

# HEROES OF THE FAITH

## MOSES: God Met Israel At Mount Sinai

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### Chapter 19



#### ➤ Setting (vv. 1-2)

- ❖ Israel arrived at Mount Sinai (vv. 1-2; *see map*).
- ❖ “...third new moon...” (v. 1)
  - ☐ About seven weeks after the exodus from Egypt.
  - ☐ Coincides with the Feast of Weeks/Harvest/day of the first fruits (Numbers 28:26); in the New Testament (Pentecost – Acts 2:1).
  - ☐ Leviticus 23:15-21 {Among other things, celebrated the giving of the law.}
- ❖ Second half of Exodus focuses on what happens here.
  - ☐ God prepared Israel to worship Him. (19)
  - ☐ God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, and other laws. (20:1 – 23:19)
  - ☐ God confirmed His covenant with Israel. (24)
  - ☐ Tabernacle instructions. (25 - 31)
  - ☐ Israel’s rebellion, Moses’ intercession, & covenant renewal. (32 – 34)
  - ☐ The tabernacle. (35 – 40)
- ❖ Fulfillment of God’s prophecy to Moses. (v. 2)
  - ☐ 3:12
  - ☐ God desperately wanted relationship with Israel.
  - ☐ Exodus’ purpose – so Israel could worship God at Sinai.

#### ➤ God spoke to Moses. (vv. 3-6)

- ❖ Tell Israel My power forced Pharaoh to release them. (vv. 3-4)
- ❖ I brought you to Mount Sinai to worship Me. (v. 4)
- ❖ NOTE: The condition. {If...obey...keep...you shall be...}
- ❖ Obey Me. Keep My covenant. Be My people. The earth is mine. (v. 5)
- ❖ God wanted, and wants, to have intimate relationship with His children
- ❖ Be a kingdom of priests. Be a holy nation. (v. 6; 1 Peter 2:9)
- ❖ Moses would convey God’s desire for His people to Israel.



# Tiran to Lawz

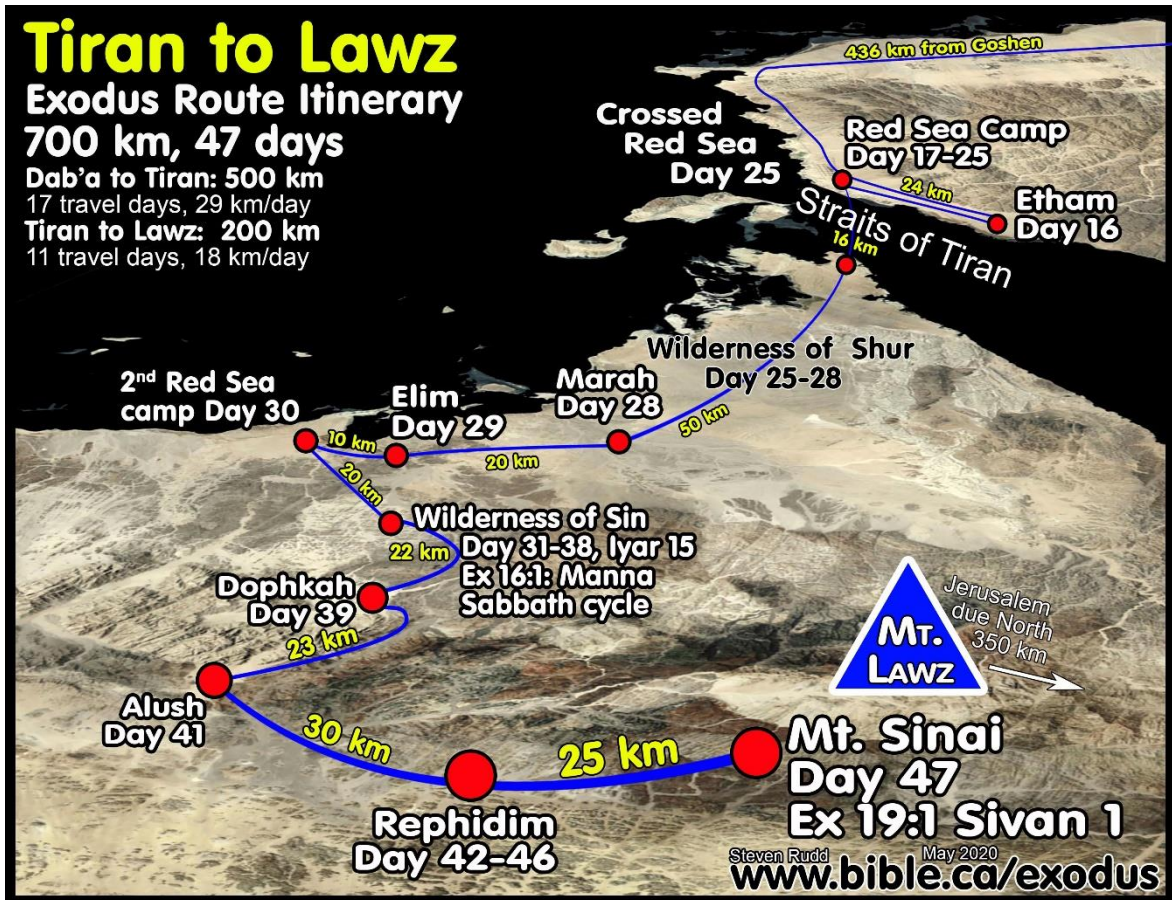
## Exodus Route Itinerary 700 km, 47 days

