

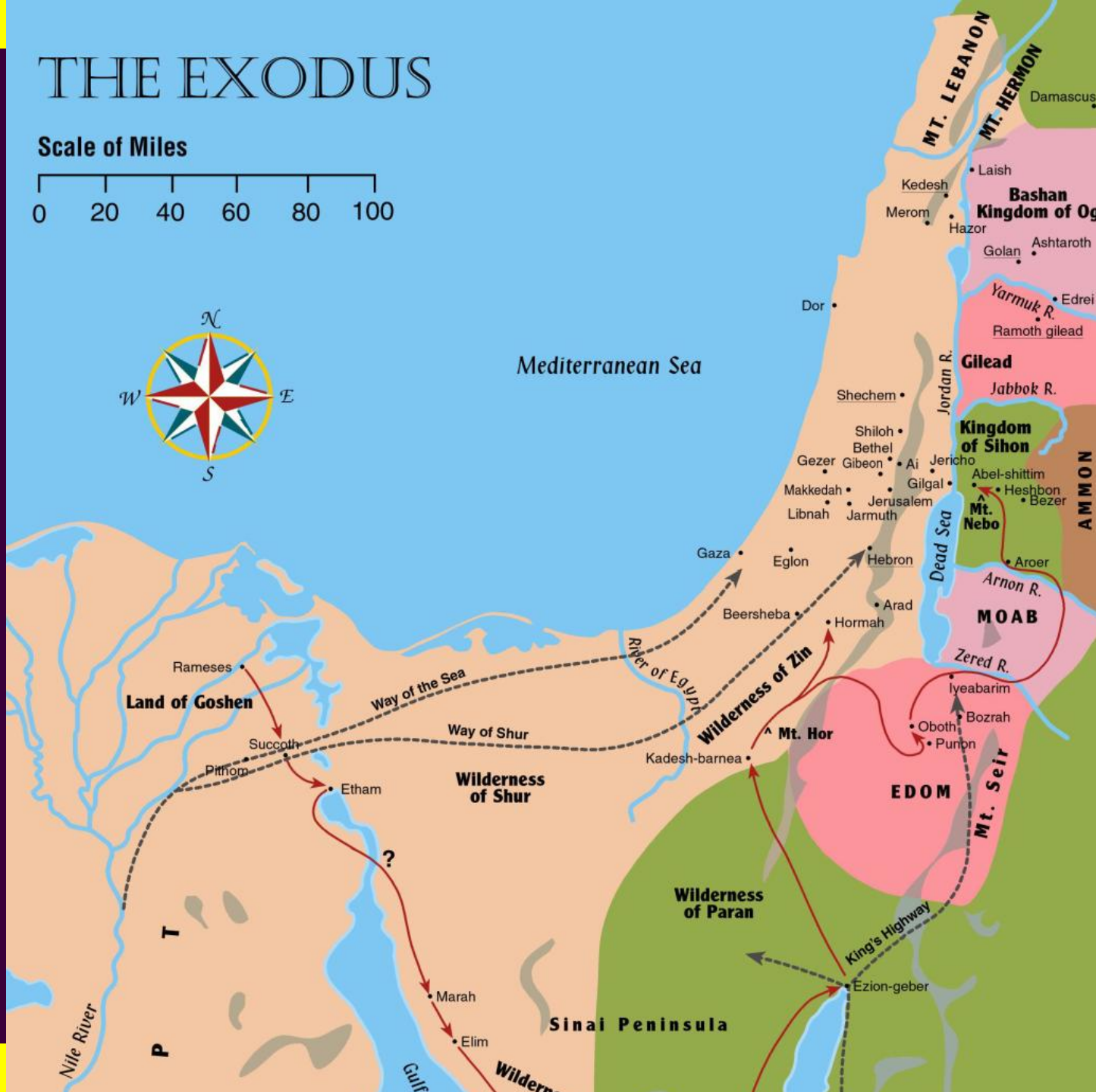
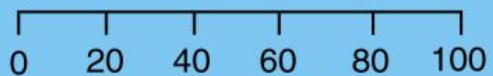


# OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

*Sunday Adult Class*  
*9:45 AM*

# THE EXODUS

Scale of Miles



# The Covenant People of God

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- Was it by chance, etc. that the Hebrew people were in Egypt during the reign of a bad Pharaoh?

“Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and **will serve them**, and **they will afflict them** four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out **with great possessions.**” (Gen 15:13-14)



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# The Covenant People of God

- Would have met conflict on either of these two
- God wanted them to learn to depend on Him



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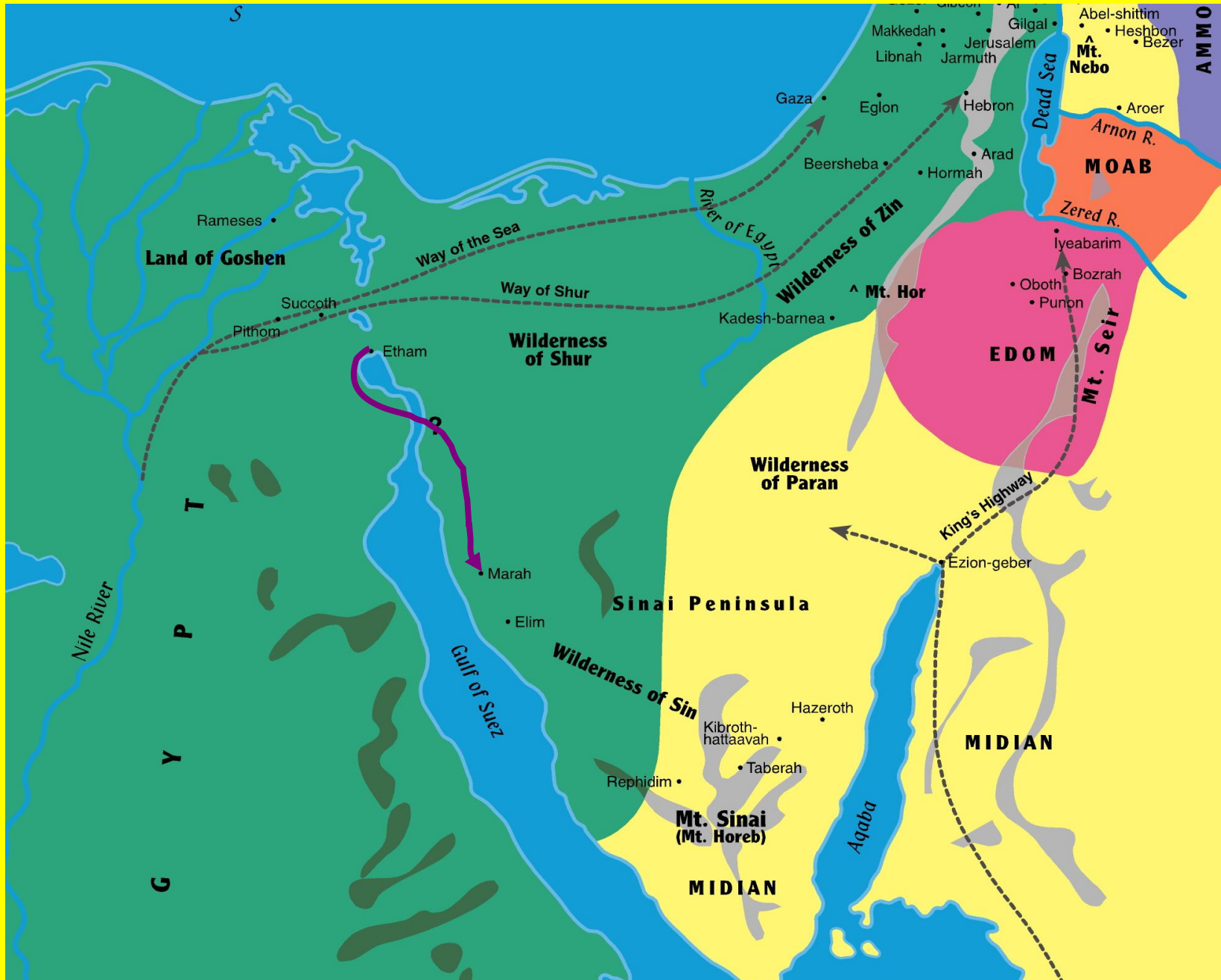
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- Israelites crossed somewhere at the northern tip of the left arm of the Red Sea (Gulf of Suez) because they crossed into the Wilderness of Sinai
  - Traveled three days through the Wilderness of Shur
  - At **Marah** they found water but it was bitter
  - **They complained**
  - Moses through God provided a miracle

