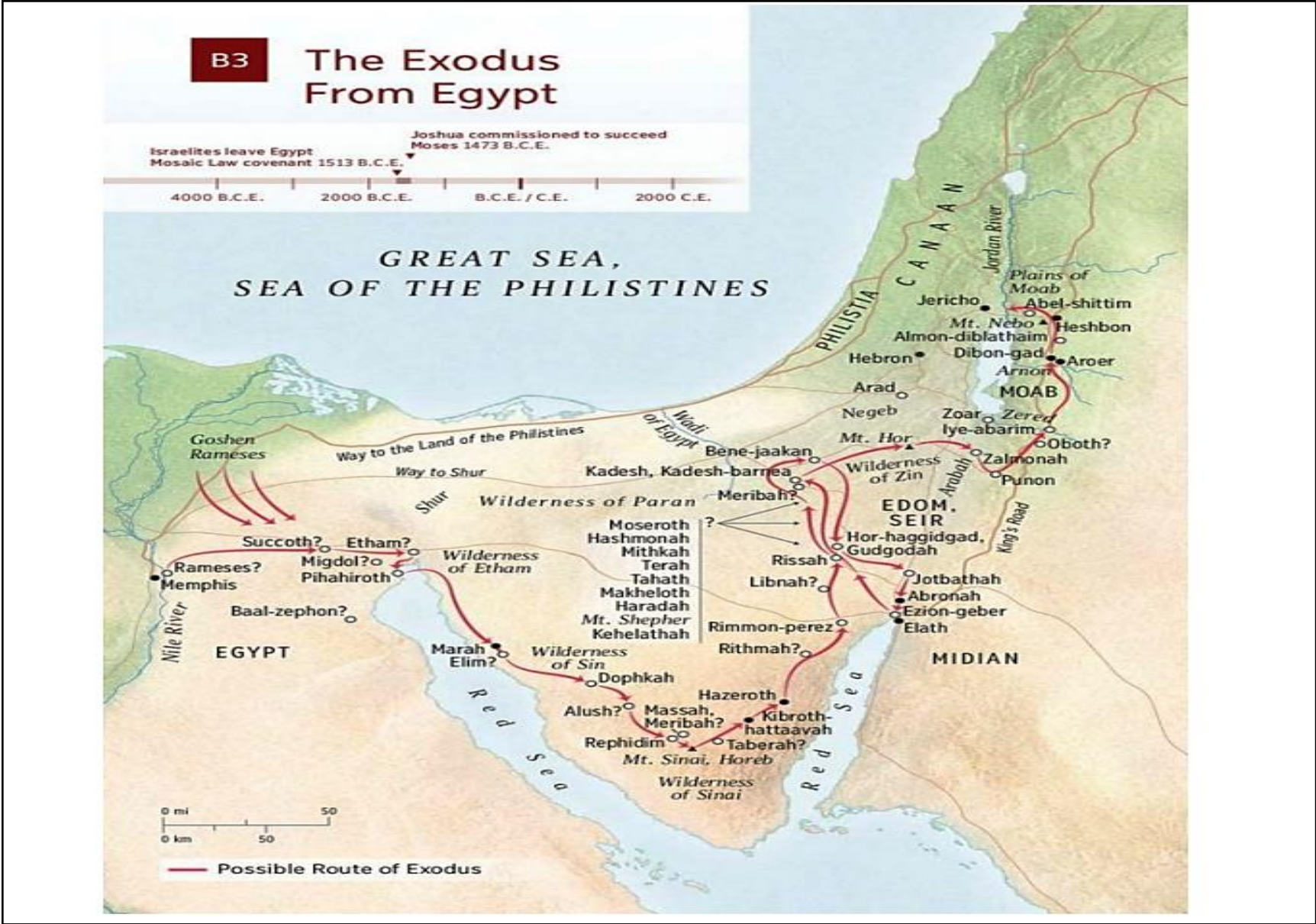


TRANSITIONS- FINDING TRUE REST

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Numbers 33-Wilderness Journeys



Exodus 17:1-3 (ESV)

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Exodus 17:4-7 (ESV)

So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah [test] and Meribah, [contention] because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

...but no water

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Rephidim - Place of Rest

- Hebrew: רְפִידִים - *r^apîdîm*-Rephidim = "rests" or "stays" or "resting places" / *place of rest*

“**Come to me**, all who labor and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest**. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and **you will find rest for your souls**. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matt 11:28-30

Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and **He would have given you living water.**”

John 4:10

Call Unto Himself (Provider)

“You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will **indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant**, then you shall be a ***special treasure*** to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. ‘And you shall be to me a ***kingdom of priests*** and a ***holy nation***’. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel”.

Exod.19:4-6

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may **proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but **now have obtained mercy**.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Exodus 17:6-7

Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall **strike** [Hebrew: נָכָה-*nākâ*] the **rock** [Hebrew: צוּר-*šûr*], and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah [test] and Meribah, [contention] because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Strike-[נָכָה-*nākâ*]- to **strike**, **smite**, hit, **beat**, **slay**, **kill**; to be **stricken** or **smitten**; to **chastise**, **send judgment upon**, **punish**, destroy, to be **wounded**.

Rock-[צוּר-*šûr*/tsur]; rock, **strength**, **mighty one** or **God** (figuratively) rock (of God)

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For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a **rock** (צור-şûr), except our God.

