

THE STORY OF THE EXODUS & THE RED SEA CROSSING

(Please reference the Book of Exodus in the Bible)

Below is a typical map that can be found in the average study Bible showing the route the Israelites took when they left Egypt in the great Exodus.



The map is in error at the location shown for the “traditional” site of Mt. Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments. This site was picked out by Constantine’s wife, who was known to be involved in paganism. The correct route of the Exodus is shown by the dashed green line crossing the Gulf of Aqaba into the Land of Midian. This is the location of the famous Red Sea crossing. Where the green line stops is the approximate location of Mt. Sinai / Mt. Horeb and the mountain is currently known as Jebel el Lawz, in Saudi Arabia.

“For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.”
Galatians 4:25

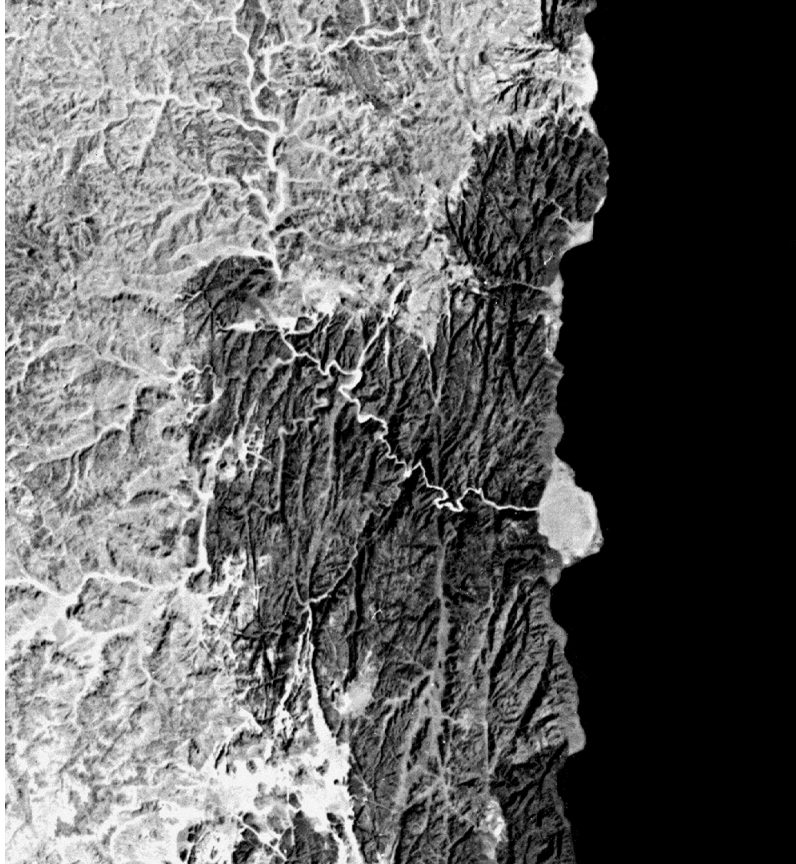
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The picture below is an aerial view of the route of the Exodus and it appears as a light-colored, winding path to the sea. The beachhead jutting out into the water is called Nuweiba and is the location where the Israelites camped before crossing the Red Sea.

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.”

Exodus 14:1-2



The Exodus route as it appears from ground level, with the Red Sea in the distance.

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A close up of Nuweiba, the only beachhead in the area that could contain several million camping Israelites:



From this beach the LORD instructed Moses to part the Red Sea.

“And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*: and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.”

Exodus 14:21-22



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“And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, *even* all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Exodus 14:17, 23



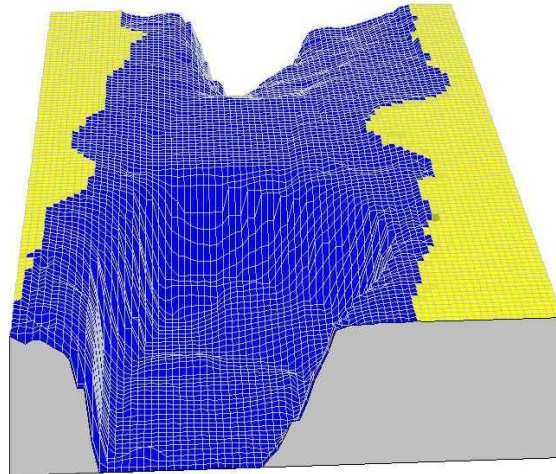
“And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.”

Exodus 14:26-28



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In the illustration above left, the Red Sea crossing took place from Nuweiba to Baal-zephon (west to east). Ron Wyatt discovered in 1978 that the crossing took place at the only shallow location in the Red Sea, as shown in the above right elevation profile. When the Red Sea was parted at that location, the Israelites would have encountered a gentle slope to cross over the 11 mile distance. God knew all along where the children of Israel needed to cross. Ron Wyatt also discovered Phoenician-style columns erected by Solomon on the beaches either side of the crossing to commemorate the event.



