

The Bible - From Beginning to End Using the Twenty C's

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Scriptures:	Exodus 15 – Deuteronomy 34
Focal Point:	Forty Years of Wandering in the Wilderness
Principal Characters:	Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Caleb
Primary Events:	The Law Given at Mt. Sinai (Ten Commandments) The Tabernacle Built The Unbelief of Israel at Kadesh-Barnea Moses' Death in Moab

The Giving of God's Law - Exodus 19-23

1. After leaving Egypt, Israel traveled for three months (**Exodus 19:1**) to Mt. Sinai, where they would remain for almost a year.
2. It was during this time that God gave to Israel “the law,” consisting of 613 specific commands for Israel to follow. Part of this law was the Ten Commandments.
Exodus 20:1-17
3. No longer was man to simply follow his conscience, but God had a specific set of laws to follow, a specific place of worship (the tabernacle), and a specific way of approach to Him (a blood sacrifice).
 - Here we have God going on record and actually taking His Word and giving it to mankind in written form.
4. The Bible is clear, the law was not meant to justify anyone before God, nor could it (**Acts 13:39; Galatians 2:16, 3:11**). The law was meant to:
 - Bring the knowledge of sin. **Romans 3:20**
 - Stop every mouth, that all the world might become guilty before God. **Romans 3:19**
 - Show people their sinfulness, that they might turn in faith to God's provision, Jesus Christ. **Romans 3:22-25**

The Construction of God's Tabernacle - Exodus 24-27; 35-40

1. The tabernacle was a mobile tent with portable furniture that the people traveled with, and set up camp wherever they went.
2. The purpose of the tabernacle was to serve as a temporary meeting place between God and His people. **Exodus 29:42**
3. It also served as a beautiful type or picture of Jesus Christ. This is why we are told in **John 1:14** that He “dwelled” among us. Literally, He “tabernacled” among us.
4. The tabernacle was later replaced by a permanent structure in Jerusalem called the temple.
5. Today, in the dispensation of grace, we are told that the body of every believer in Christ is a temple of God. **1 Corinthians 3:17, 6:19**

The Rebellion and Wandering of Israel

1. God's plan was to lead the nation of Israel into their promised land and raise them up as a light to all the other nations that they might know the true God.
2. But upon arriving at Kadesh-Barnea, Israel exhibited total unbelief in their God and refused to obey God's command to enter the land. Numbers 13-14
3. God's punishment was that Israel would be forced to wander aimlessly in the wilderness for the next 40 years until all the adults over 20 years old died.
4. God would then take their children in to possess the land. **Numbers 14:29-31**
 - The only exceptions to this were Joshua and Caleb. They were men of great faith. **Numbers 14:6-9**
 - God, in His grace, provided for Israel's needs during their 40-year camp in the wilderness and He used this time to prepare the hearts to believe and receive God's Word. **Deuteronomy 8:2-5**
6. At the end of these 40 years, their great leader, Moses, died in Moab. **Deuteronomy 34:1-5**