

“Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?”

Numbers 21:5



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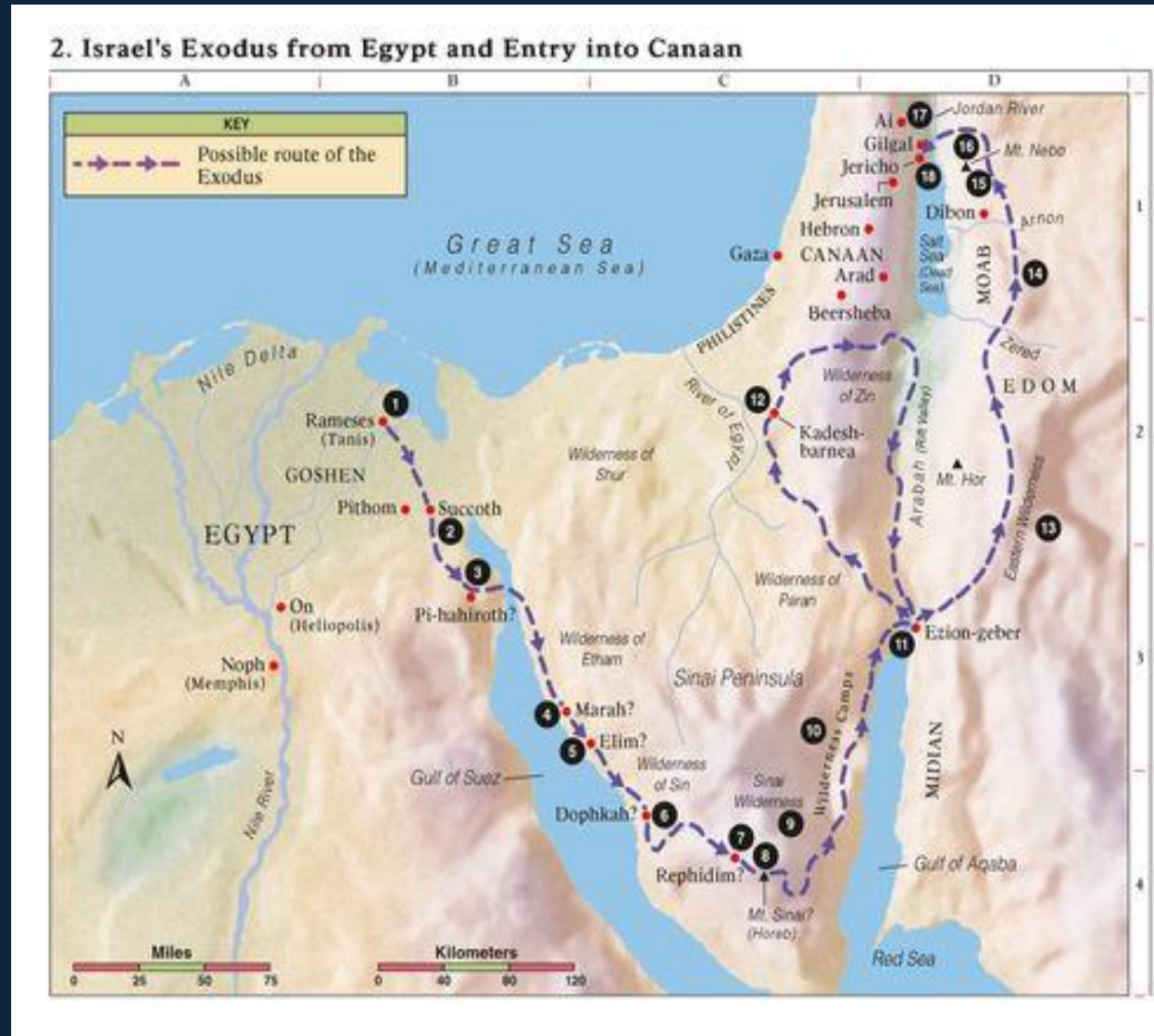
INTRODUCTION

- We live in a “complaining” world.
- Complaining expresses dissatisfaction and vents emotions. If we are not careful, complaining can show our ingratitude.
- **Exodus 14-17** highlights Israel’s ingratitude toward God.



BACKGROUND-NUMBERS 21

- v. 2- Israel “vowed a vow.”
- v. 3- God delivered and Israel “utterly destroyed.”
- v. 4- Israel was “much discouraged because of the way.”
- v. 5- Israel spoke against God/Moses.





The Nature of the Complaint

Root Causes for Complaint:
forgetfulness, fear, doubt

- Questioning God is not necessarily sinful. It is how we question that is the difference.
- Israel accused/blamed God; their question was a complaint.
- Israel **spoke against** God (v.5).
Hebrews 3:12 –Complaining begins in the heart.



