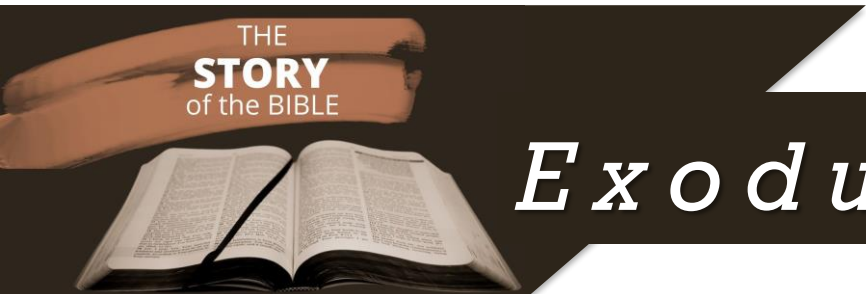


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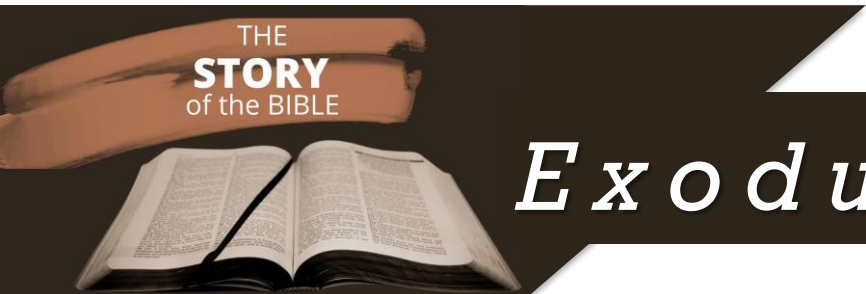


They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and **I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”**



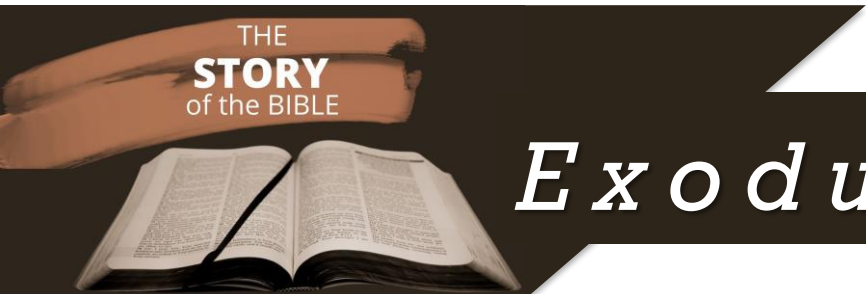
*Exodus 32:23–24 (NIV)*

“I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”



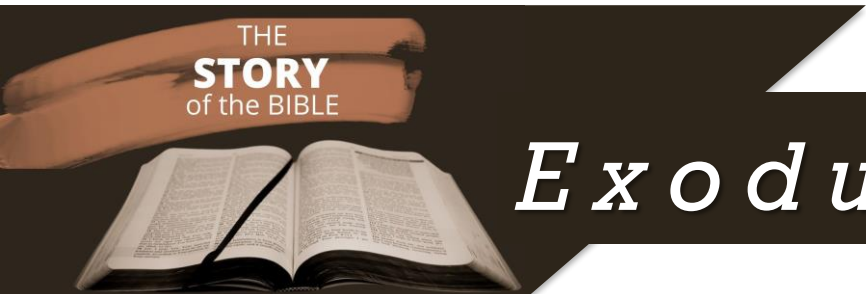
*Exodus 32:9–10 (NIV)*

So Moses went back to the Lord and said, “Oh,  
what a great sin these people have committed!  
They have made themselves gods of gold.



*Exodus 32:31–33 (NIV)*

But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.” The Lord replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book.