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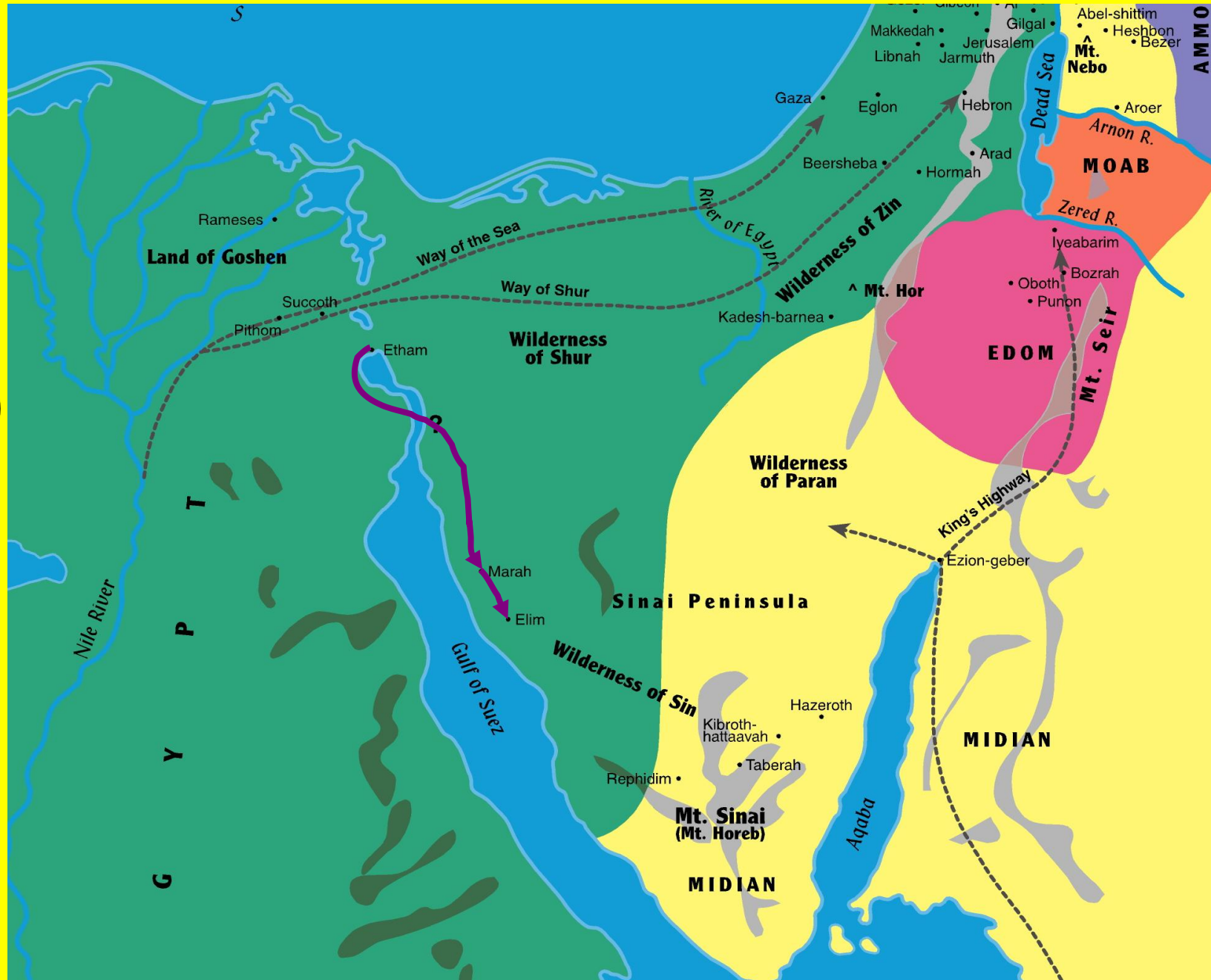
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- Their next stopping place was **Elim**
  - Was a natural oasis with 12 wells and 70 palm trees
- Even though they were traveling near water, they could not drink it because the Red Sea and its two arms are salty like the oceans
  - Even saltier than normal because of high evaporation



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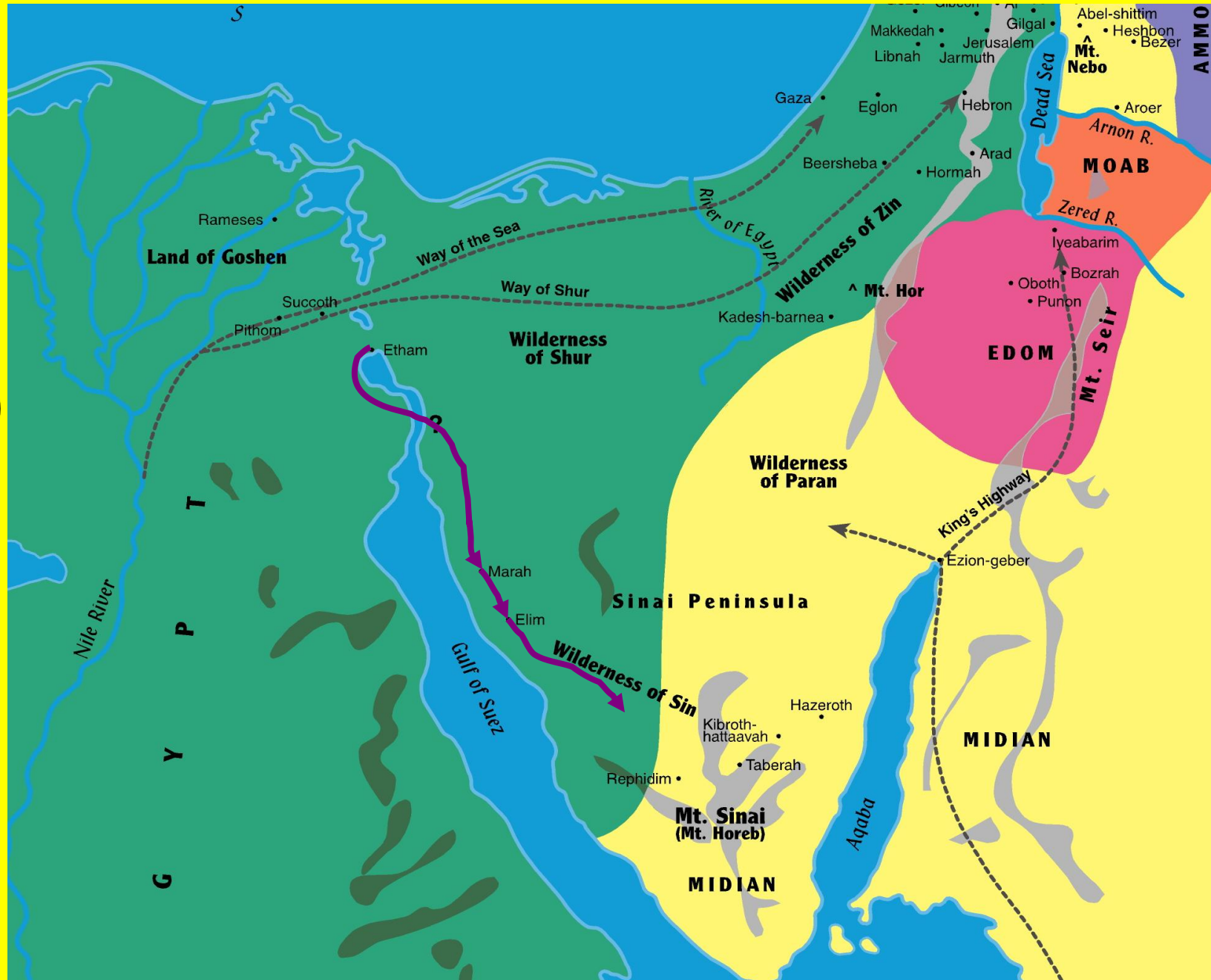
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- A month has passed and they are now camped in the **Wilderness of Sin**
  - They begin to complain again
  - Their food had run out and they tell Moses that they should have stayed in Egypt!
  - Moses tells them later that this was all God's design

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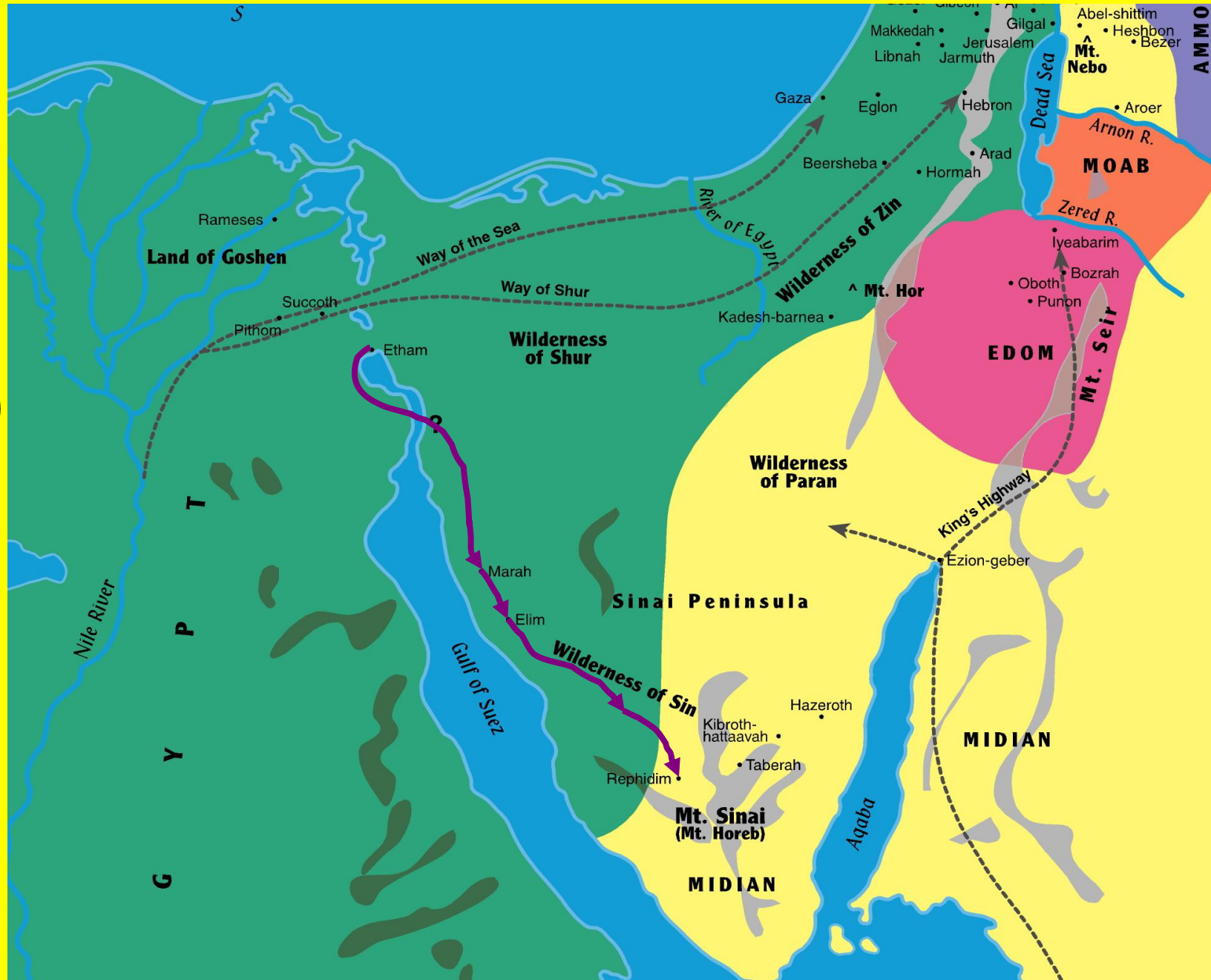
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- God began feeding the people with manna in the Wilderness of Sin
  - This continued until they were actually in the land of Canaan and ate their first food from the land
  - God fed them and fought their battles. At **Rephidim**, the Amalekites attacked them. God gave them victory

