or long period of time), an 'EXPERIENCE' (sometimes pleasant & maybe sometimes painful!) and an 'EDUCATION' (our lives are often expanded and taught by journey experiences). But here in these four Books it is also an 'EXAMPLE'.

The verses quoted overleaf in 1 Cor 10 and Romans 15 are incredibly important if we are to benefit from our studies together in these Books. The things that happened to the Children of Israel on THEIR journey are 'figurative' and 'typical' of OUR journey with God through our Christian lives. Their experiences are in the Scripture to make a stamp, a mark, an impression on our journey experience. All of this being for our "admonition" - to put things into our minds that will teach us not to falter and fail as they did; but also, to learn positively and to have "hope" (the Greek word used in Rom 15 v 4 means to have a 'favourable & confident expectation') - how encouraging!

Our Church Text for 2022 is set in the heart of the whole matter of **"Journey"** - their journey, and ours too: "So God led the people... Exodus 13 v 18.

These notes are intended as a handy introduction to the sermon series entitled "Journeying with God", preached at Castlefields Church - Derby on Sunday mornings from May 2022  
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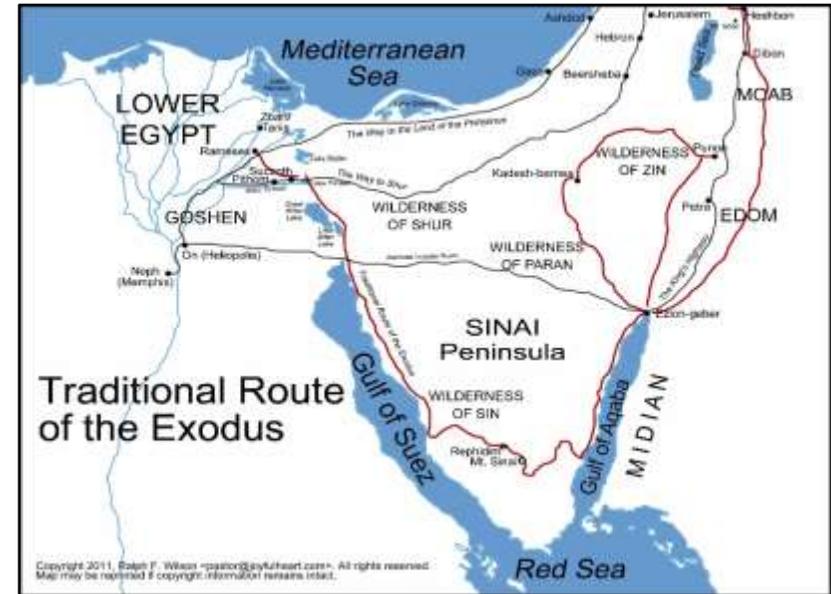


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Learning Together

## "Journeying with God"

through Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy



*Therefore, say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. <sup>7</sup> I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup> And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the Lord'. Exodus 6 v 6 - 8*

*Now these things became our examples... 1 Cor 10 v 6*

*<sup>11</sup> Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 1 Cor 10 v 11 + 12*

*For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*

Romans 15 v 4

## Exodus

40 chapters



Key theme  
**Deliverance**

A key verse:

*You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.*

Exodus 15 v 13

After 430 years in Egypt (Ex 12 v 40) the regime of a new Pharaoh becomes intolerable for the people of Israel. Chapter 1 links the book back into Genesis but almost immediately after that, the events that eventually lead to the exodus from Egypt begin. Hence its title!

It is the year 1447BC right through to the end of the book.

## Leviticus

27 chapters



Key theme  
**Holiness**

A key verse:

*"Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy'".*

Leviticus 19 v 2

The whole book revolves around the subject of worshipping and serving the Lord. To fully understand this OT book, you need the NT book of Hebrews!

Leviticus begins and ends in the year 1446BC, the first year of the wilderness journey.

## Numbers

36 chapters



Key theme  
**Wilderness**

A key verse:

*"...because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it".*

Numbers 14 v 22 + 23

This book begins with a complete census of all the people - hence its title! From then on it charts their many trials in the wilderness life

Numbers covers the history of the Israelite people over a period of 40 years through to 1407BC.

## Deuteronomy

34 chapters



Key theme  
**Remember**

A key verse:

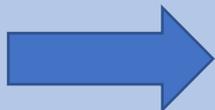
*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength".*

Deuteronomy 6 v 4 + 5

Deuteronomy completes the set of four books that give us our overall theme of "Journey". All the events of the book take place in 1407BC, the very last year of that journey. Moses dies, Joshua succeeds him as leader. At last, the people are ready to enter the promised land.

*"...by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess." Deut 32 v 47*

1447BC



40 years of 'MOMENTOUS', 'SIGNIFICANT' & 'SPIRITUAL' JOURNEY  
made by around 2 million people, led by Moses & Aaron (Nu 1 v 45 - 47)



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