*Exodus 32:31–33 (NIV)*

Your prayers can affect the heart of God

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Circa 1450 BC

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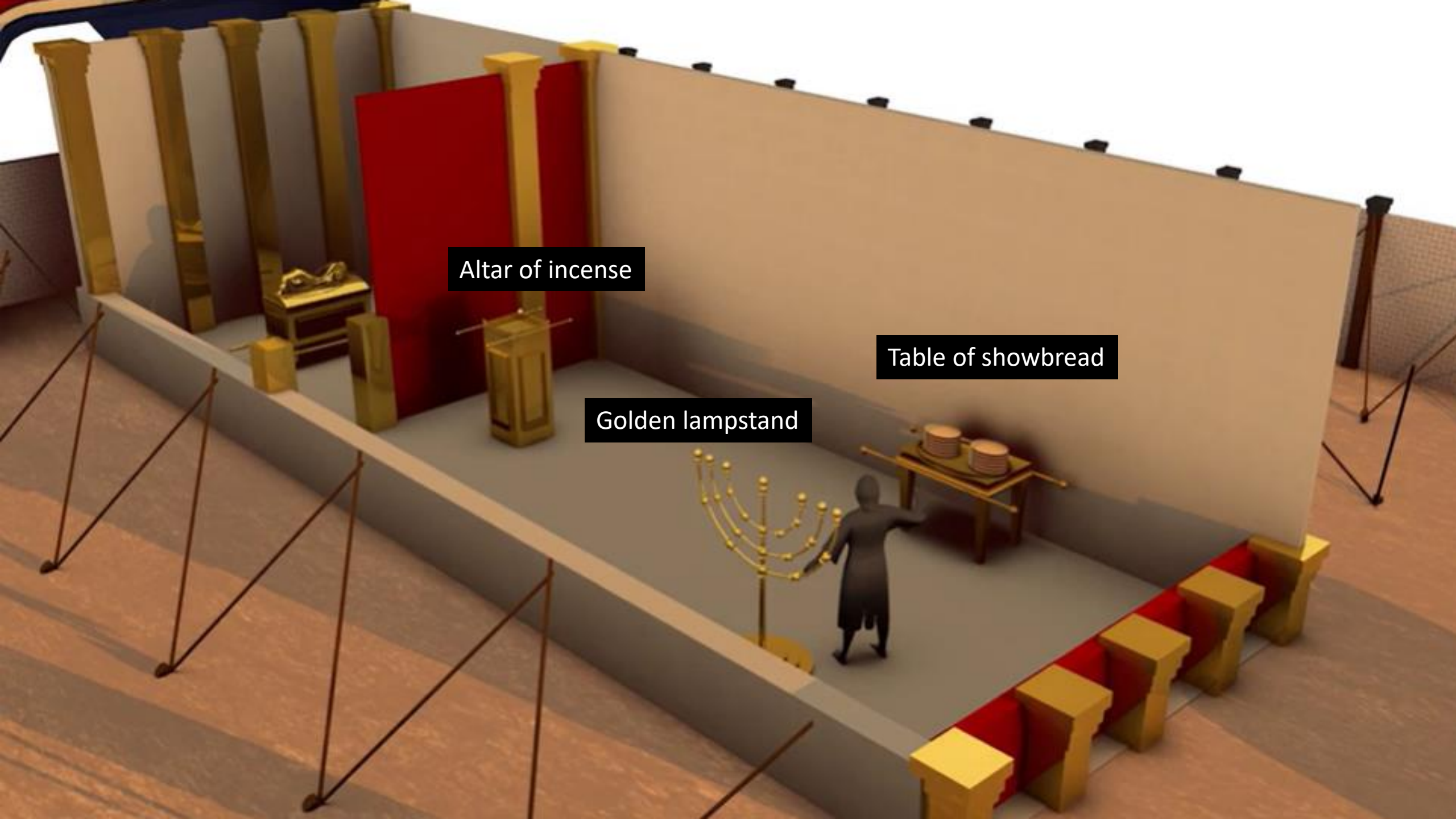
## The temple