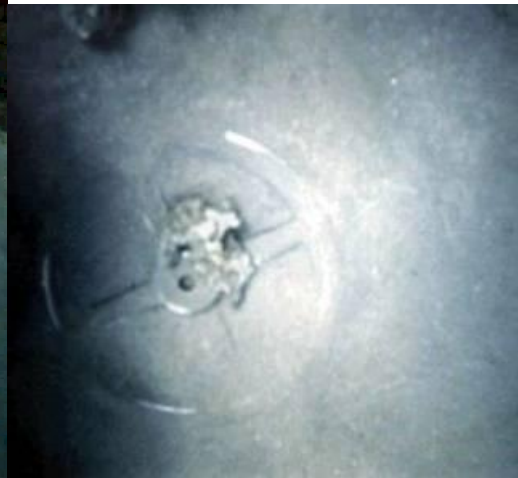
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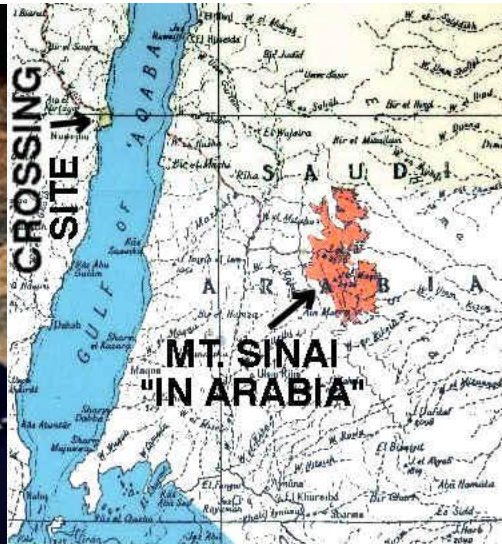
Ron Wyatt's crew made some underwater dives at the crossing location and discovered gold-plated chariot wheels and horse skeletons at the bottom of the Red Sea.

“Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.”
Exodus 15:1, 4-5



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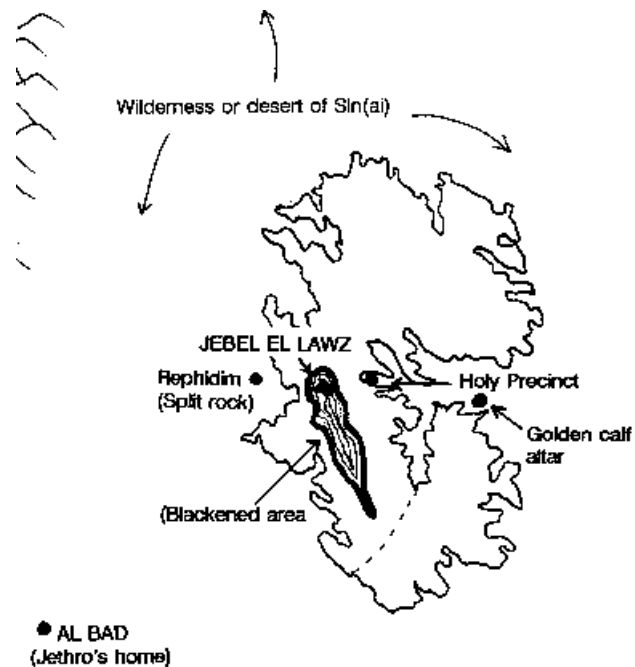


“So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.”
Exodus 15:22

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“And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which *is* between Elim and Sinai (*Jebel El Lawz*), on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.” Exodus 16:1



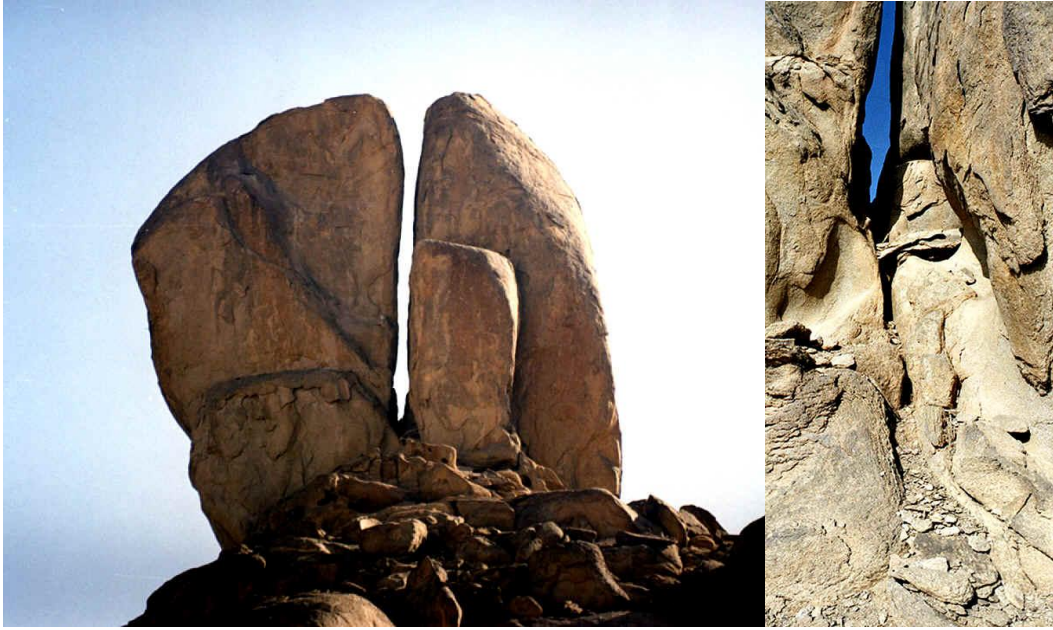
“And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and *there was* no water for the people to drink. Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD? And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore *is* this *that* thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.” Exodus 17:1-6



