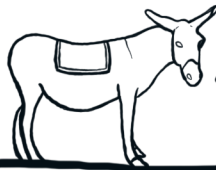


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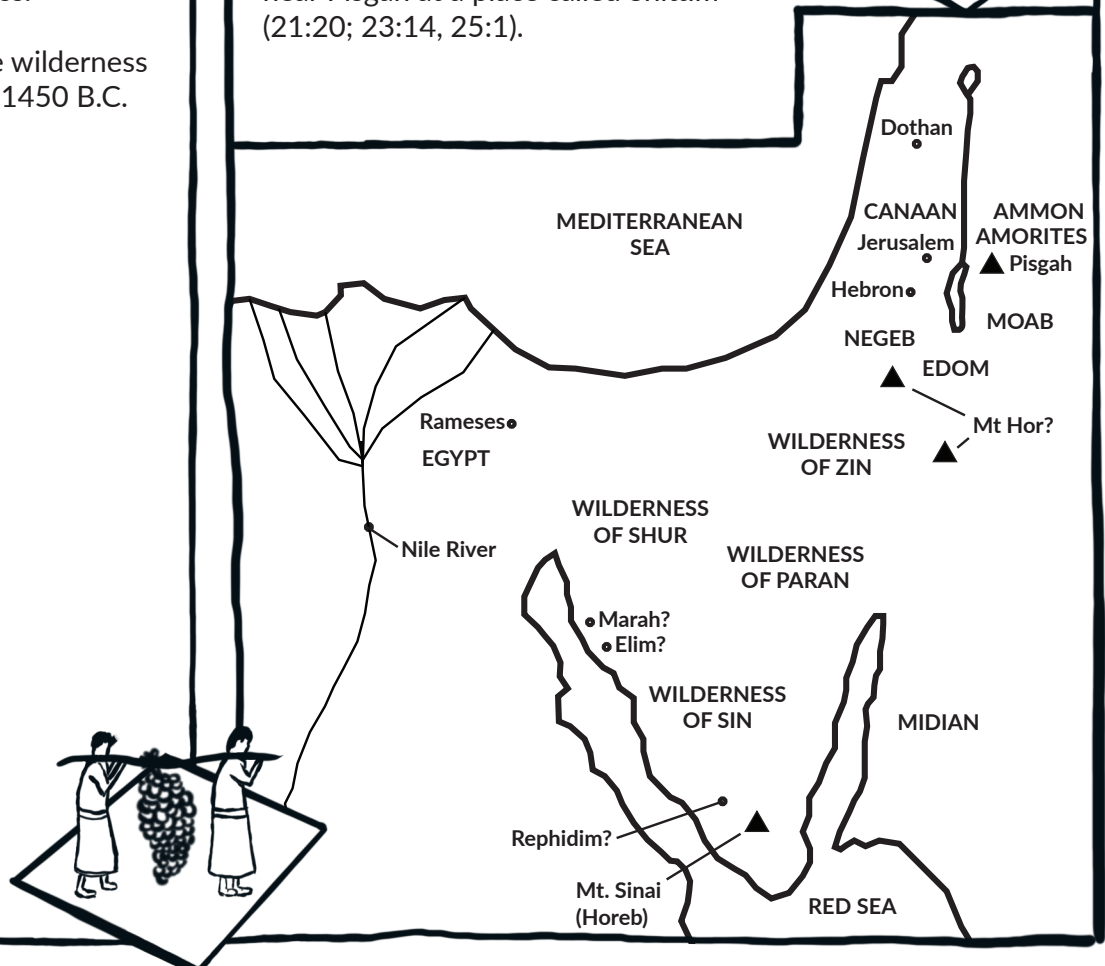
- **Moses** – God selected Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and guide them to the land of Canaan.
- **Vow Makers** - This chapter is all about people who made vows to the Lord and God's instructions for how those vows were to be kept.

WHEN

- These events occurred towards the end of the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.
- The Israelites were in the wilderness from approximately 1490-1450 B.C.

WHERE

- The Israelites were camped on the border of the Amorites and Moabites near Pisgah at a place called Shittim (21:20; 23:14, 25:1).





OUTLINE

- VOWS TO THE LORD (30:1-16):

- + If a man made a vow to the Lord, he was required to keep his word.
- + If a woman who lived in her father's house vowed a vow, her father could oppose her vow and negate it if he didn't agree with it.
- + If the father didn't immediately negate the vow, the woman was required to keep her word.
- + If a man married a woman who was under a vow, he could void the vow if he disagreed with it.
- + If a woman made a vow while married, her husband could void the vow if he believed it to be unwise.
- + A father or husband was only allowed to void a vow when they first learned about it. If they learned about it but didn't oppose it immediately, they were not allowed to void it in the future.

APPLICATION

- Giving our word, vows, and promises are serious things in God's eyes.
- It's easy to adopt the common view that words aren't meaningful, and a promise can be broken if it inconveniences us.
- But God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit have always emphasized the importance of our words.
- In Psalm 15:4, the psalmist writes that God honors those who keep their word even when it costs them.