2 Sam 22:32, Psalm 18:31

He is the **Rock**, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He. *Deut 32:4*

He only is my **rock**, and my salvation, He is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved. *Psalm 62:2*

He is Our Rock

The God of my *strength*, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. *2 Sam 22:3*

“The Lord lives! Blessed be my *Rock*! Let God be exalted, The *Rock* of my salvation! *2 Sam 22:47; Psalm 18:42*

Of the *Rock* who begot you, you are unmindful, And have forgotten the **God** who fathered you. *Deut 32:18*

For their *rock* is not like our *Rock*, Even our enemies themselves being judges. *Deut 32:15*
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The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my *strength*, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. *Psalm 18:2*

You shall have a song as in the night when a holy festival is kept, And gladness of heart as when one goes with a flute, To come into the mountain of the Lord, To [*the Rock*] the *Mighty One* of Israel. *Isaiah 30:29*

Strike-Typology/Illustration

Exo 17:6...Strike-[נָכַח-nāḵâ]- to *strike, smite, hit, beat, slay, kill*; to be *stricken* or *smitten*; to *chastise, send judgment upon, punish, destroy, to be wounded*.

Isaiah 53:3-5 (NKJV)

He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him *stricken, Smitten(nāḵâ)* by God, and *afflicted*. But He was *wounded* for our *transgressions*, He was *bruised* for our iniquities; The *chastisement* for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes [*wounds*] we are healed.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4,6 (NKJV)

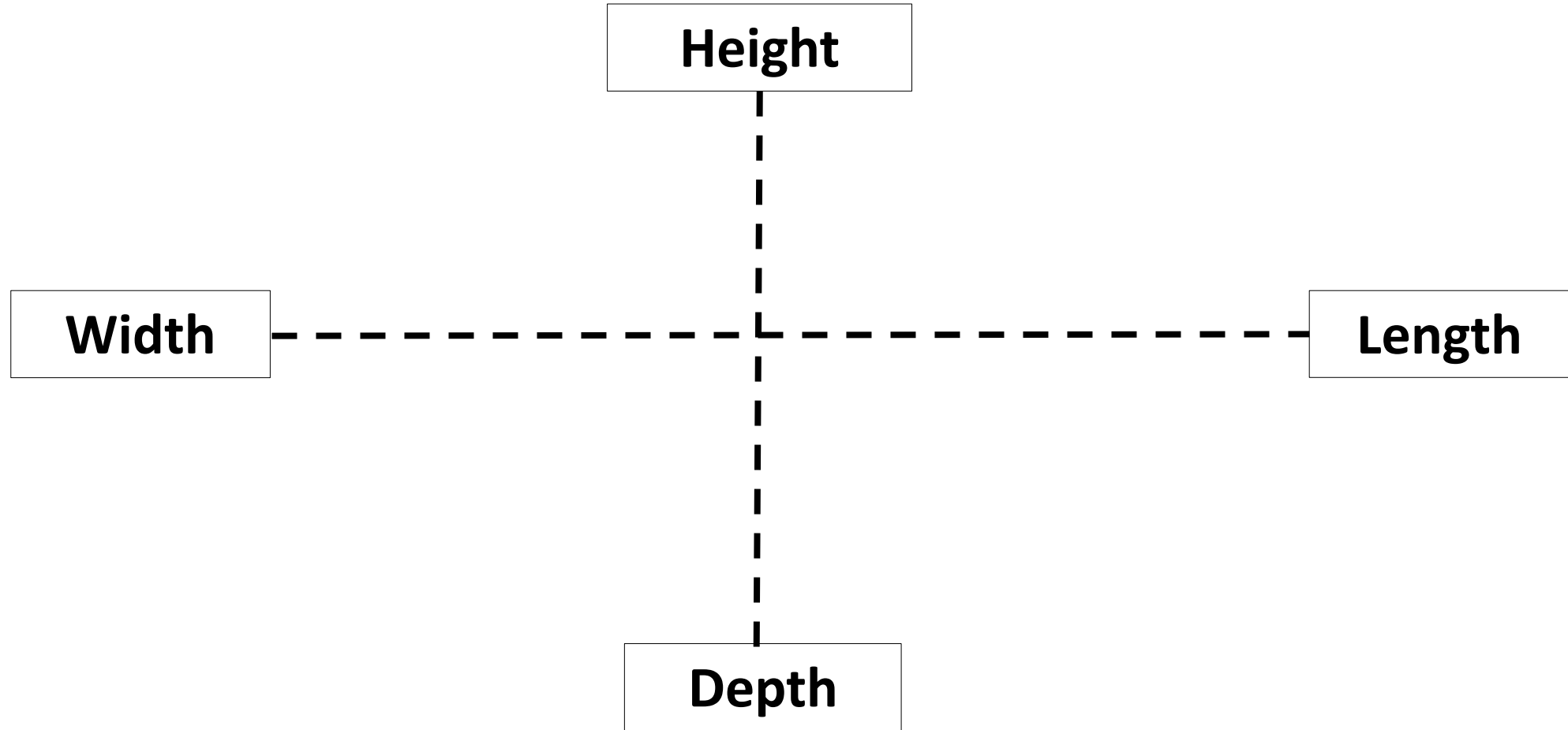
Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, **and all drank the same spiritual drink**. For they drank of (from) **that spiritual Rock** that followed them, and ***that Rock was Christ***.

Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

Ephesians 3: 16-19 (NKJV)

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being **rooted** and **grounded** in **love**, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the *width* and *length* and *depth* and *height* - to **know the love** of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Gaze on the Provider



Reflection

- True rest in Christ and His finished work
- Worship and Rejoice in Him

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, **so that they may worship (serve) me.**”

Exodus 8:1

Rejoice **in the Lord** always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Phil 4:4