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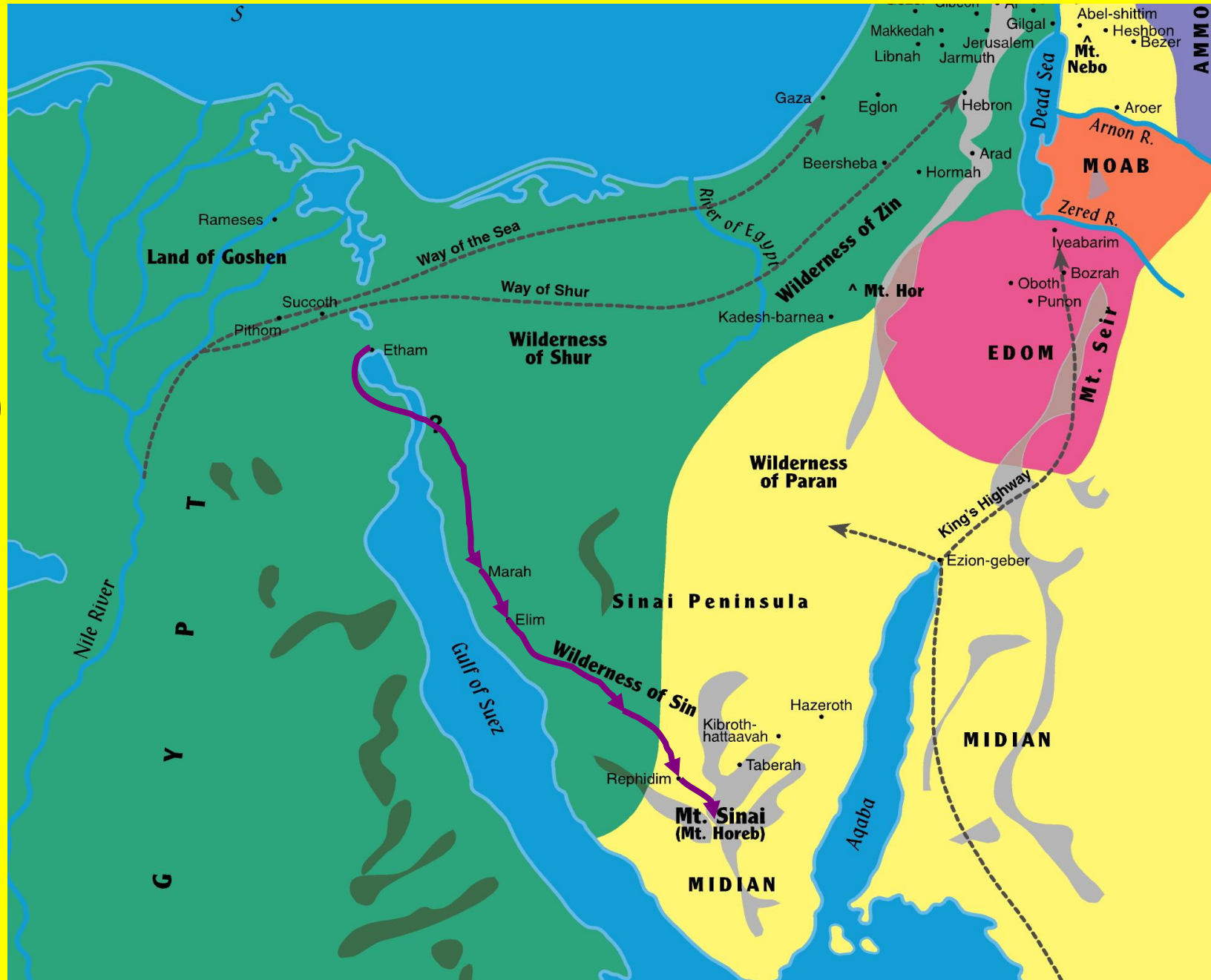
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- The Israelites arrived at **Mt Sinai** “in the third month”
  - God offered the people a covenant. He told them that if they would obey His will that He would keep His covenant and the Israelites would have all the blessings. They responded “we will do everything the Lord has said.”

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# Mount Sinai

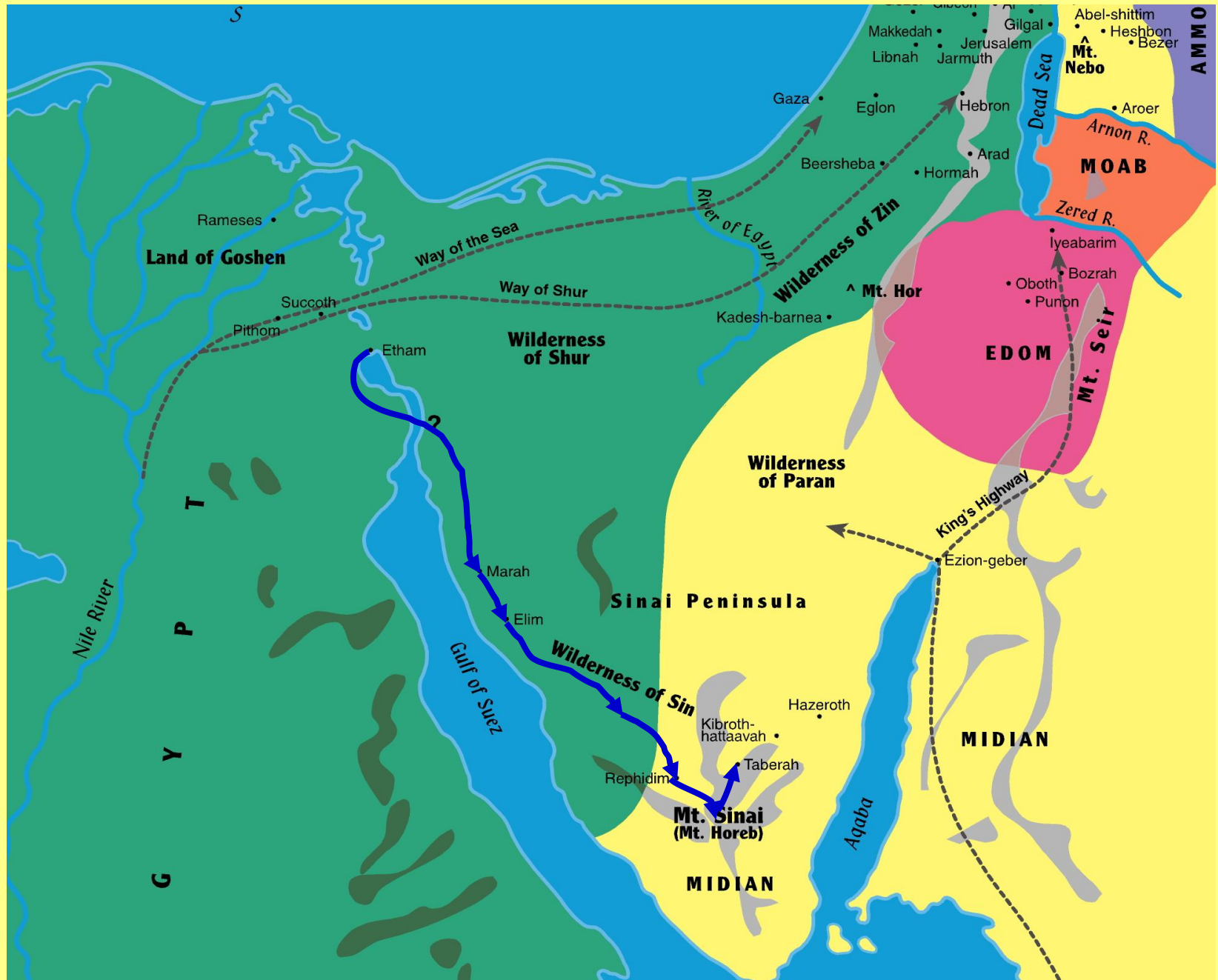


- Covenant offered in Exodus 19
- Summary of the law God intended in Exodus 20-23
  - Covenant sealed and confirmed with animal sacrifices



