

# EXODUS - JOSHUA

## JOURNEY INTO FREEDOM



2016-2017

# ***TRANSITIONS***

## ***Numbers 20-21***

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study  
March 1, 2017



# Announcements

Ash Wednesday services:

today at noon, light lunch to follow

tonight at 6:30

March 15—Spring Break



Story?





# TRANSITIONS

|                               |            |
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| Transferring the Mantle       | Numbers 20 |
| The Beginning of the Conquest | Numbers 21 |



In the Jewish culture, “it is an act of reverence to ask questions of the story. The Jews are confident that the story is strong enough to be tried and tested... Around the table, a Jewish child has “That’s a good question!” drummed into his or her soul. ... Questions are as sacred as answers.”

Dr. Leonard Sweet

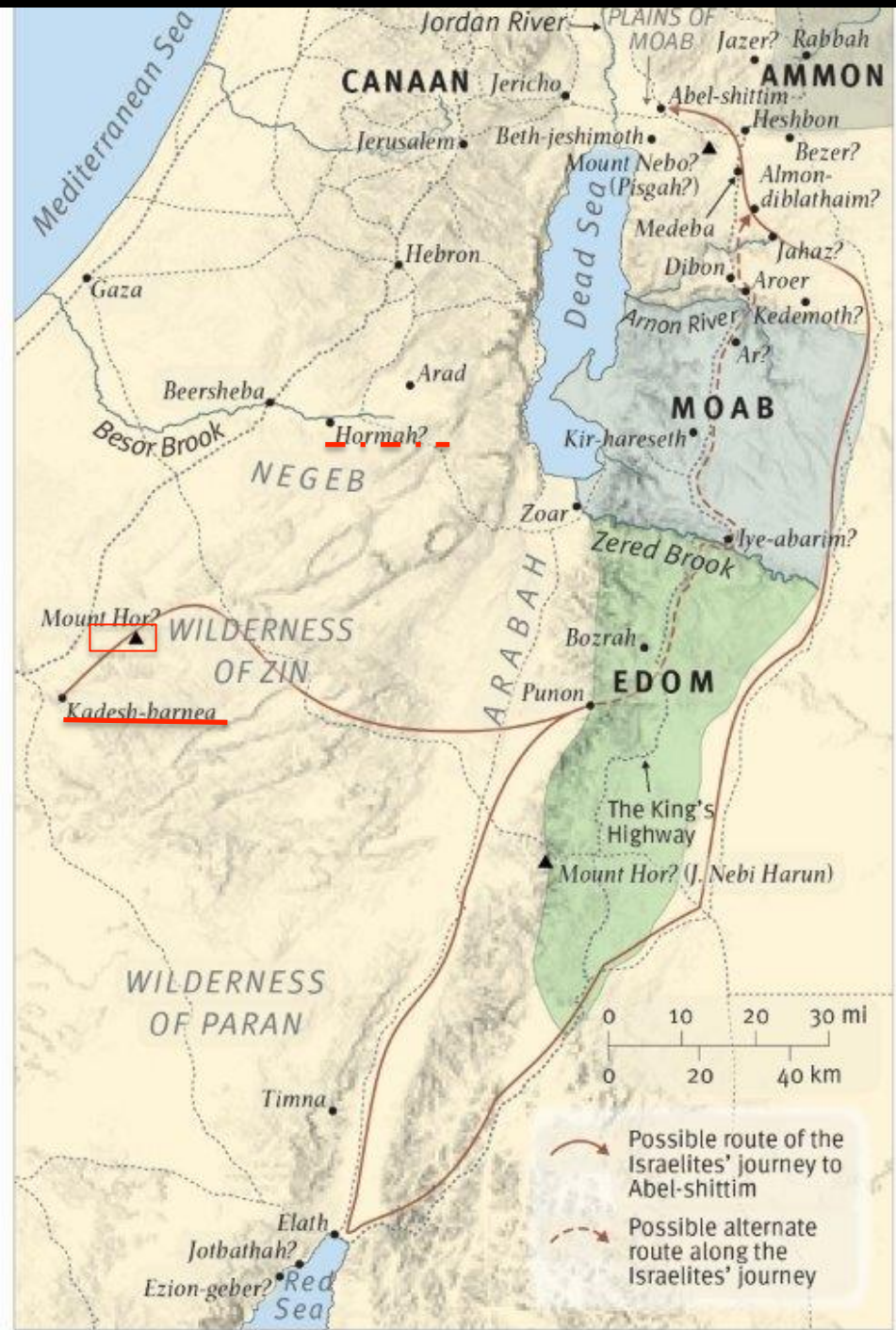


Application:

“Fast” from your “tidy faith”—ask the hard questions.







-  Possible route of the Israelites' journey to Abel-shittim
-  Possible alternate route along the Israelites' journey

Application:

When have you had a mantle handed to you?