## Brazen laver

## Brazen altar

## Slaughter table

## Entrance curtain



Altar of incense

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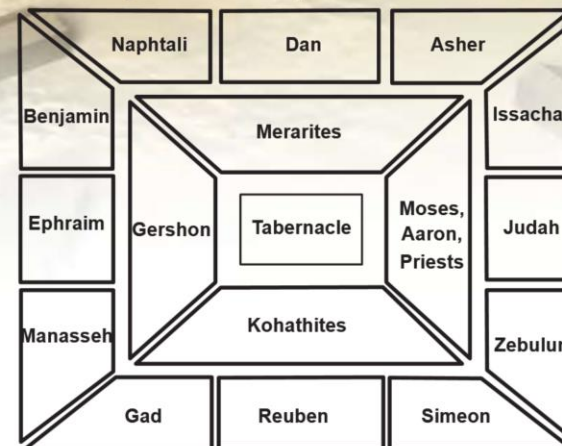
Golden lampstand



# The Israelite Encampment

The Book of Numbers describes the layout of the encampment during Israel's 40 years of wilderness wanderings (2:1–34). The tribes encamped around the tabernacle, both in order to stay close to the tent of meeting and to defend it during attack. The four sides were surrounded by four groups, led by Judah, Reuben, Ephraim, and Dan. The Levites—specially chosen to be close to God—camped around all sides of the tabernacle.

Arrangement of the camps:





God does not want you to work Him into your  
schedule.

God wants you to work your schedule around  
Him.

God should never be just another thing you do.





Hobby Lobby founder & CEO David Green

“But perhaps the biggest challenge is to ask the question of whether you are an owner or a steward – a manager of what you’ve been entrusted with.”

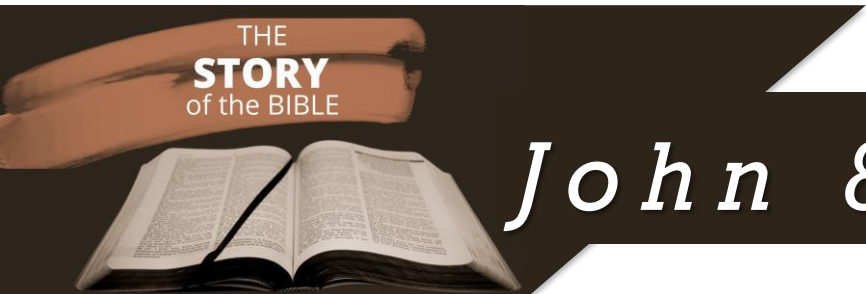
Is your life about you, or is your life about  
God?

Put God on the throne of your life and watch  
what happens.

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Then you will know the truth, and the truth will  
set you free.”



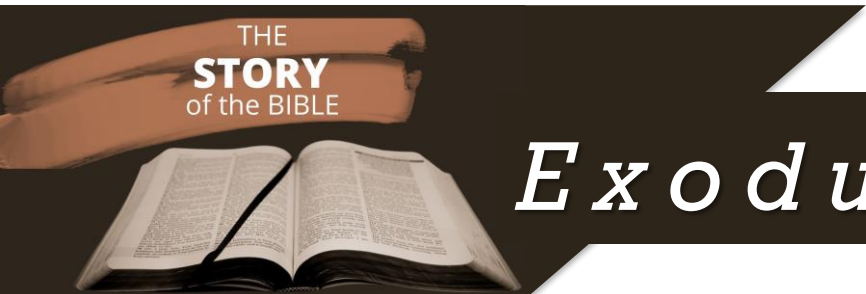
*John 8:32 (NIV)*

... I have come that they may have life, and have  
it to the full.



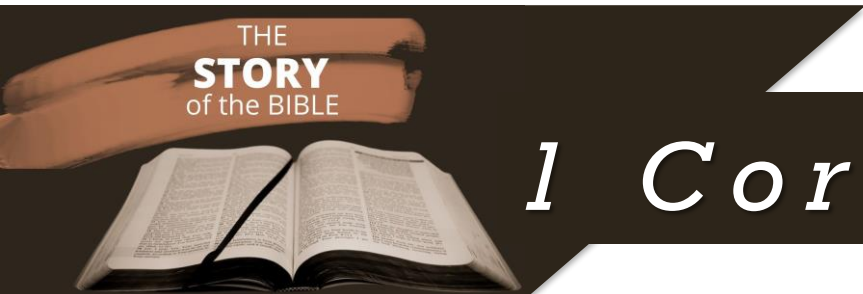
*John 10:10 (NIV)*

Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and  
**I will dwell among them.** Make this tabernacle  
and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will  
show you.