# Waiting For A Generation to Die

- Just over one year after they left Egypt, the Israelites now begin their northward journey toward Canaan (Exodus 10:11-12)
  - The time had come for God to fulfill His promise to give them the land
  - The route led them through some of the roughest terrain they had yet found



# Waiting For A Generation to Die



- A few miles further the complaints began again!
  - They were tired of the manna!
  - They wanted fish, cucumbers, melons, etc. from Egypt
  - God was displeased

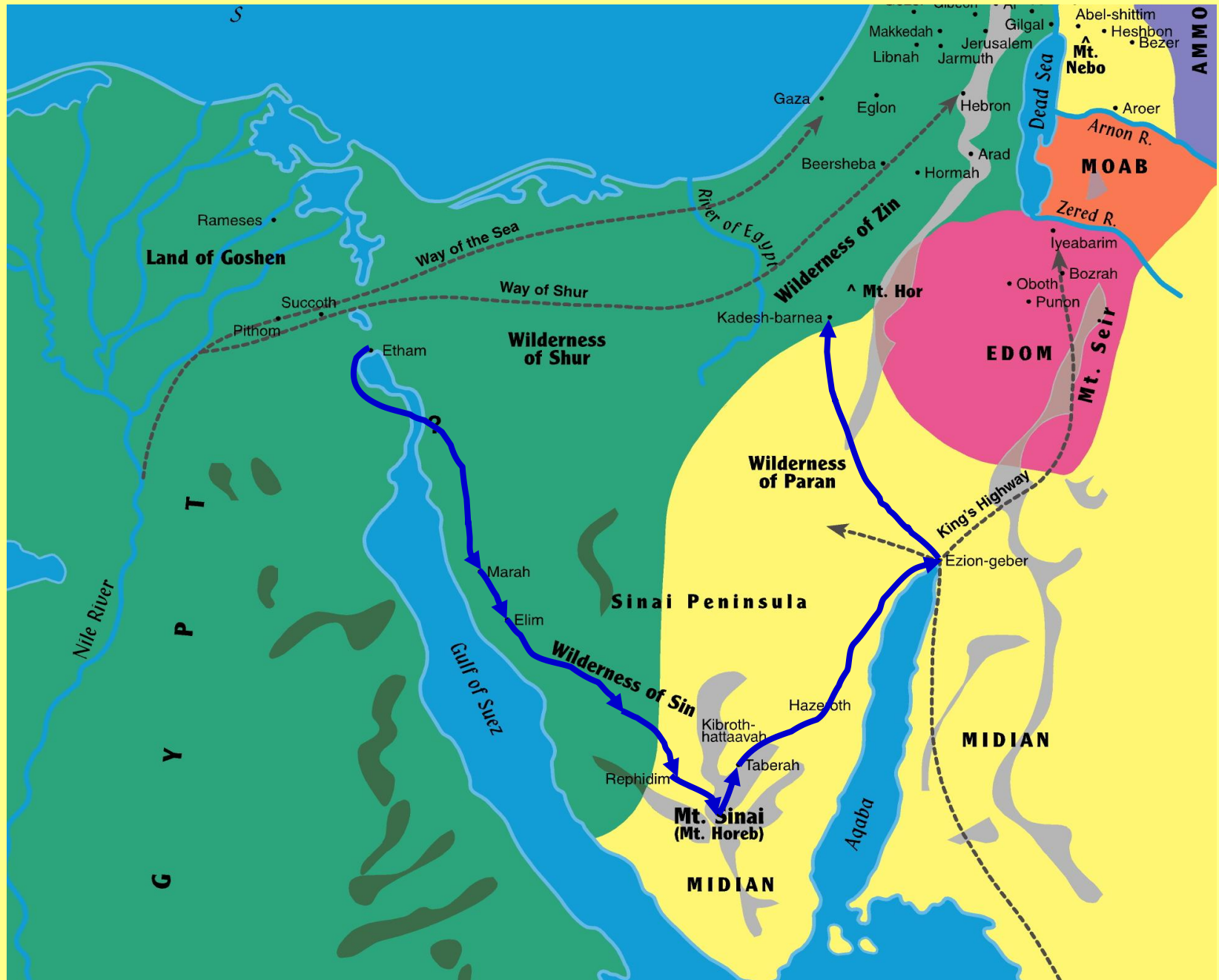
# Waiting For A Generation to Die



- He sent quail and a plague
  - Many died and they named the place **Kibroth-Hattaavah**

# Waiting For A Generation to Die

- Finally the Israelites arrived in the Wilderness of Paran at a spot called **Kadesh-barnea**
  - 50 miles from the promised land
  - From this point, Moses sent 12 spies into Canaan
    - Came back reporting the richness of the land, but it was inhabited by giants and had great walled cities



# Waiting For A Generation to Die

- Ten of the spies and all the multitude decided it was too hard a task for them to take the land
- Two spies (Joshua and Caleb) along with Moses and Aaron cried out for faith in God's promises
  - The people were ready to stone them to death

# Waiting For A Generation to Die



- Their punishment would be that they would have to stay in the wilderness until that whole generation of soldiers died, a year for every day the spies had been gone
  - Num 13:25 – forty days
  - Num 14:34 – forty years



# Waiting For A Generation to Die

- For 38 years the Israelites stayed in the region of Kadesh-barnea, waiting for a generation to die
  - During this time the people still murmured and complained against God. The people sinned often
  - A plague brought by God upon the people caused 14,700 to die. Only through God's mercy were any left alive

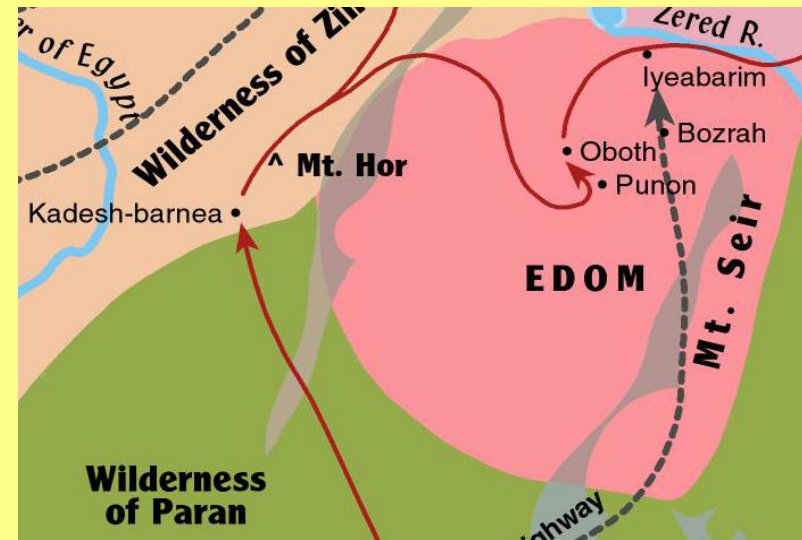
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- God told Moses to speak to the rock and water would come forth. But Moses struck the rock
- This happened in the **wilderness of Zin**
- As a result, Moses could not enter Canaan