When have you transferred a mantle to someone else?

What new thing was God doing in that process?



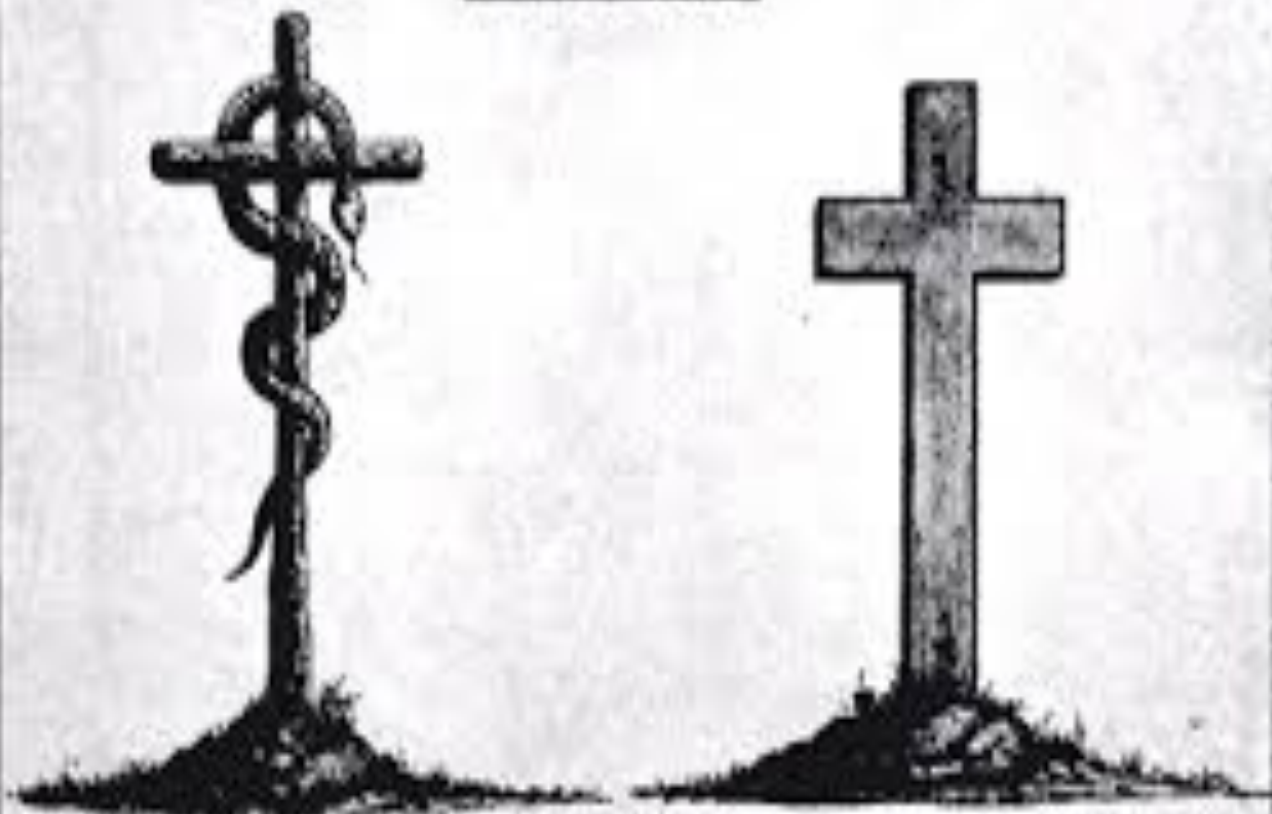
Extent of the Promised Land according to Numbers 34

Land occupied by Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh

○ Designated city of refuge



JOHN 3:14.



AS Moses lifted  
up the SERPENT in  
the wilderness,

SO must the  
SON OF MAN  
be lifted UP.

# The Bronze Serpent

## Israelites

Bitten by snakes

Little initial pain

Then intense suffering

Physical death

Bronze snake on lifted on pole

Looking to the snake saved  
physically

The only cure in the camp

Each had to look for himself

# Jesus Christ

## Christians

Bitten by sin

Little initial pain

Then intense suffering

Spiritual death

Jesus lifted up on the cross

Looking to Christ saves  
spiritually

The only cure

Salvation is personal and  
individual

God's grace provides the only salvation, through faith.



Application:

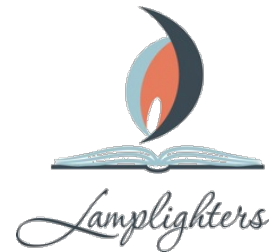
Where are your eyes focused?



“Faith is the gaze of a soul.”

A.W. Tozer

“Faith is a way of seeing  
and of seeking God in all things.”



“May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;  
establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands.”

Ps. 90:17

