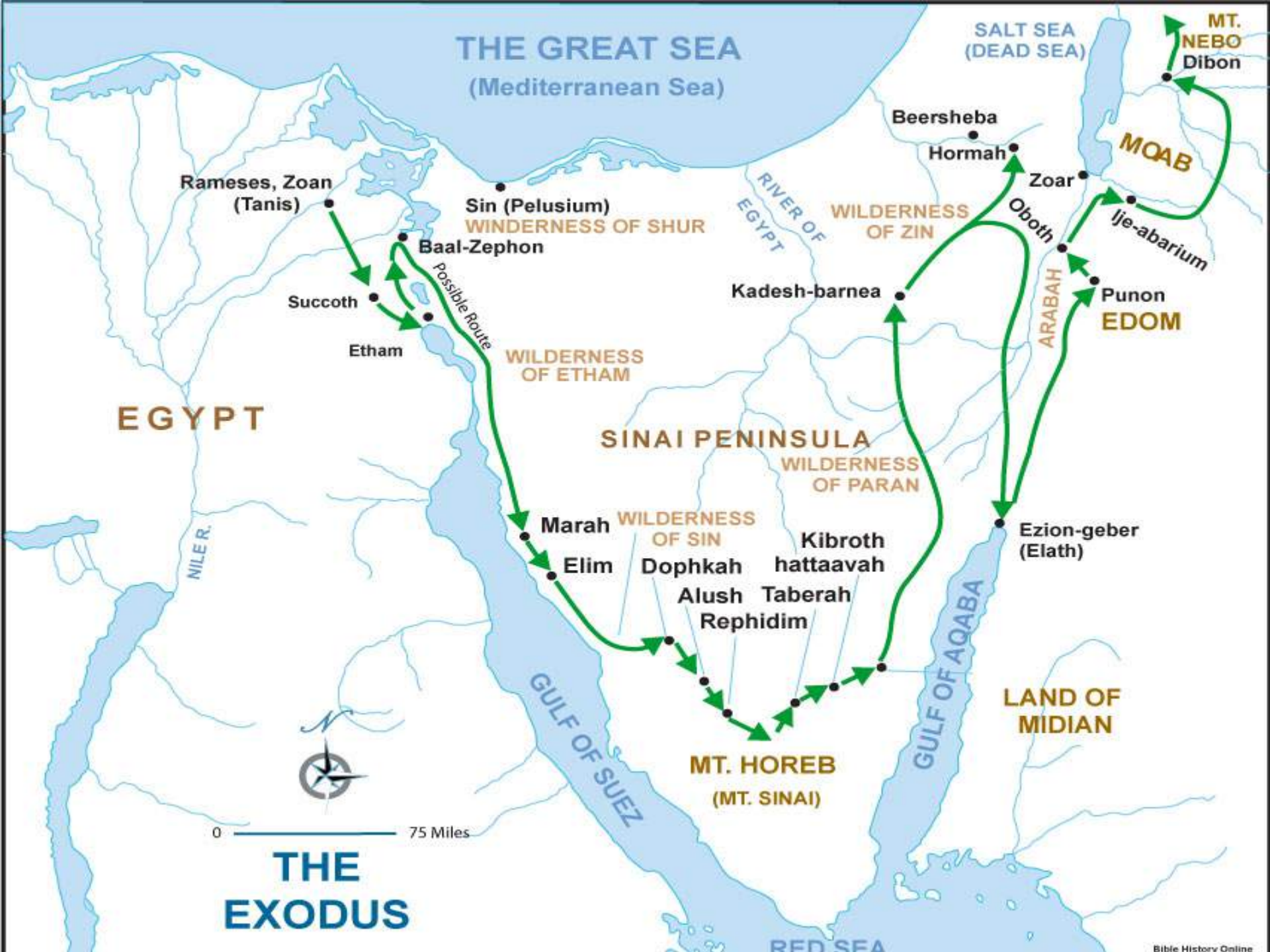


Lessons From The Brazen Serpent

John 3:14-17



THE GREAT SEA
(Mediterranean Sea)

SALT SEA
(DEAD SEA)

MT. NEBO
Dibon

Rameses, Zaan
(Tanis)

Sin (Pelusium)
WILDERNESS OF SHUR

Beersheba

Hormah

MOAB

Zoar

WILDERNESS OF ZIN

Baal-Zephon

Oboth

Ije-abarium

Succoth

Kadesh-barnea

Punon
EDOM

Etham

WILDERNESS OF ETHAM

EGYPT

SINAI PENINSULA

WILDERNESS OF PARAN

NILE R.

Marah
WILDERNESS OF SIN

Kibroth hattaavah

Ezion-geber
(Elath)

Elim

Dophkah

Alush

Taberah

Rephidim

GULF OF AQABA

LAND OF MIDIAN

MT. HOREB
(MT. SINAI)



0 75 Miles

THE EXODUS

The Sin of Murmuring

- 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 Neither be ye idolaters... 8 Neither let us commit fornication... 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. (I Cor. 10:5-10)
- Why?
 - Lack of gratitude
 - Lack of faith and courage
 - Lack of perspective
 - Lack of patience
 - Discontent
 - Dissatisfaction with God's provisions

Numbers 21:4-9

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way.

5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."



6 Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.

Numbers 21:4-9

7 And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole.



And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Lessons From The Fiery Serpents

- **God's view of sin.**
 - God is holy. (Hab. 1:13)
 - Sin separates and slays. (Isa. 59:1-2; I Cor. 10; 6:9-11)
 - Wrath – poison snakes. (Num. 21:6; Gen. 3)
- **God's grace.**
 - They deserved death.
 - God provided a way for life.
- **God's plan the only way for salvation.**
 - Divine plan.
 - No quibbling with the terms.
 - They had to look at the snake that Moses had set on the pole.
 - God's conditions had to be met. (Num. 21:9)
- **God's view of sin.**
 - I Jn. 3:4; 5:17; Js. 4:17; Eph. 2:1-2.
 - God is holy. (I Pet. 1:15-16)
 - The wages of sin is death. (Rom. 6:23)
- **God's grace.**
 - Sinners deserve death. (Rom. 1:32)
 - God has by his grace provided a way for life. (Heb. 2:9-15; Eph. 2:8)
- **God's plan the only way for salvation.**
 - Jesus is the only way. (Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12)
 - Only one body. (Eph. 4:4; 5:23; I Cor. 12:13)
 - One way not as good as another. (Rom. 10:1-2)
 - God's conditions must be met. (John 3:14-15; Lk. 13:3; Rom. 10:9-10; Mark 16:16; I Pet. 3:21)