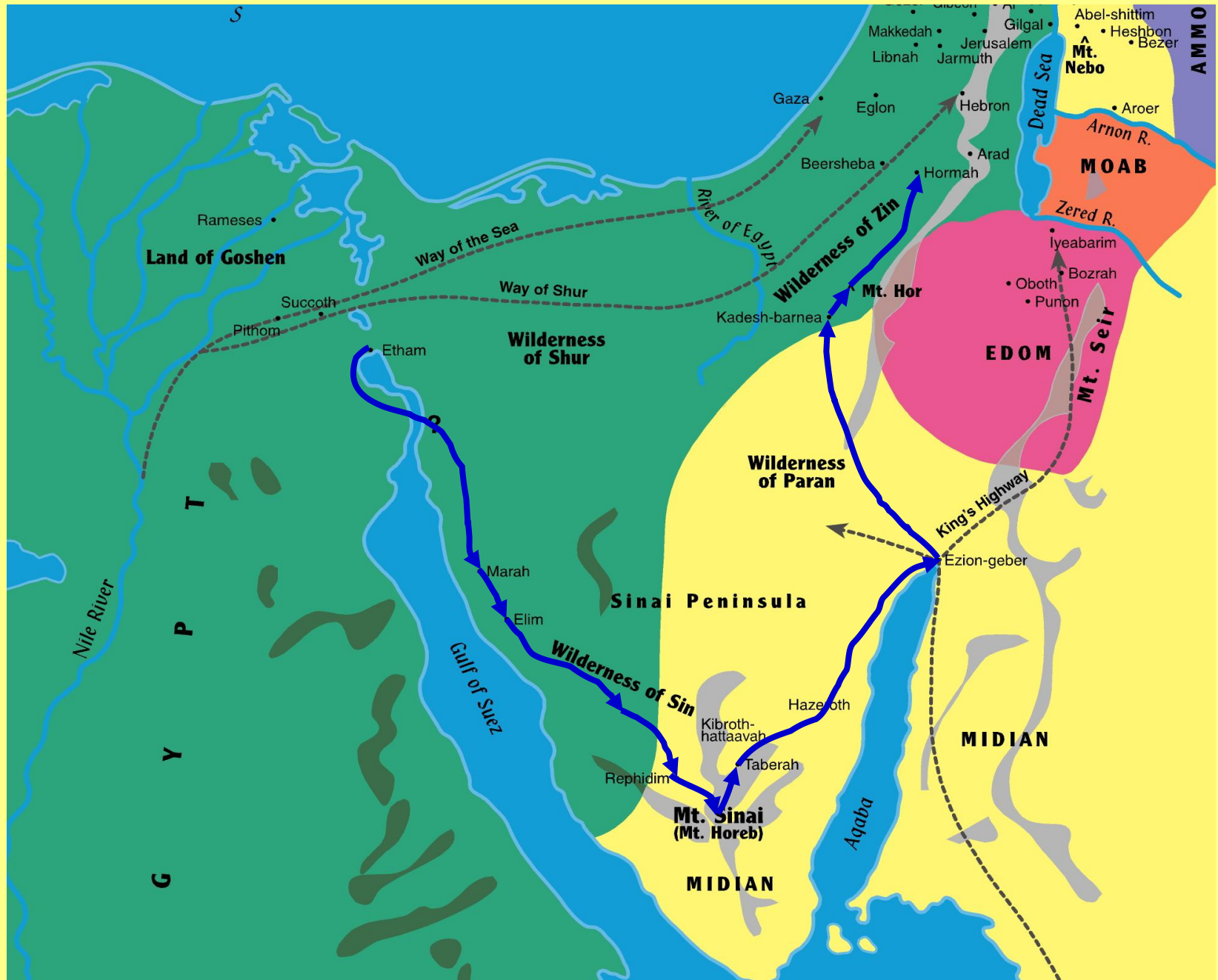


# Waiting For A Generation to Die

- God chose to take them into the land by a different route
  - Moses sent to the king of **Edom** asking permission to go through his land. He refused and sent his army out against the Israelites



- God told the Israelites they could not have Edom's land
- They were related to them (Esau – Edom)



# Waiting For A Generation to Die

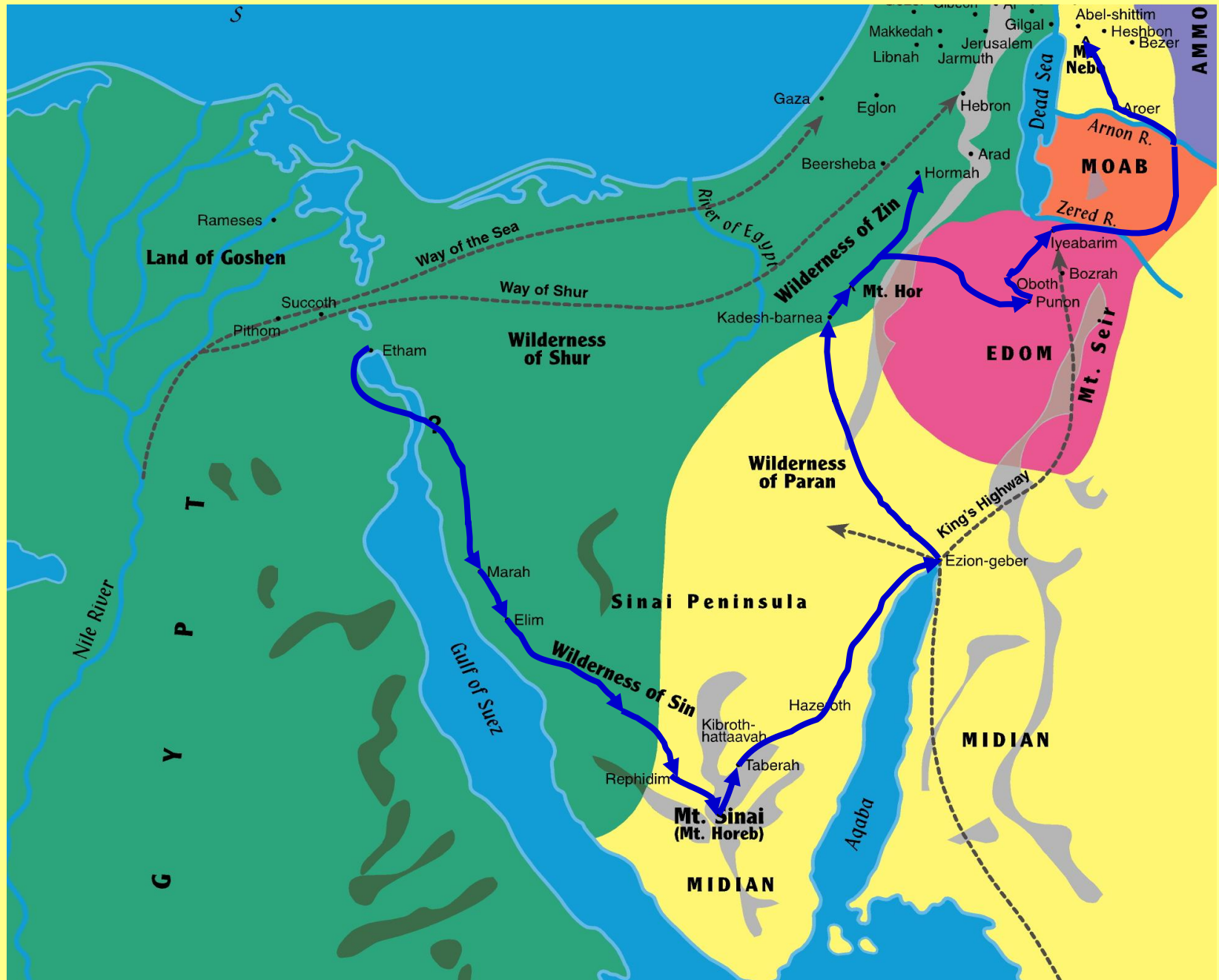
- Were not able to go south, back to Ezion-geber where they could have taken the Kings Highway trade route
  - Had to go northeastward through terrible land to make their way northward – just east of the Dead Sea
  - Exact route cannot be accurately defined

# Waiting For A Generation to Die

- Route laid out is only an assumption of the way they journeyed based upon the cities that are listed in the Bible as they traveled
- In view of their history, is it surprising that they complained again?
  - This time God sent poisonous serpents into the camp

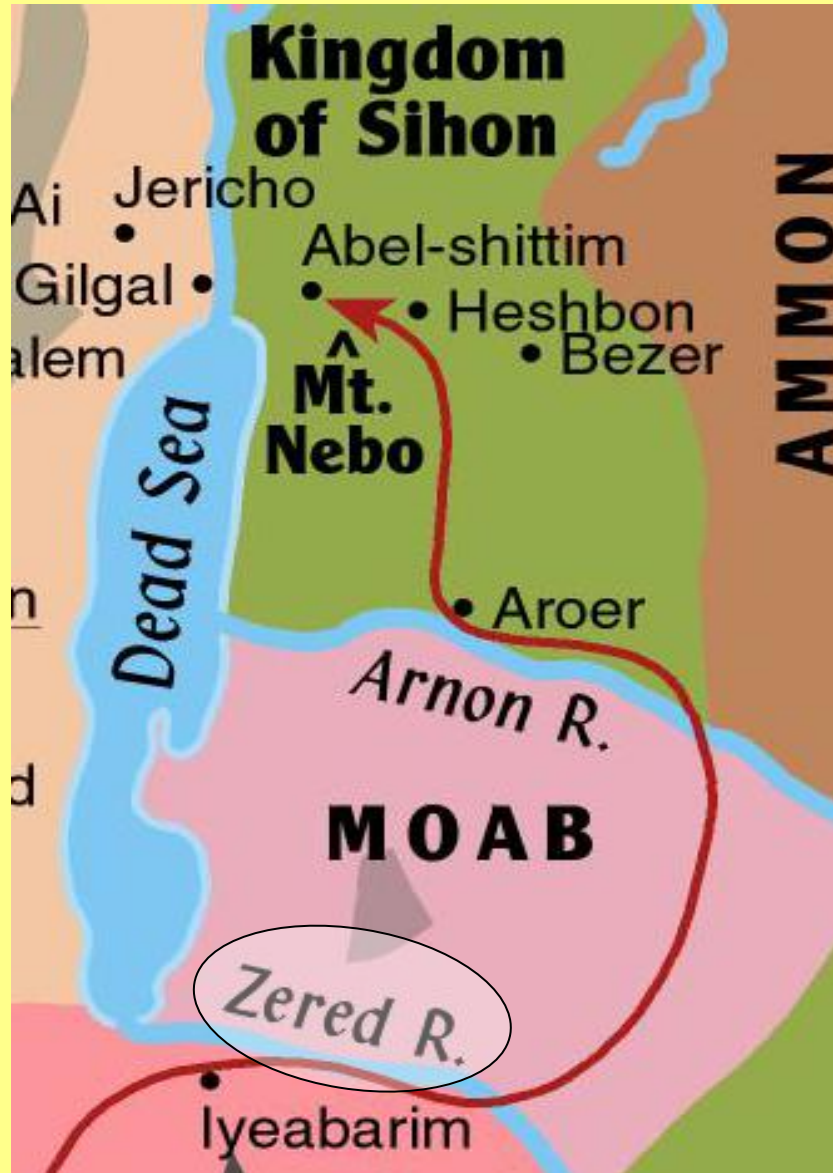
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- The camping places named after Mt. Hor are **Zalmonah, Punon, Oboth, and Ije Abarim** on the border of Moab
  - None of these places have been identified
  - They are on the inside of Edom's jurisdiction