The Nature of the Complaint

- Israel **spoke against** Moses (**v.5**).
Exodus 16:2 (1 Cor. 10:10)
- **Psalm 106:24-26** Israel's conscious, deliberate decisions to rebel.
- Israel despised God's provision (**v.5**)
Psalm 78:23-24

“Do all things without murmurings...”
Philippians 2:14

God still provides

Forty years after leaving Egypt,
Numbers 20:1.

Numbers 21:5- In the midst of
sin, God still provides.

What God provides for us may
not be what we expect.



God
provides
what you
need, even
if it's just
for today.

God still provides

God has always been a provider,
Genesis 22:8

God's provision:

- tests us -Joseph **Genesis 50**
- shapes us -David **1 Samuel 17**
- redirects us -**Saul Acts 9**



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Lessons for Today

Lesson 1: We need to understand that God's provision does not eliminate difficulty.

Deuteronomy 1:27

Lesson 2: We need to remove impatience and replace it with patience.

1 Timothy 6:11

Lesson 3: We need to remove murmuring and replace it with encouragement.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Lesson 4: We need to remember God's blessings each day.

Deuteronomy 8:10-14

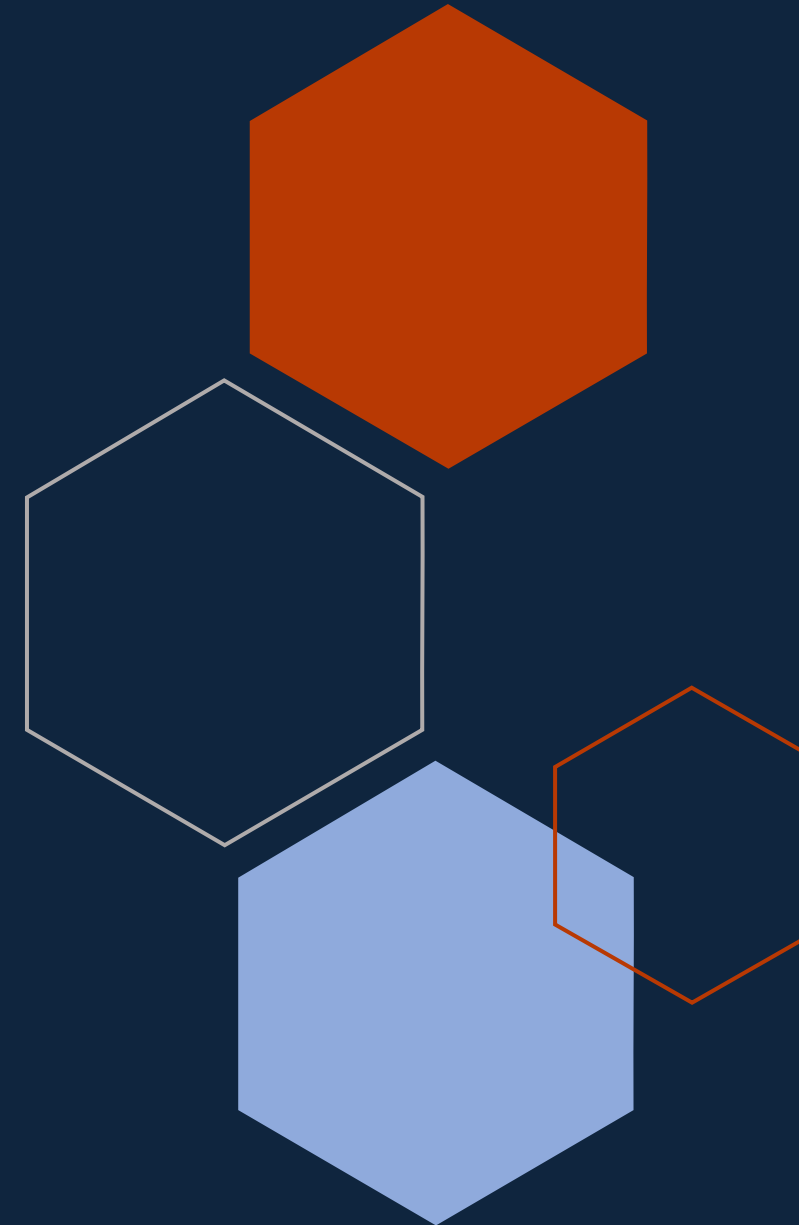


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Lesson 5: We need to replace complaining with gratitude. **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

We must cultivate a heart of gratitude

“Give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”—**Ephesians 5:20**





Conclusion

Faith is not about seeing the big picture but trusting in the one who does.

Complaining is the same as apostacy **Jude 16**

Invitation

Do You Need Jesus Christ in
Your Life?

HEAR

BELIEVE

REPENT

CONFESS

SUBMIT TO BAPTISM

LIVE FAITHFULLY

Do You Need to Return?

REPENT

CONFESS

PRAY

CONTINUE RIGHTEOUSNESS