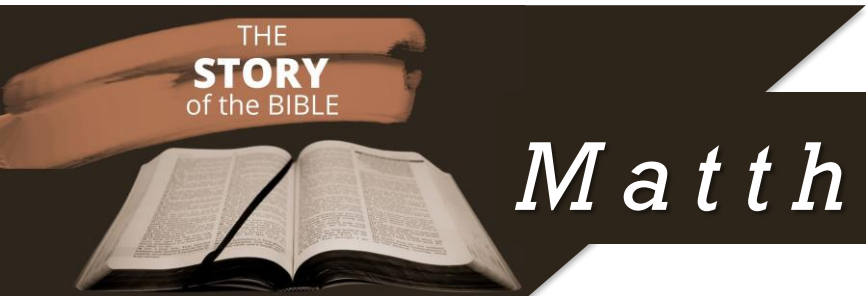
*Exodus 25:8–9 (NIV)*

Don't you realize that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you** and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,



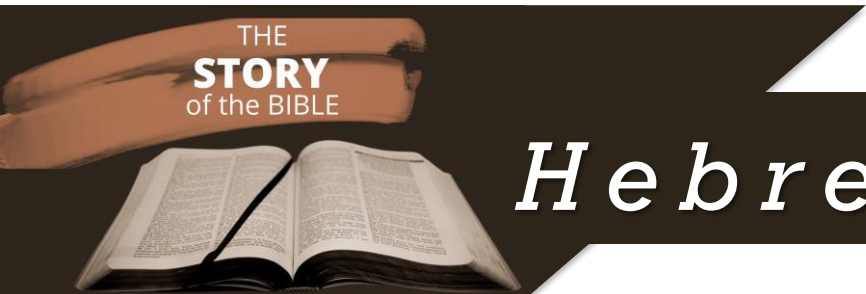
*1 Corinthians 6:19 (NLT)*

For where two or three gather in my name, there  
am I with them.”



*Matthew 18:20 (NIV)*

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.



*Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)*

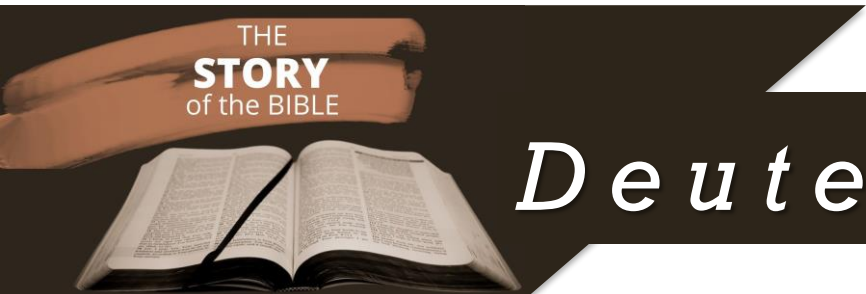
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❖ Determine you want your life to have meaning

Normally it takes only eleven days to travel from Mount Sinai to Kadesh-barnea, going by way of Mount Seir.



*Deuteronomy 1:2 (NLT)*

They believed in God, but they didn't trust  
Him

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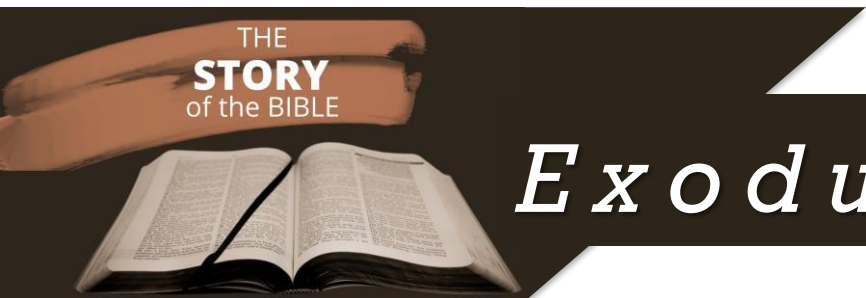
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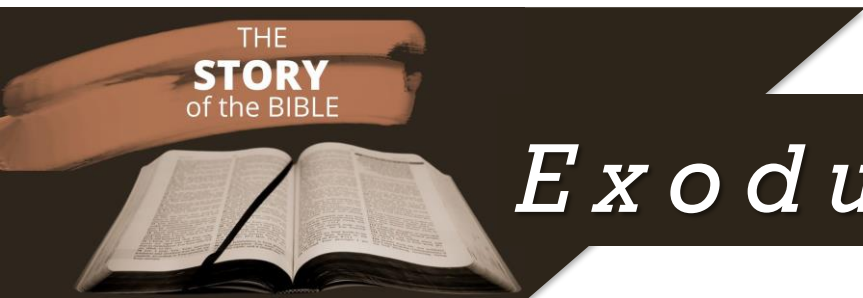
❖ Don't go negative