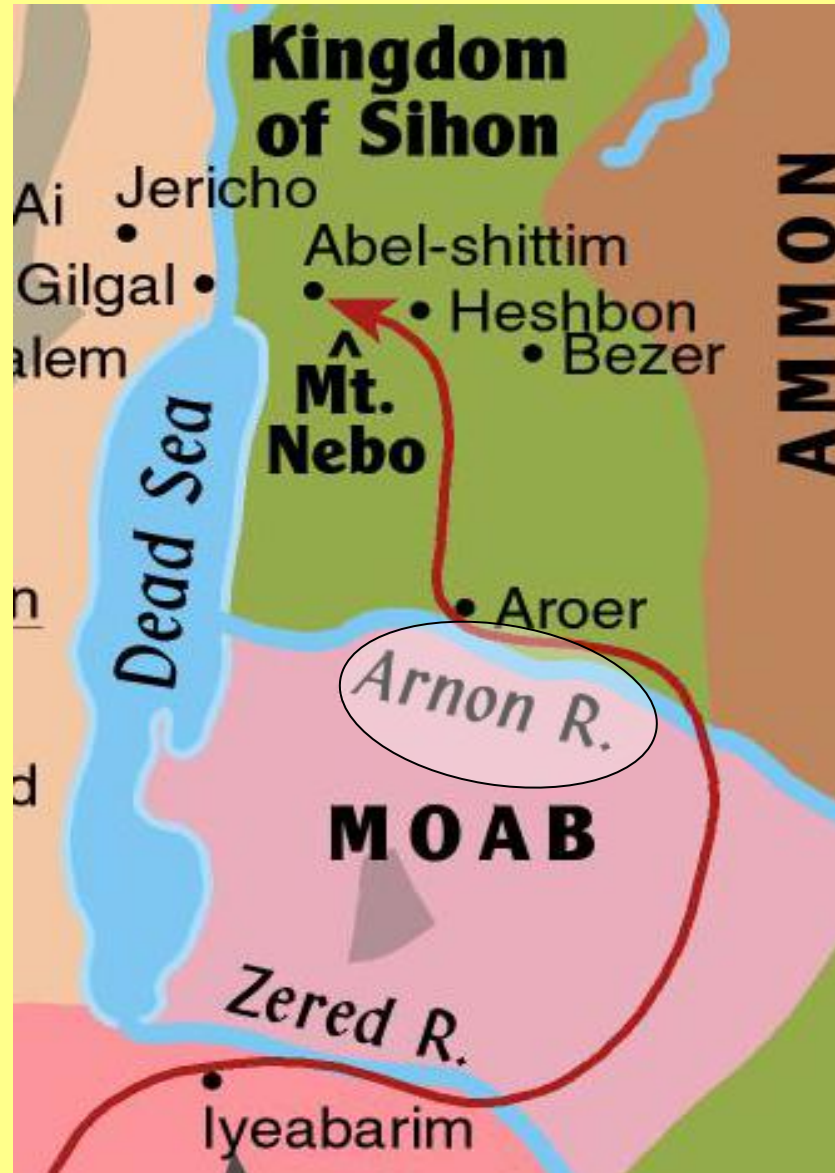


# Waiting For A Generation to Die



- At the valley of the Zered they turned eastward
  - After crossing the **Zered River** they were on the edge of the land belonging to the Moabites
  - Relatives of the Israelites
    - **LOT/MOAB**

# Waiting For A Generation to Die



- God said they could not have their land and they moved north on Moab's outer fringes and crossed the **Arnon River**

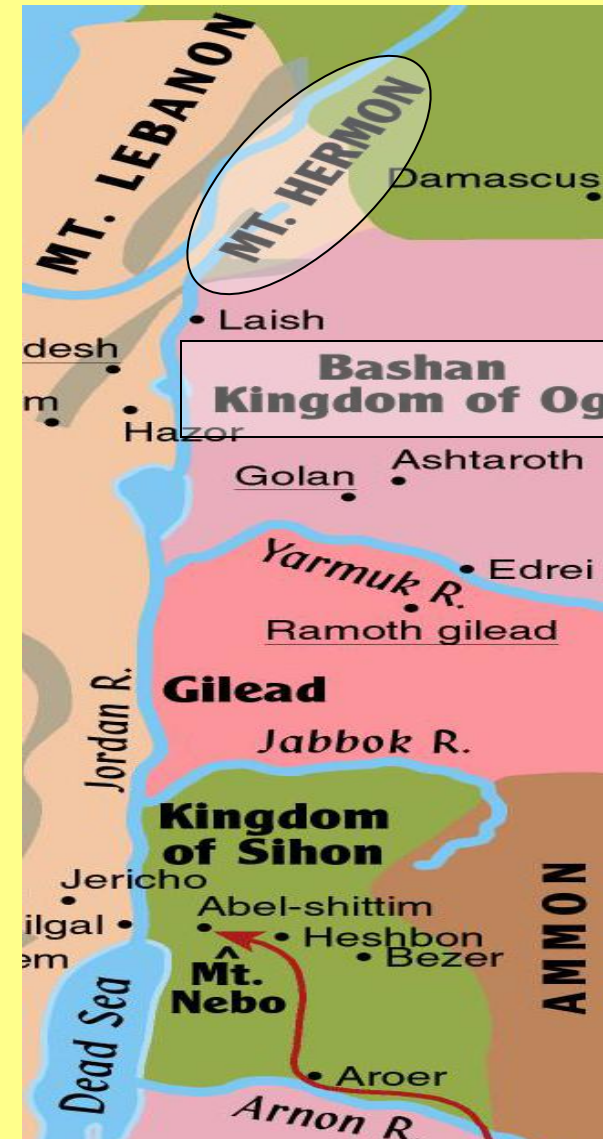
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- Sihon of the Amorites controlled the territory between the **Arnon River** and the **Jabbok River**
  - His army came out against Moses but Moses led the Israelites to victory



# Waiting For A Generation to Die

- After conquering **King Og** of Bashan, the Israelites controlled all the land from the Arnon River northward to **Mt. Hermon**

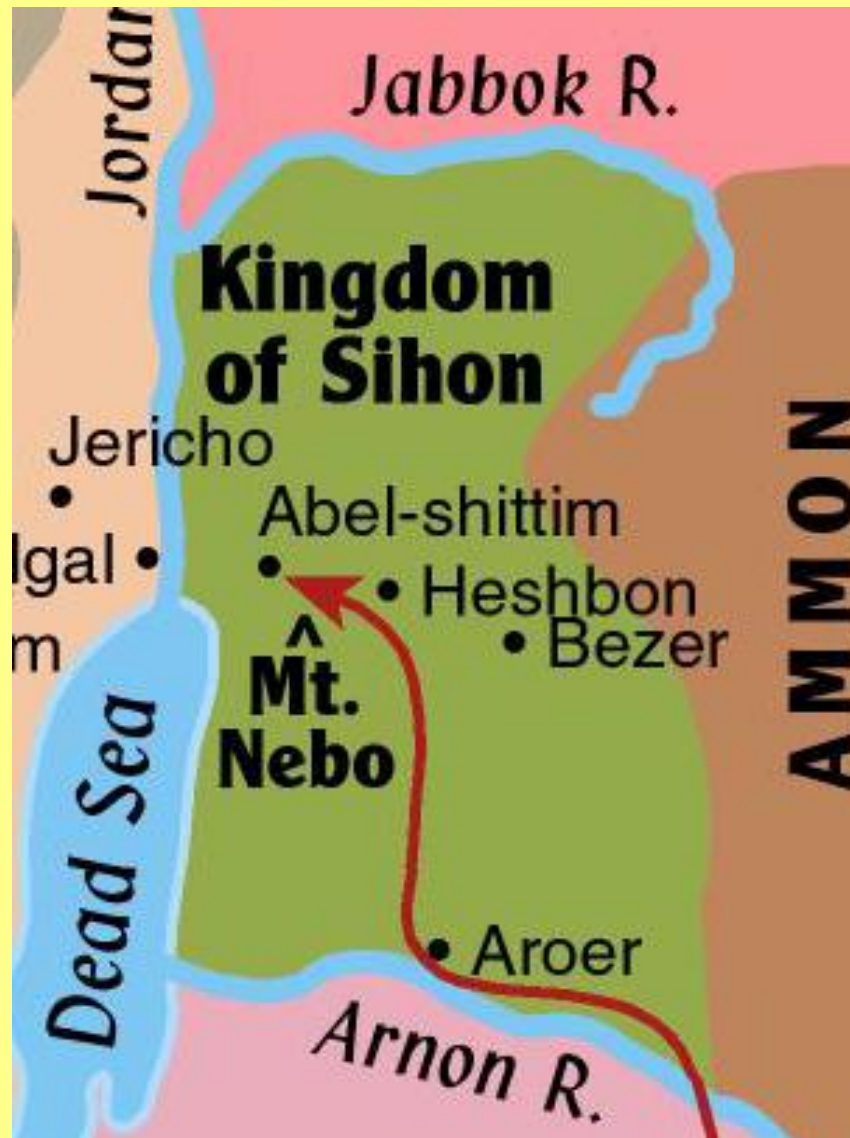


# Waiting For A Generation to Die



- Another group of people we need to be aware of are the **Ammonites**
  - Sihon had driven them out of the fertile land into the edge of the desert
  - Descendants of Lot

# Waiting For A Generation to Die



- They were a constant thorn in the flesh to the tribes east of the Jordan because they always tried to take the fertile lands

# Waiting For A Generation to Die

- The entire book of Deuteronomy is made up of speeches Moses made on the plains of Moab
  - Moses' death was not far away
  - He reminded them of their history and urged them to be faithful to God
  - If they would serve God, then God would bless them
  - If unfaithful – an enemy would come and take them captive

# The Conquest of Canaan

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- Joshua sent spies across the Jordan to the city of **Jericho** (2:1)
- Spies learned that the people of Jericho were terrified
- The Israelites were able to move forward – confident of success!





