

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

JN. 5:39



Jn. 5:39 “**Search the scriptures....they are they which testify of me.**”

Jn. 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me.**

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were **written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

Tonight, we begin studying one of the most unique men in the Word of God – Moses. Before we begin with details of his life, we must consider the background that leads up to his birth.

As we concluded last week with the death of Joseph, let's review his comments:

Gen. 50:21 Now therefore fear ye not: **I will nourish you, and your little ones**. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

- ❖ After Jacob died, Joseph lived another 54 years in Egypt, taking care of his brethren and their families.
- ❖ As Joseph drew near to his death, he gave specific details expressing his faith:

Gen. 50:24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, **I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.**

Heb. 11:22 **By faith Joseph, when he died,** made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

❖ The Lord had promised Abraham the direction of Israel's history hundreds of years before it happened.

Gen. 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and **they shall afflict them four hundred years;**

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and **afterward shall they come out with great substance.**

❖ Stephen's testimony included the same history lesson:

Acts 7:6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and **entreat *them* evil four hundred years.**

❖ The Book of Exodus begins with acknowledgement of a great host of the children in Egyptian bondage due to their fathers.

❖ Unsaved people begin life in spiritual bondage, the world (Egypt), due to their fathers:

Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and **so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**

❖ Joseph, like Jesus, died in Egypt, and his departure from Egypt is a good type of the resurrection:

Gen. 50:25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

Heb. 11:22 **By faith Joseph, when he died,** made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

Josh. 24:32 And **the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt**, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

❖ As Moses and the children of Israel were called out of Egypt, so was the Lord Jesus:

Mt. 2:15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Out of Egypt have I called my son.**

❖ The first chapter of Exodus gives us more background of the situation before the birth of Moses:

Ex. 1:6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, **which knew not Joseph.**

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we:

10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, *was* with rigour.

Original Word: פֶּרֶךְ **Transliteration:** perek;

Definition: harshness, severity, cruelty

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❖ Death comes to all – Ex. 1:6.

Heb. 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

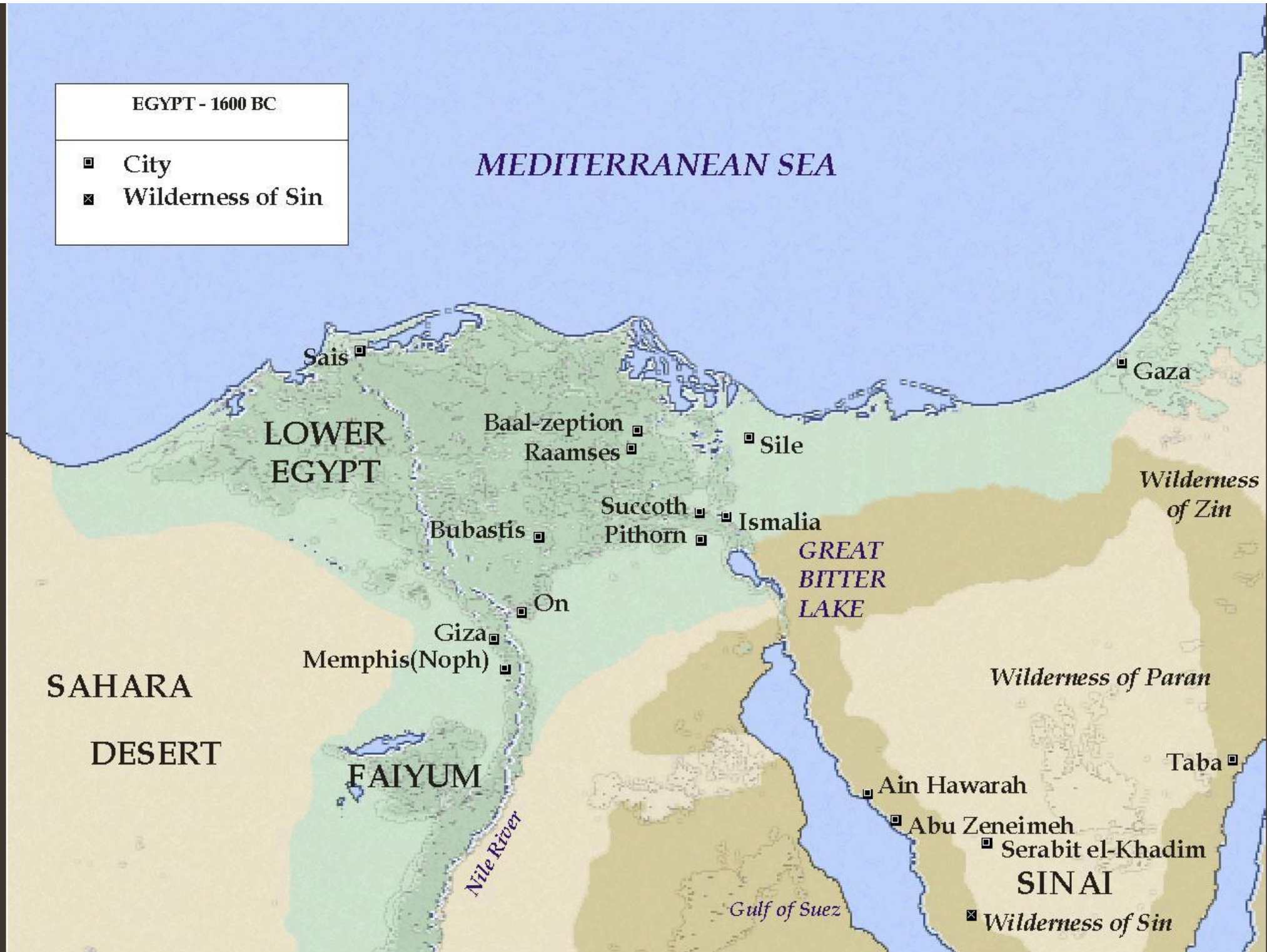
❖ The children of Israel greatly multiplied and became a practical threat, especially to the new king over Egypt that did not know Joseph nor his history. (1:7-10)

- ❖ The new king was perhaps a foreigner, a Hyksos king, Thutmose I or Amenhotep I.
- ❖ An over-abundant population of foreigners within a nation may become a threat to that nation's sovereignty.
- ❖ During modern times is a similar situation with the Nazis and the Jews.
- ❖ The Egyptians afflicted the children of Israel with harsh methods of slavery – (vs. 11-14) including the building of Pithom and Raamses.



EGYPT - 1600 BC

- ▣ City
- ✕ Wilderness of Sin



❖ The name of Raamses was known for many years, as evidenced from the time of Jacob's arrival:

Gen. 47:11 And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

Summary

❖ The Book of Exodus and the *Life of Moses* contain seven great truths:

1. Unsaved mankind is like a slave in bondage to a fierce master.
2. It takes direct intervention by God to free the slave.
3. God chooses messengers to bring His “emancipation proclamation.”
4. Redemption is accomplished by blood and power.

5. There can be no compromise with the world system by the redeemed.
6. Redemption begins a lifetime of trials and testings.
7. God has standards of holiness which are fixed and absolute.

Conclusion

❖ The Book of Exodus and the *Life of Moses* contain many types of Christ.

Acts 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

Deut. 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

Acts 3:20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.