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”



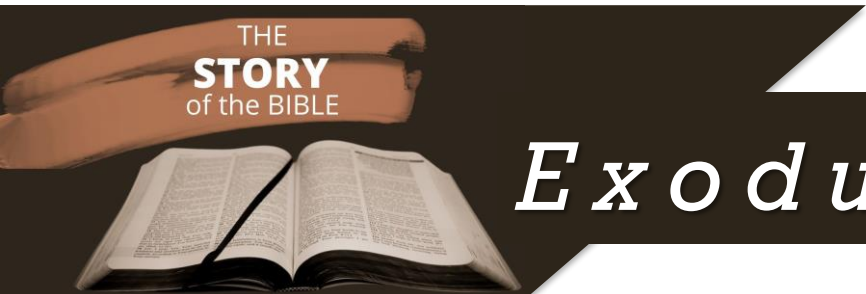
*Exodus 15:22–24 (NIV)*

In the desert **the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.** The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”



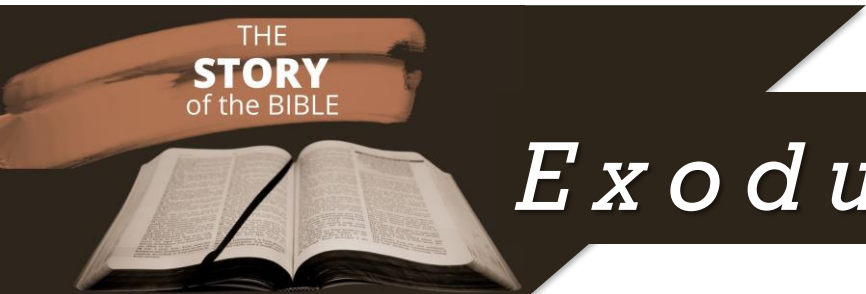
*Exodus 16:2–4 (NIV)*

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.



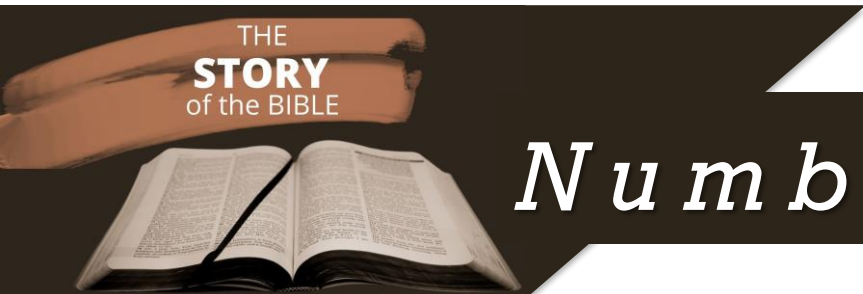
*Exodus 16:2–4 (NIV)*

The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.



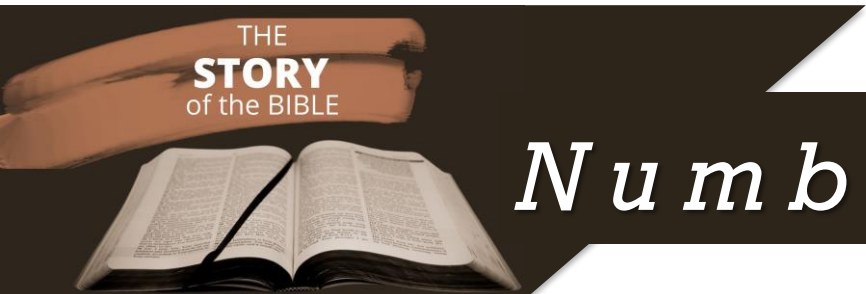
*Exodus 16:31 (NIV)*

Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the Lord, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the Lord burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.