# The Conquest of Canaan

- After crossing the Jordan, the Israelites set up camp at **Gilgal**
- **Jericho** was the logical city to attack first
  - Jericho lay directly in the path between Israel's camp at Gilgal and the central portion of the land they were to take



# The Conquest of Canaan

- **Jericho** was given by God into the hands of the Israelites miraculously
  - They marched around the city 7 days and the walls fell flat
  - The fortress part of the city covered 7 acres
- Jericho was the first city in Canaan proper to fall to the Israelites





# The Land Promise Fulfilled

The twelve sons of Jacob (Israel):

Genesis 35:23-26

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## Leah

Reuben Simeon Levi  
Judah Issachar Zebulun

## Rachel

Joseph Benjamin

**Bilhah** (Rachel's Maidservant)

Dan Naphtali

**Zilpah** (Leah's Maidservant)

Gad Asher

# The Land Promise Fulfilled

- Joshua 12 is a summary of all the cities Israel has conquered
  - Includes the territory on both sides of the **Jordan**



# The Land Promise Fulfilled

- Joshua told to divide the land between the tribes
  - He would help each tribe finish the task of clearing its possession



# The Land Promise Fulfilled

- Joshua 13-19 describes the border lines of the tribal territories in detail
  - Can easily determine the general location of each tribe
  - Difficult to determine the exact border lines



# The Land Promise Fulfilled

- Tribes asked for specific cities in particular sections of the country
- Our faith rests on the fact that God kept His promise





# Identify the following places

Dead Sea

Manasseh

Med Sea

Simeon

Sea of Chinnereth

Judah

Jordan River

Benjamin

Zered River

Ephraim

Arnon River

Dan

Jabbok River

Issachar

Yarmuk River

Zebulun

Reuben

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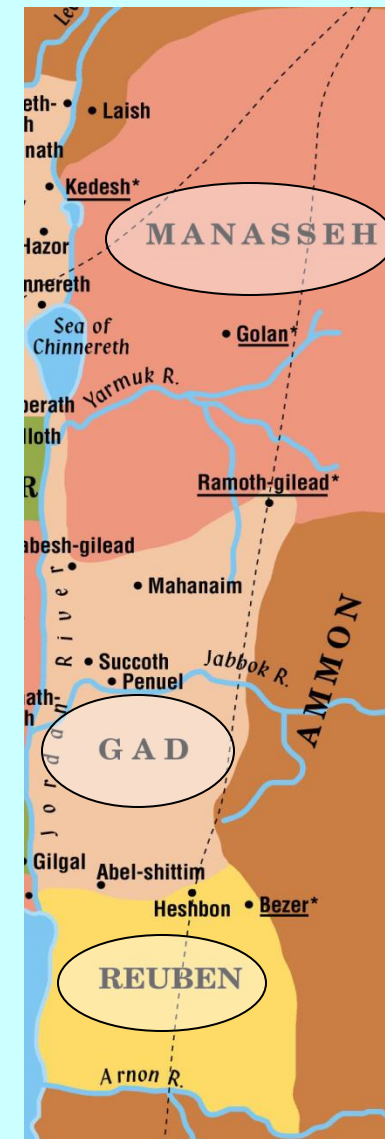
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# Tribal Territories East of Jordan

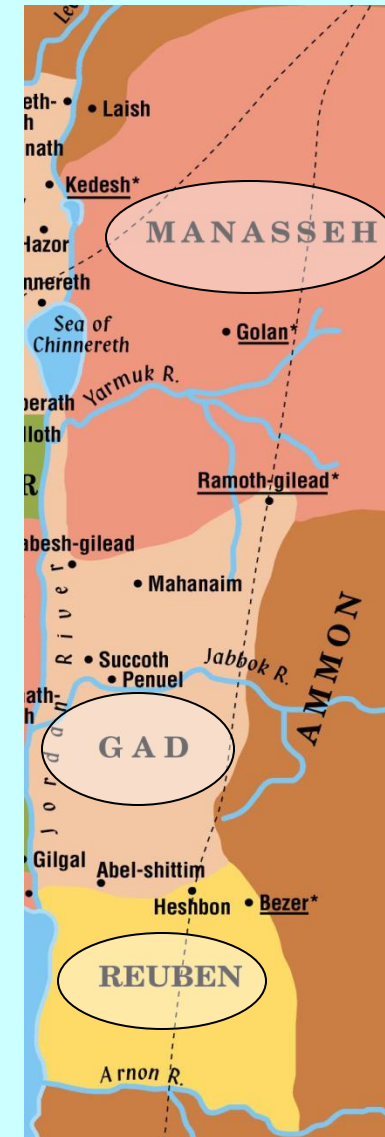
- Reuben, Gad and half of the tribe of **Manasseh** asked for the territory east of the Jordan before Moses died
  - At first Moses thought they were afraid to take the land of Canaan



# Tribal Territories East of Jordan

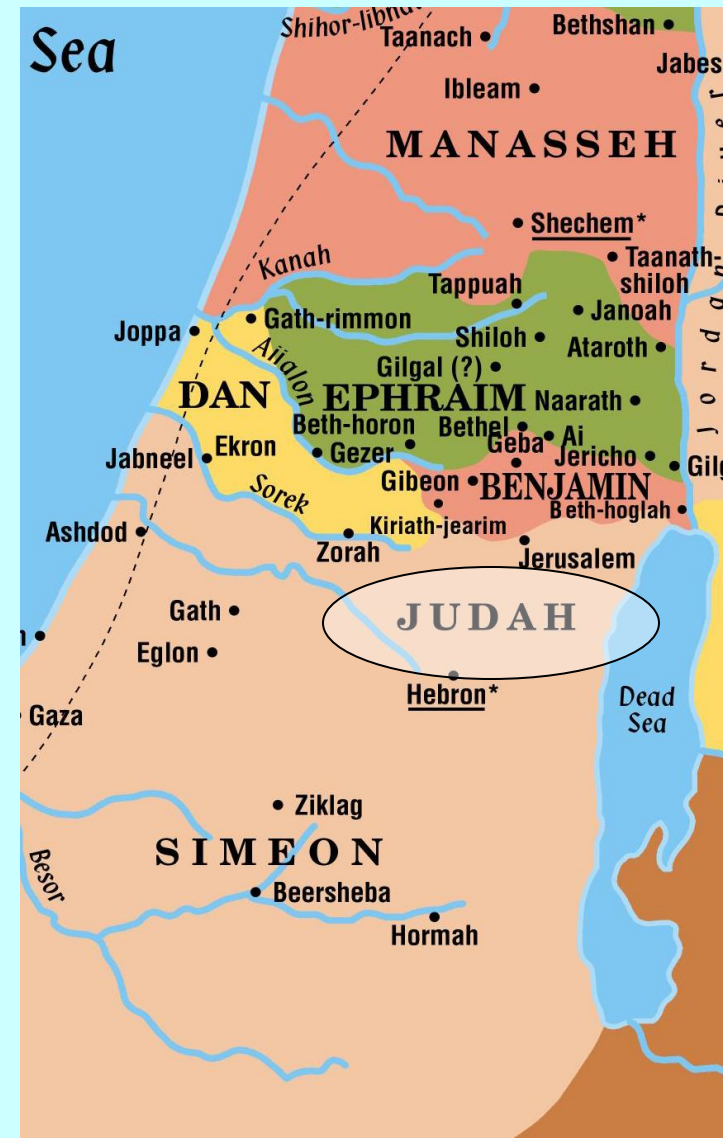
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- He was assured that they would help their brethren conquer Canaan before returning to their land
  - Reuben was given portion next to Moab
  - Gad received land taken from King Sihon
  - Manasseh received land taken from King Og



# Tribal Territories West of Jordan

- **Judah** was the first tribe to ask for territory west of the Jordan
  - Given all the land west of the Dead Sea south to the Negeb
    - City of Hebron was given specifically to Caleb



# Tribal Territories West of Jordan

- **Ephraim** and the remaining half tribe of **Manasseh** asked for the central portion of land
  - Joshua describes the borders of Ephraim (Joshua 16:5-8)



## Joshua 16:5-8

5 The territory of the people of Ephraim by their clans was as follows: the boundary of their inheritance on the east was Ataroth-addar as far as Upper Beth-horon, 6 and the boundary goes from there to the sea. On the north is Michmethath. Then on the east the boundary turns around toward Taanath-shiloh and passes along beyond it on the east to Janoah, 7 then it goes down from Janoah to Ataroth and to Naarah, and touches Jericho, ending at the Jordan. 8 From Tappuah the boundary goes westward to the brook Kanah and ends at the sea. Such is the inheritance of the tribe of the people of Ephraim by their clans,