The 50 ft. high rock of Horeb, sitting on top of a 200 ft. high hill, in Rephidim. (think: cross of Jesus on Calvary)

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Above: the 50' high rock of Horeb, in Rephidim. Right: close up of the water-eroded rock.

“But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.”
John 19:33-37



The wilderness of Rephidim, as seen from Mt. Sinai (Jebel El Lawz).

“Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands *were* heavy; and they took a stone, and put *it* under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.”
Exodus 17:8-12

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“In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount (*Sinai*).” Exodus 19:1-2

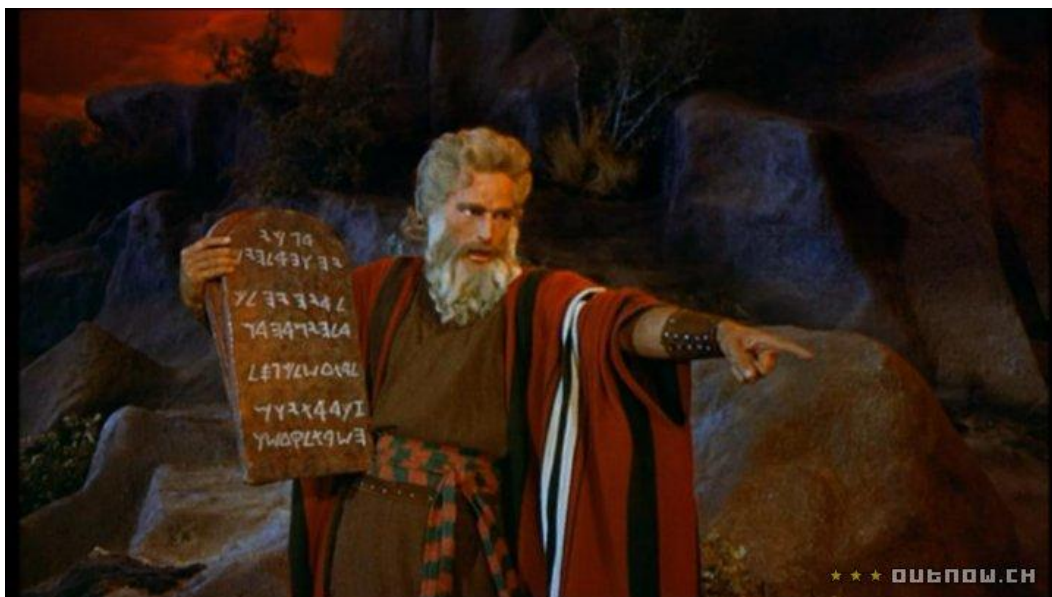


Mt. Sinai (Jebel El Lawz) where Moses went up to receive the tablets of God with the Ten Commandments. The blackened peak to the left is where the glory of God descended upon the mount. Close up picture below:



“And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.” Exodus 24:12, 15-18



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The picture below is a view of the area at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Location A is the cave.

Location E is a boundary: “And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.” Exodus 19:23

Location D is the altar built by Moses. Location C is the 12 pillars for the 12 tribes of Israel.

Location B is the altar for the golden calf.



The altar built by Moses.

“And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.” Exodus 24:4

See also Exodus 20:24-26.

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The altar built for the golden calf. Below is a close up of one of the petroglyphs on the altar.

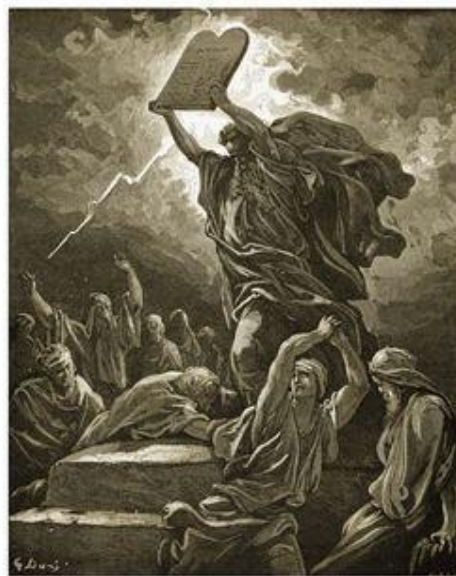


“And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves*: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it...

And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.”

Exodus 32:1, 7-8, 19



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The Cave at Mt. Sinai (lower center of picture).

“And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. And the LORD said, Behold, *there is* a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.”
Exodus 33:17-23

“And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?”
1 Kings 19:9-13