

## WALKING IN THE LAND OF THE BIBLE (Paul E. Engle)

### Session #8 Walking Out of Egypt and into the Wilderness

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Story of Mike Ohman in Bradshaw Mountains
2. Deserts occupy an important place in the Bible. The word "desert" appears some \_\_\_\_\_ times in Scripture
3. I found at least \_\_\_\_\_ different deserts named in Scripture:  
Desert of Beersheba, Paran, Shur, Sin, Sinai, Zin, Ethan, Kedemoth, Judah, Maon, En Gedi, Damascus, Edom, Jeruel, Tekoa, and Kadesh.
4. The word wilderness appears \_\_\_\_\_ times in Scripture. We see Moses, David, Elijah, John the Baptizer, and even Jesus in the wilderness. (cf. John Beck *Along the Road*, chapters 6 and 8]

#### I. JESUS WALKED THROUGH THE WILDERNESS IN AND OUT OF EGYPT.

- A. Remember how Jesus came to go to Egypt? (ATLAS p.50 8-3.)
  1. What role did Herod the Great occupy? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. But the angel of God quickly appeared to Joseph to warn him. Matt. 2:13 "*Get up, he said, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt*"
- B. Why do you think they were told to head to this area as refugees?
  1. Because \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Generations earlier many Jews fled the Promised Land for Egypt when the foreign army of the Babylonians attacked. (Jeremiah 43:4-7) Many remained in Egypt and set up permanent homes there.
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_ was one of the places that had a Jewish quarter with tens of thousands in the days of Jesus. Other cities also had Jewish families among whom the Holy Family could live.
  2. Because Egypt was \_\_\_\_\_ He had become a rival of Egypt's \_\_\_\_\_. When she died in 30BC her animosity for Herod continued in the monarchs who succeeded her.
- C. What happened when Herod died? \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 2:21

#### II. EARLY IN HISTORY (long before the time of Christ) GOD'S PEOPLE ALSO WALKED TO AND FROM EGYPT

- A. Jacob who walked from Israel to Egypt through the wilderness. Why?

1. But Egypt was not impacted by the famine. Why?
2. Egypt had advantages that drew Jacob on this trip:
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- B. Eventually they walked away from Egypt. How did this come about?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Eventually the Lord raised up \_\_\_\_\_ and told him to return with the people to Israel (Ex. 6:6-8)
2. So Moses reversed the journey of Jacob.

C. This trip to and from Egypt echoed what Jesus would do years later. The prophet Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:15 *“And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘Out of Egypt I called my son.’”*

So there’s a bridge between Israel and Christ, both of whom made a walk in and out of Egypt. Notice some of the parallels:

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**Beck p. 60-61** *“Jesus travels the route from Israel to Egypt and back in order to identify with every human experience Israel had even with the specific places they went. In this way, he demonstrates that he is both willing & able to serve as a substitute for mortals. And, along the way, the words of Hosea achieve a more striking fulfillment: ‘When Israel was a child, I loved him, & out of Egypt I called my son.’ (11:1)”*

### III. JESUS ALSO WALKED INTO THE WILDERNESS AS AN ADULT

- A. When Israel spent 40 years in the wilderness God supplied manna, quail, and water out of a rock.
- B. When did Jesus enter the wilderness?(Mt. 4:1-4)
- C. Similarities between the experience of God’s people in the wilderness and the experience of Jesus in the wilderness:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is similar.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ is similar:

3. The \_\_\_\_\_

4. Both faced similar \_\_\_\_\_

5. Both were basically asked by the Father, \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord brought his people into the wilderness to humble, teach, & test them. Deut. 8:2-3

### APPLICATION LESSON

1. Beck p. 73 As Jesus stares into tempter’s eyes what happens? *“Without missing a beat, Jesus delivers his answer quoting the very words Moses had used centuries earlier to explain the purpose of a wilderness experience. ‘It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ (Matt 4:4). This is a place to learn and demonstrate trust.”*
2. **What does Jesus’ experience in the wilderness teach us?** Beck p. 73 *“He went out to be tested because the Lord had led Israel into the wilderness to test them. And in precisely the circumstances in which Israel had repeatedly failed, Jesus succeeded. This illustrates a critical aspect of his saving mission, in a real time and place: he came to do what mortals like us cannot do on our own. We need a Substitute, and we have one in Jesus.”*