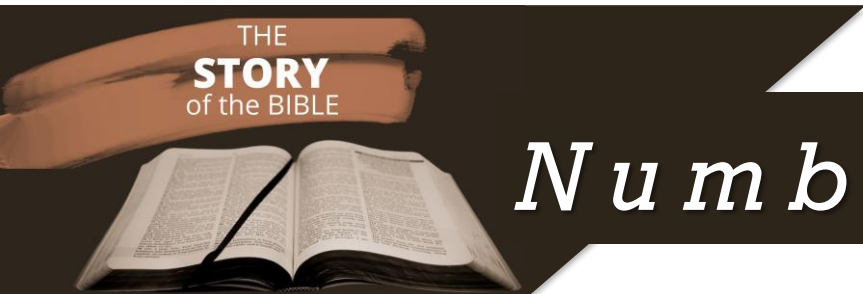
*Numbers 11:1–6 (NIV)*

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”



*Numbers 11:1–6 (NIV)*

“Tell the people: ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The Lord heard you when you wailed, “If only we had meat to eat! **We were better off in Egypt!**” Now the Lord will give you meat, and you will eat it.



*Numbers 11:1–6 (NIV)*

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Moses gave the men these instructions as he sent them out to explore the land: “Go north through the Negev into the hill country. See what the land is like, and find out whether the people living there are strong or weak, few or many.



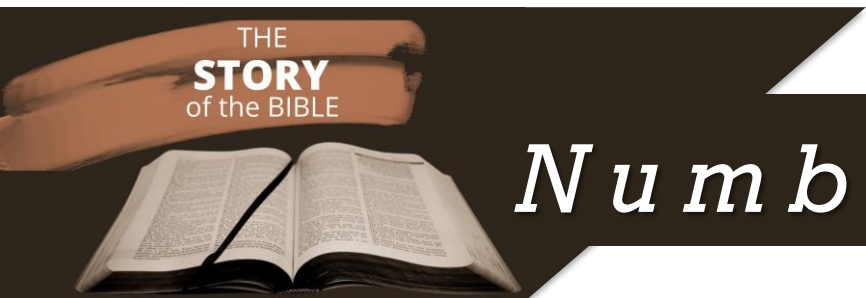
*Joshua 24:17-20 (NLT)*

See what kind of land they live in. Is it good or bad? Do their towns have walls, or are they unprotected like open camps? Is the soil fertile or poor? Are there many trees? Do your best to bring back samples of the crops you see.”



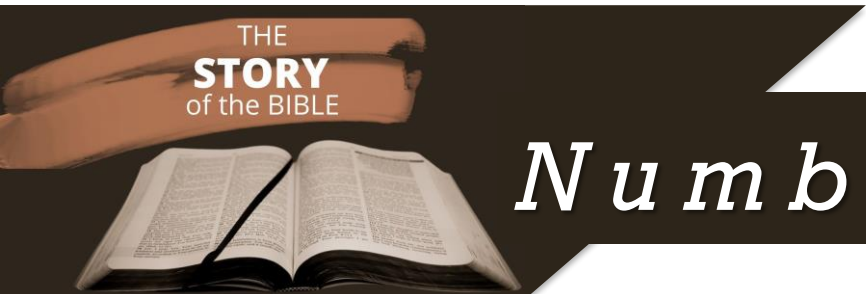
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After exploring the land for forty days, the men returned to Moses, Aaron, and the whole community of Israel at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran. They reported to the whole community what they had seen and showed them the fruit they had taken from the land.



