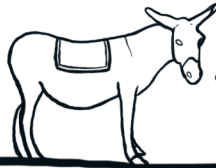


# NUMBERS

CHAPTER

09



## CHARACTERS

- **Moses** – Moses was selected by God to lead the Israelites to Canaan. God spoke directly to Moses and Moses communicated God's words to the people.
- **Aaron** – The High Priest of Israel. He was Moses' brother and born into the tribe of Levi.
- **Unclean Men** – Certain men who were unable to keep the Passover feast because of spiritual uncleanness.

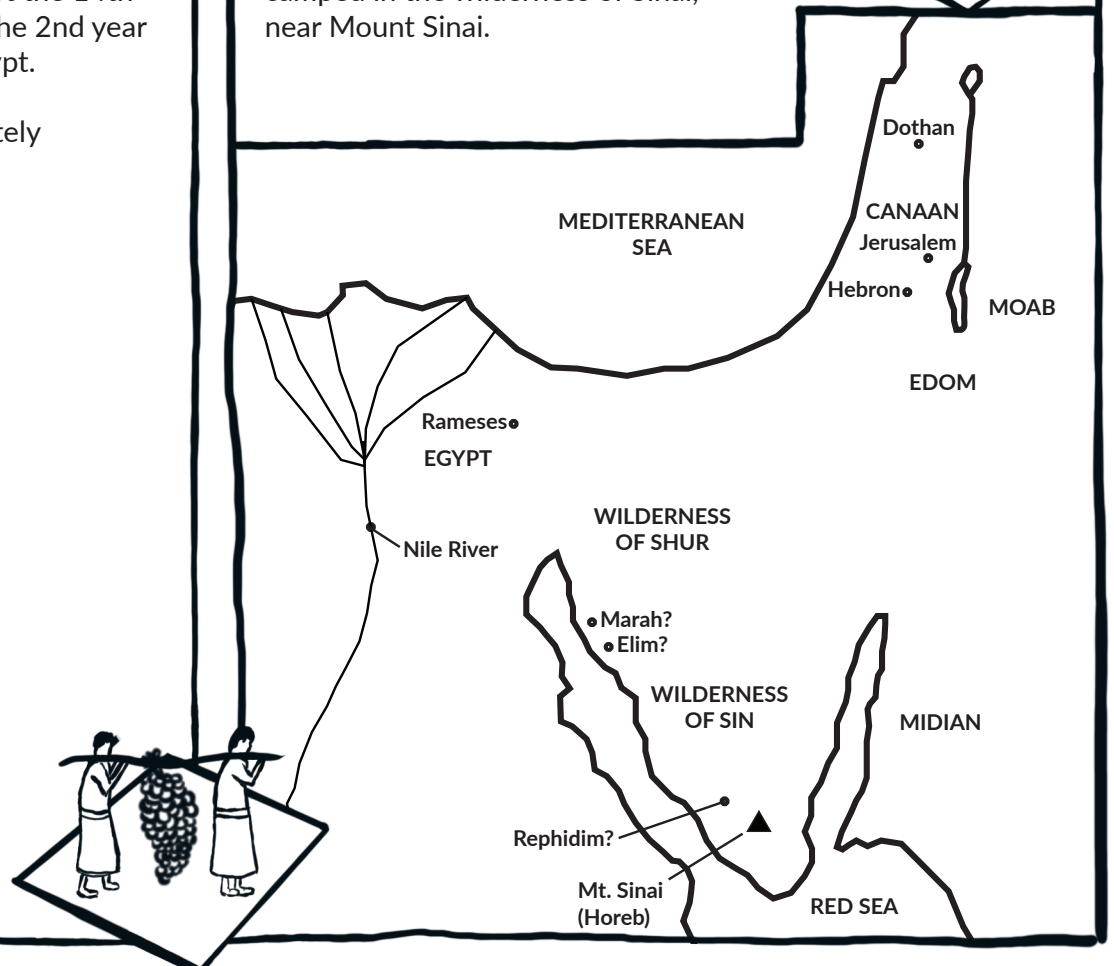
## WHEN

- Numbers 9 records the observance of the 2nd annual Passover memorial. The 2nd Passover was kept the 14th day of the 2nd month of the 2nd year after the Israelites left Egypt.

- The year was approximately 1490-1489 B.C.

## WHERE

- According to the book of Leviticus and Numbers 3:1, the Israelites were camped in the wilderness of Sinai, near Mount Sinai.





## OUTLINE

- THE CELEBRATION OF THE 2ND PASSOVER (9:1-5):
  - + God spoke to Moses and told him to command the Israelites to keep the Passover memorial just as they had 1 year previous when they left Egypt.
  - + The feast was to be observed on the 14th day of the 1st month at twilight.
  - + The people kept the feast according to all the instructions God had previously given them.
- A SECONDARY DAY FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE PASSOVER (8:6-14):
  - + There were a few men in Israel who were unclean from touching a dead body (perhaps a funeral) on the day specified for the Passover. They were not allowed to eat the Passover meal because they were unclean. They approached Moses and Aaron and asked what could be done.
  - + God told Moses to establish a second day, the 14th day of the 2nd month, for anyone who missed the Passover unintentionally due to uncleanliness or being on a long journey.
  - + Anyone who willingly disregarded the Passover was to be "cut off from his people."
- THE PILLAR OF CLOUD AND FIRE (8:15-23):
  - + In Exodus 13:21, we were told God guided the Israelites with a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire during the night.
  - + When the Tabernacle was set up, the pillar of cloud rested over the tent.
  - + When the pillar moved, the Israelites knew it was time to break camp and relocate.
  - + Sometimes the pillar remained in the same location for weeks, other times it moved after only a few hours.
  - + Whenever and wherever the pillar of cloud and fire moved the Israelites followed.

## APPLICATION

- Do we go to God for direction before we make moves?
- Obviously, we don't have a pillar of fire guiding us through life (that might be nice), but we ought to seek God's guidance before choosing a path.
- Before we relocate, undertake a project, make an investment, or pursue a dream, we should seek God through prayer and perhaps through fasting to ask Him to steer us correctly.
- We have such limited vision; we need God's knowledge of the future to guide us to the best outcome.