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A word in season: Unity and Courage

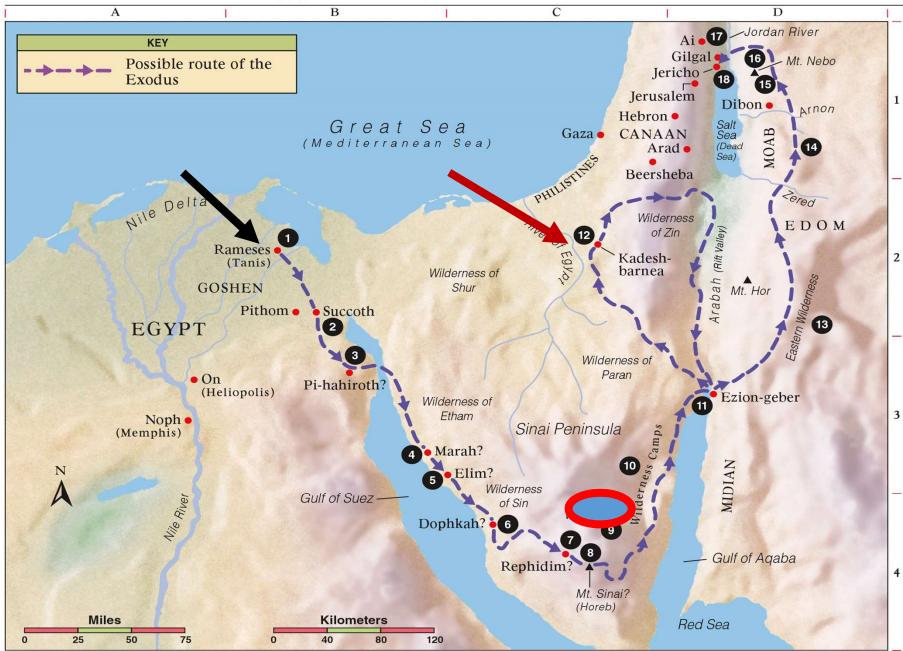
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Recap:

(Joh 17:22) The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,

(Psa 133:1) **A Song of Ascents. Of David.** Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

2. Israel's Exodus from Egypt and Entry into Canaan



Israel Arrives at Their Destiny

(Num 13:1) The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
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(Num 13:3) So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran, according to the command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the people of Israel.

(Num 13:4) And these were their names: From the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur;

(Num 13:5) from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori;
(Num 13:6) from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;
(Num 13:7) from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph;
(Num 13:8) from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun;
(Num 13:9) from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu;
(Num 13:10) from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi;
(Num 13:11) from the tribe of Joseph (that is, from the tribe of Manasseh), Gaddi the son of Susi;
(Num 13:12) from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli;
(Num 13:13) from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;
(Num 13:14) from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi;

(Num 13:15) from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

(Num 13:16) These were the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua.

(Num 13:17) Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan and said to them, "Go up into the Negeb and go up into the hill country,

(Num 13:18) and see what the land is, and whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many,

(Num 13:19) and whether the land that they dwell in is good or bad, and whether the cities that they dwell in are camps or strongholds,

(Num 13:20) and whether the land is rich or poor, and whether there are trees in it or not. Be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes.

(Num 13:21) So they went up and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, near Lebo-hamath.

(Num 13:22) They went up into the Negeb and came to Hebron. Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

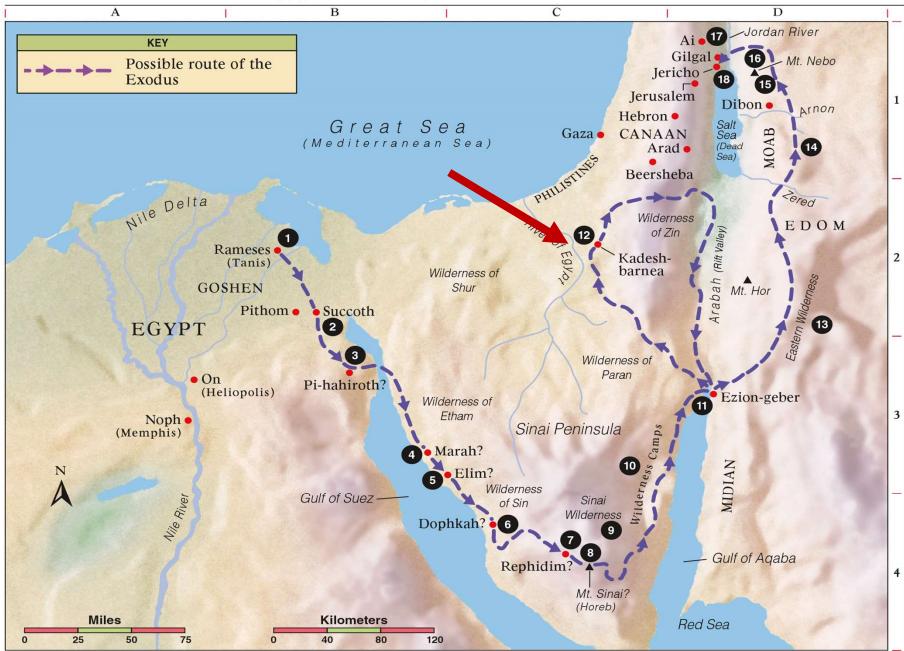
(Num 13:23) And they came to the Valley of Eshcol and cut down from there a branch with a single cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two of them; they also brought some pomegranates and figs.

(Num 13:24) That place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster that the people of Israel cut down from there.

(Num 13:25) At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land.

(Num 13:26) And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.

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Num 13:27) And they told him, "We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

(Num 13:28) However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. (Num 13:29) The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan." (Num 13:30) But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.

(Num 13:31) Then the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are."

(Num 13:32) So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, "The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height.

(Num 13:33) And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them."

(Num 14:1) Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night.

(Num 14:2) And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!

(Num 14:3) Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" (Num 14:4) And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

(Num 14:5) Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel.

(Num 14:6) And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes

(Num 14:7) and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. (Num 14:8) If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey.

(Num 14:9) Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."

(Num 14:10) Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.

(Num 14:11) And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? (Num 14:12) I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them...

(Num 14:19) Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now."

(Num 14:20) Then the LORD said, "I have pardoned, according to your word.

(Num 14:21) But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD,

(Num 14:22) none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, (Num 14:23) shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it. (Num 14:24) But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.

(Num 14:29) your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against me, (Num 14:30) not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. (Num 14:31) But your little ones, who you said would become a prey, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have rejected.

(Num 14:32) But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness.

"There is no greater punishment heavier than that which falls upon any man when God Allows him to take his own course"

- J Parker

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