



# EXODUS 30

## IN 5 MINUTES

### When:

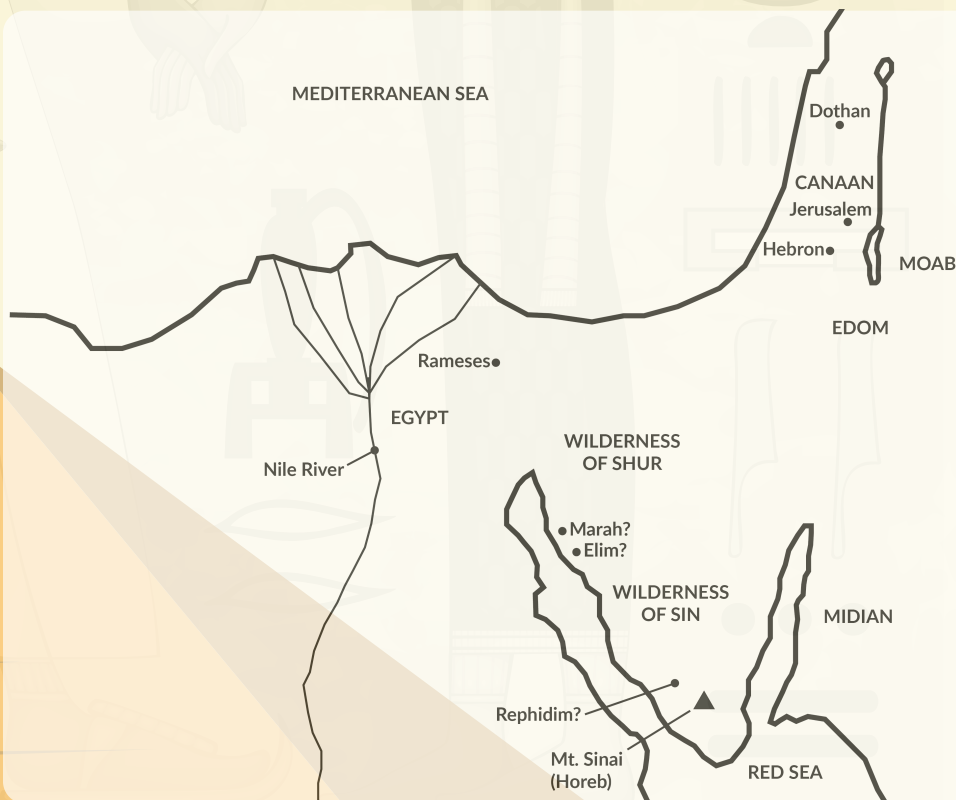
- God delivered the Israelites from slavery in approximately 1491 B.C.
- The events of Exodus 30 took place 3-4 months after the Hebrews left Egypt (19:1).

### Characters:

- **God** – The Lord's glory descended on Mount Sinai. In Exodus 30, God spoke with Moses on the mountain and gave him instructions for instituting a priesthood.
- **Moses** – A Hebrew who grew up in the house of Pharaoh. He fled Egypt in Exodus 2 and went to live in Midian. God called him back to Egypt to deliver the Israelites from slavery.
- **Aaron** – God chose Aaron, Moses' brother, to be the High Priest of the Israelites.
- **Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar** – Aaron's sons who were chosen to serve with him as priests to the people.

### Where:

- Moses and the Israelites were encamped near Mount Sinai.



## Outline:

- THE ALTAR OF INCENSE (30:1-10):
  - + Moses was to make an altar for burning incense and put it in the tabernacle in front of the veil that separated the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place.
  - + It was to be 1 cubit wide, 1 cubit long, and 2 cubits tall.
  - + God told Moses to make it out of acacia wood and cover it with gold.
  - + Rings were to be attached to its molding so that it could be carried with poles.
  - + Aaron was to offer incense on it every morning and evening.
  - + Once a year, Aaron was to “make atonement” on the altar once a year.
- THE CENSUS OFFERING (30:11-16):
  - + When Moses made a census of the Israelites, he was to collect a half-shekel offering from each person over the age of 20.
  - + The offering was to be “a ransom” for the life of the people.
  - + The money was devoted to the expenses of the Tabernacle.
- THE BRONZE WASHING BASIN (30:17-21):
  - + Moses was to have a bronze basin constructed which would sit between the Tabernacle and the bronze altar in the courtyard.
  - + Aaron and the other priests were required to wash before offering sacrifices on the altar or entering the Tabernacle.
- THE OIL OF ANOINTING AND THE TABERNACLE INCENSE (30:22-38):
  - + The Lord told Moses to take liquid myrrh, cinnamon, aromatic cane, cassia, and olive oil and to make a “holy anointing oil.”
  - + The oil was to be used to anoint everything within the Tabernacle complex (bronze altar, Ark of the Covenant, lampstand, etc).
  - + Additionally, Aaron and his sons were to be anointed with the oil.
  - + The oil was only to be used on the priests and the holy things, and it was not to be recreated for any other purpose.
  - + Next, God gave Moses the recipe for the Tabernacle incense. It contained sweet spices, stacte, onycha, galbanum, frankincense, and salt.
  - + The incense wasn't to be recreated for any other purpose.