# Tribal Territories West of Jordan

- The men reported that Judah's portion was too large and it fell **Simeon's** lot to share the territory
- **Dan** and **Benjamin** were given territory between the tribes of Ephraim and Judah



# Tribal Territories West of Jordan

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- **Asher** was given the narrow coastal plain of the north
- **Naphtali** received the lot lying farthest north along the banks of the upper Jordan





# Tribal Territories West of Jordan

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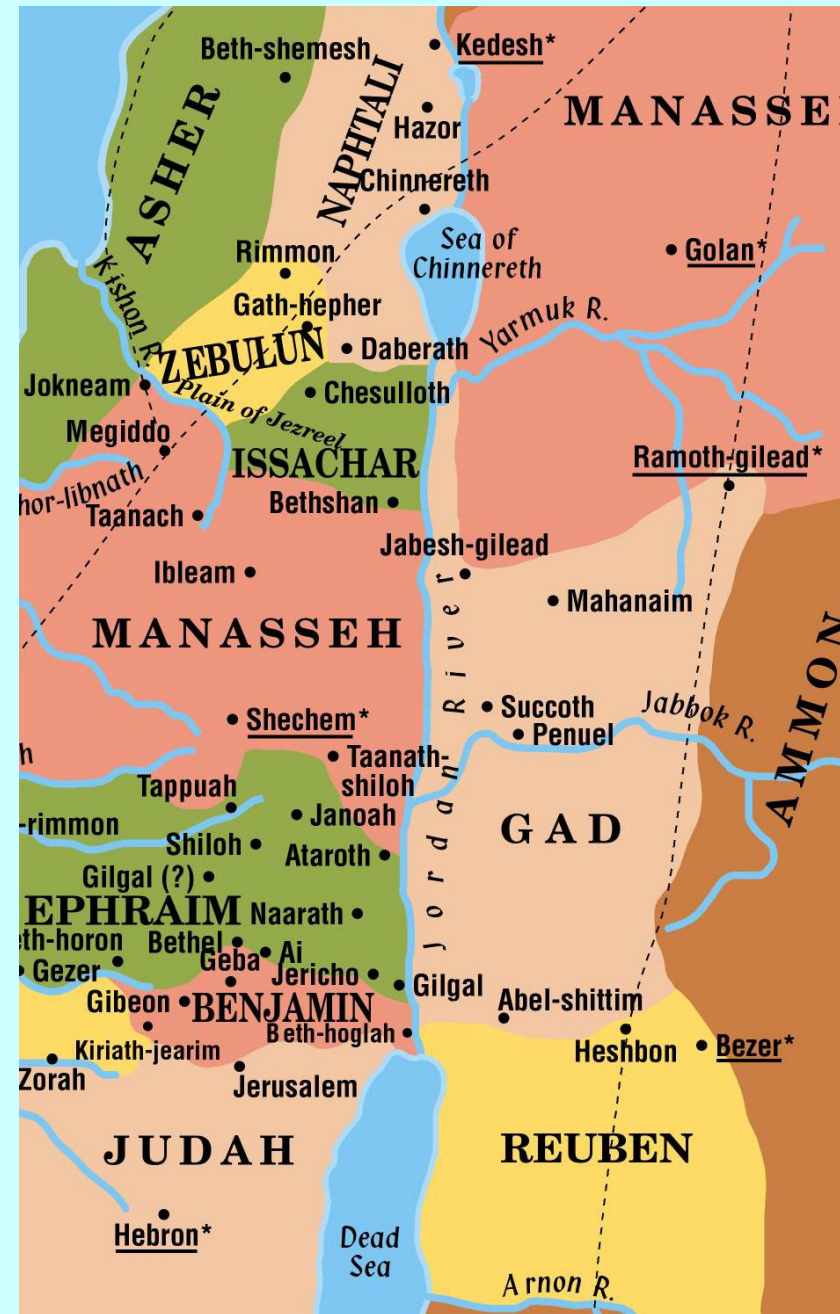
- **Zebulun and Issachar** each received a healthy portion of the Jezreel Plain and of the hills and valleys of lower Galilee



# Tribe of Levi

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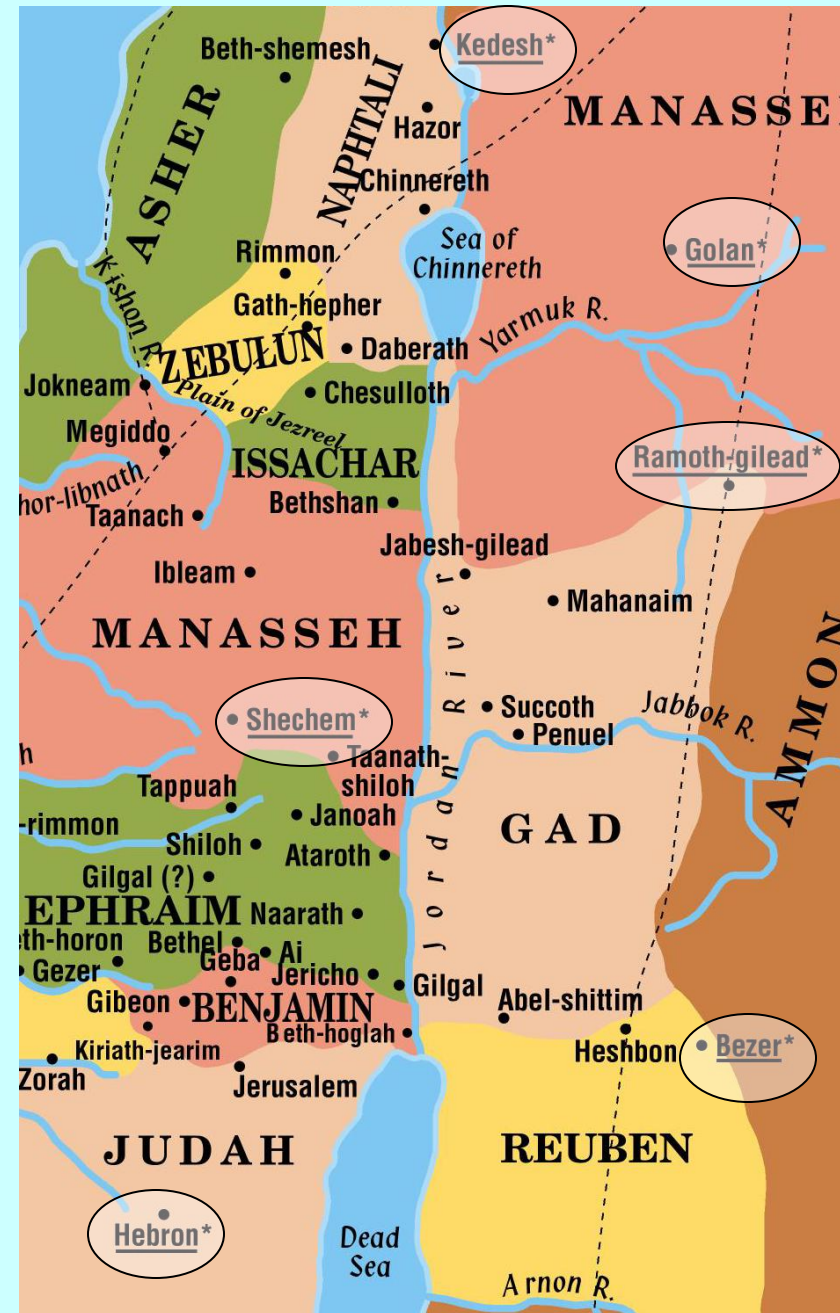
- **Levi** was selected by God to be His special ministers in the tabernacle worship
  - They were given 48 cities scattered throughout the land



# Tribe of Levi

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- Six of the 48 cities were called “**cities of refuge**” where one might flee in case of an accidental killing
  - Those cities were located so as to be a day’s journey from any point in the land



# 13 Tribes and only 12 Sons

- How did that happen?
  - Jacob's oldest son, Reuben sinned; and Jacob chose to give the birthright to Joseph, the oldest son of his favorite wife Rachel (1 Chronicles 5:1-2)



## 1 Chronicles 5:1-2

1 The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he was the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's couch, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel, so that he could not be enrolled as the oldest son; 2 though Judah became strong among his brothers and a chief came from him, yet the birthright belonged to Joseph),

# 13 Tribes and only 12 Sons

– Instead of naming Joseph as one of the tribes, his two sons each inherited equally with the sons of Jacob, Joseph's double portion

- **Manasseh and Ephraim**



# This is the land as God intended it to be

Canaanites were still living within each tribe's land, but God has already promised to help His people finish driving them out!



# Joshua Calls for Faithfulness!

- **Joshua** called the people together before he died and urged them to be faithful. He told them that God had given them ALL the land that he had promised  
(Joshua 21:43-45; 23:14)



## Joshua 21:43-45

43 Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. 44 And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. 45 Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

# Joshua Calls for Faithfulness!

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- Two of the promises to Abraham are fulfilled by the end of the book of Joshua
  - His descendants are a distinct, separate nation
  - They are living in a land of their own – Canaan

# Joshua Calls for Faithfulness!

- The Jews do not need to inherit the land today to fulfill the promise to Abraham – that promise was made and kept over 1,000 years before Christ was born!