

## University of The Desert

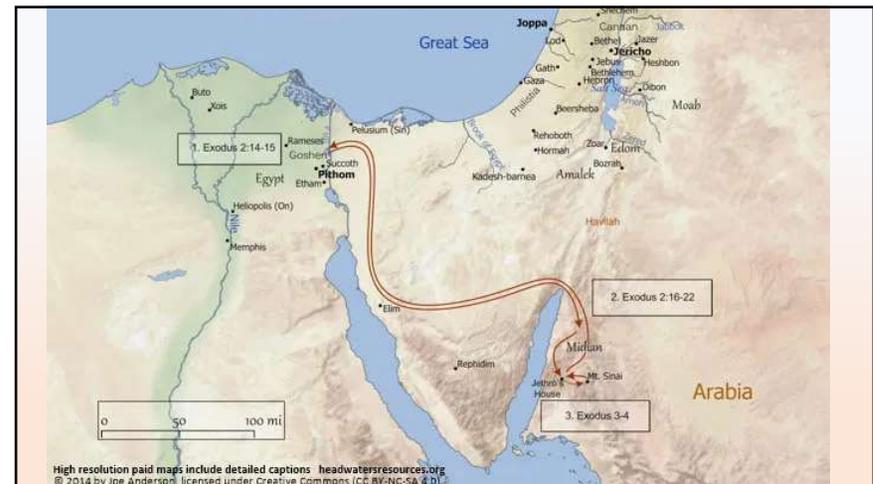
Moses: God's Man for a Time Of Crisis

## Shaping Us For His Glory and Our Joy

- 40 yrs in the University of Egypt
- Masters in Political Science and Phd Military Leadership
- Courses in “Self Reliance” and “Gitter Done!”
- His Political adversaries used his lack of judgement to see that he was “run out of town”
- 40 yrs in the Yahweh University, Desert Campus

## Sovereign God Working For Our Good

- Why Midian? Why not Canaan, his ancestral land?
1. Canaan was closer, but under Egyptian control
  2. Midian was farther
  3. It was not under Egyptian control
  4. It was a nomadic people, harder to track
  5. It was rich in flocks and herds (not social elites)
  6. It was near Mt. Sinai or Horeb, the Mountain of God
  7. God had things to give him and teach him there.



## The Desert

### A. God's Place

- A desert is barren, hot, uncomfortable, lonely, silent
- The word "desert" comes from Heb. word "*dabar*" – to arrange, to speak, to subdue
- God uses desert places in our lives to "*dabar*" us

### B. God's Provision – Deut.32:10-12

- He encircles us – though we may feel alone
- He cares for us – though we may feel rejected

## The Desert

- He guards us – though we may feel vulnerable
  - He guides us – though we may feel away from His will
- ### C. God's Purpose - The desert experiences are designed:
- To humble us
  - To test us
  - To reveal what is really there – deep down, to help us discover what is really in our hearts

## The Desert: For Moses

- His Location – Ex.2:15 – Midian, on west side of Arabian peninsula - 3:1
  - His Vocation – 2:21,22; 3:1; husband of local girl, father of 2 sons, shepherd for father in law for 40 yrs
  - His Education – 4 faculty members
1. Obscurity – from somebody to just another shepherd
  2. Time – from impatient activist to one with lots of time
  3. Solitude – alone in the desert, he learned its ways and to lead without a map, support or praise
  4. Discomfort – He learned survival and hearing God

## The Desert: For You and Me

- God has led all of us through the "Desert" at some time
  - How do you respond to God's school of self discovery?
- A. I don't need it!
    - A reaction of Pride or Fear
  - B. I'm tired of it
    - Mid-term, we start to wonder if school will ever end
  - C. I accept it
    - Lord, you know best. Bare my heart that it might be more like yours