Dab'a to Tiran: 500 km

17 travel days, 29 km/day

Tiran to Lawz: 200 km

11 travel days, 18 km/day



- Moses spoke to the people. (vv. 7-9)
  - ❖ He conveyed God's words to the elders (12 tribes – 1 elder per tribe). (v. 7)
  - ❖ Israel heard Moses. Promised to obey God. Moses told the LORD. (v. 8)
  - ❖ God exalted Moses in Israel's eyes. (v. 9)
  
- God prepared Israel to meet Him. (vv. 10-15)
  - ❖ "...consecrate..." (v. 10)
    - ☐ קִדַּשׁ (qadash) – consecrate; to be set apart; to be holy.
    - ☐ Prepare to be in holy God's presence.
    - ☐ "...wash their garments..."
      - Alter daily living practices to encounter God.
  - ❖ Jehovah is coming on the *third day*. Be ready. Prepare to encounter God. (v. 11)
  - ❖ God established "*holy*" boundaries for the people to meet Him. (vv. 12-13)
  - ❖ To disobey God's command, meant death. (v. 13)
  - ❖ No other relationship was to supersede their worship of God. (vv. 14-15)
  - ❖ Sex was forbidden during the three-day consecration to meet God. (v. 15)
  
- God arrived at Mount Sinai. (vv. 16-20)
  - ❖ On day three, after God spoke to Moses, He came to the mountain. (v. 16)
  - ❖ God announced His arrival with a mighty trumpet blast.
  - ❖ Moses led the people to meet God on the mountain. (v. 17)
  - ❖ God's presence changed things. (vv. 18-19)
  - ❖ NOTE: Moses knew God. God knew Moses. (vv. 19-20)
  - ❖ God *came down* to Mount Sinai. Moses *went up* to meet God. (v. 20)
  
- God spoke to Moses on Sinai. (vv. 21-25)
  - ❖ God warned Israel not to violate His command. (v. 21)
  - ❖ God gave instruction to the priests to consecrate themselves. (v. 22)
  - ❖ Moses recalled God's command – "*Set limits...consecrate it*". (v. 23)
  - ❖ God provided further directives. (v. 24)
    - Go and bring Aaron up on the mountain with you.
    - No one - priests, people, etc. - else can come up on the mountain.
  - ❖ Moses obeyed. He conveyed God's sentiments to Israel. (v. 25)



## Group Questions

- 1) In this chapter, God prepared Israel to receive His law, His instructions for entering the promised land, His covenant with them, the tabernacle, and much more. This was a massive moment for them. Look at your life. Discuss how God prepared you for a massive spiritual moment with Him. Discuss how God changed your life through it.
  
- 2) Moses willingly placed himself under God's authority, and the authority of God's Word. In doing so, Moses provides a living example of significant truths in dynamic Christian living. Life is worship. Worship is life. If you love God, obey God. Scrutinize your life. Discuss what you have learned in living a life of worship to God.
  
- 3) Moses prepared himself, and his people, to be in the presence of God. Review verses 10 – 15. Note everything they did to prepare for their encounter with the living God. Discuss how you prepare to be in God's presence.
  
- 4) As you look back over this chapter, discuss one major area you can take with you and apply to your life.