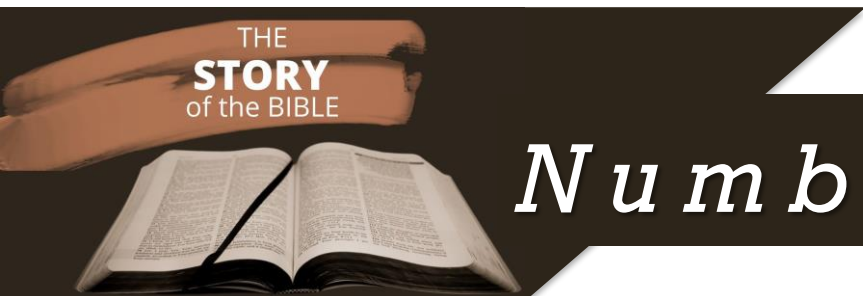
*Numbers 13:25–14:12 (NLT)*

This was their report to Moses: “We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified.



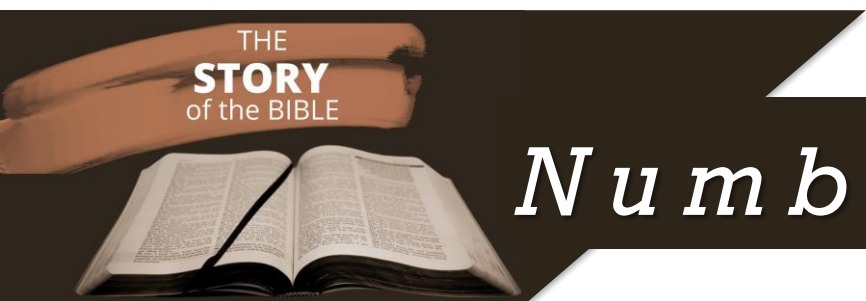
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Then the whole community began weeping aloud, and they cried all night. Their voices rose in a great chorus of protest against Moses and Aaron. “If only we had died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!” they complained.



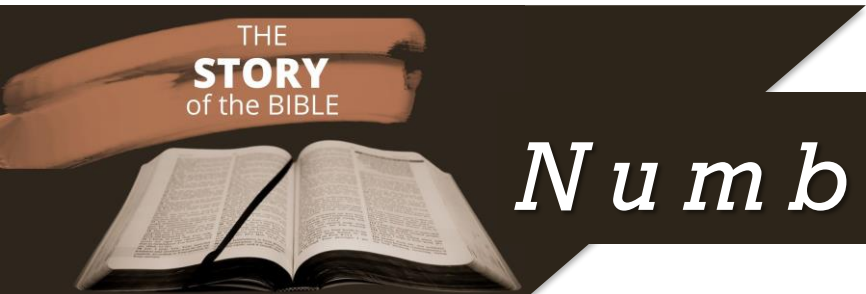
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“Why is the Lord taking us to this country only to have us die in battle? Our wives and our little ones will be carried off as plunder! **Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?**” Then they plotted among themselves, “Let's choose a new leader and go back to Egypt!”



*Numbers 13:25–14:12 (NLT)*

And the Lord said to Moses, “How long will these people treat me with contempt? **Will they never believe me, even after all the miraculous signs I have done among them?**



*Numbers 13:25–14:12 (NLT)*

It's your choice. You choose what you are  
going to do with God

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But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? **But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”**



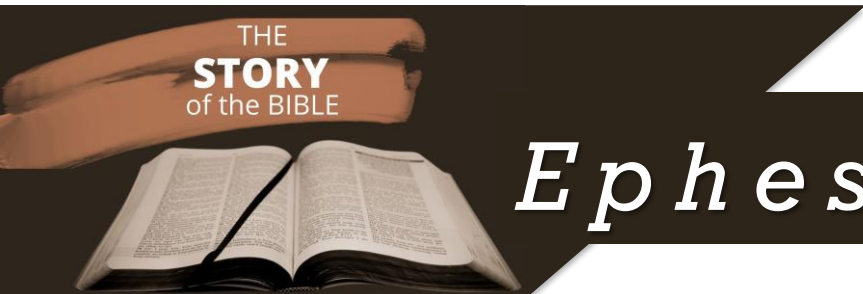
*Joshua 24:15 (NLT)*

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For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us  
anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good  
things he planned for us long ago.



*Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)*

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