

Exodus 16-18 - The Israelites in the Wilderness

1. The Israelites wandered for forty years in the wilderness before they reached the Promised Land of Canaan. On the map locate and trace with a colored line the places they visited on their way out of Egypt. With a different color, trace their journey toward Canaan. Then, in another color, locate the different peoples who lived in the area.

Out of Egypt

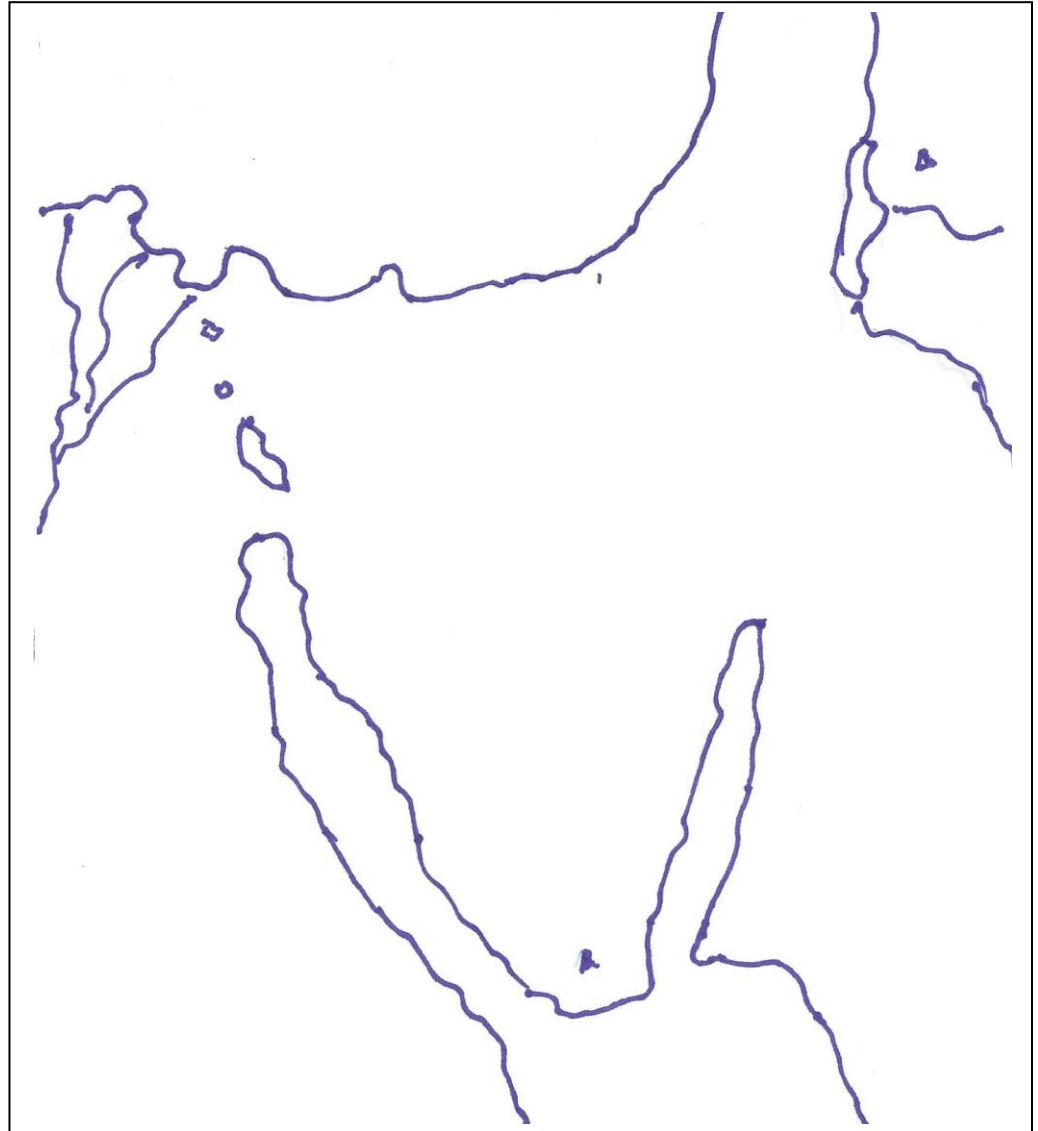
Goshen
Sea of Reeds
Wilderness of Shur
Marah
Elim
Wilderness of Sin
Rephadim
Mt. Sinai
Wilderness of Paran
Kadesh-Barnea

Toward Canaan

Wilderness of Zin
the Arabah
Oboth
Brook Zered
Heshbon
Mt. Nebo
Trans-Jordan

Peoples

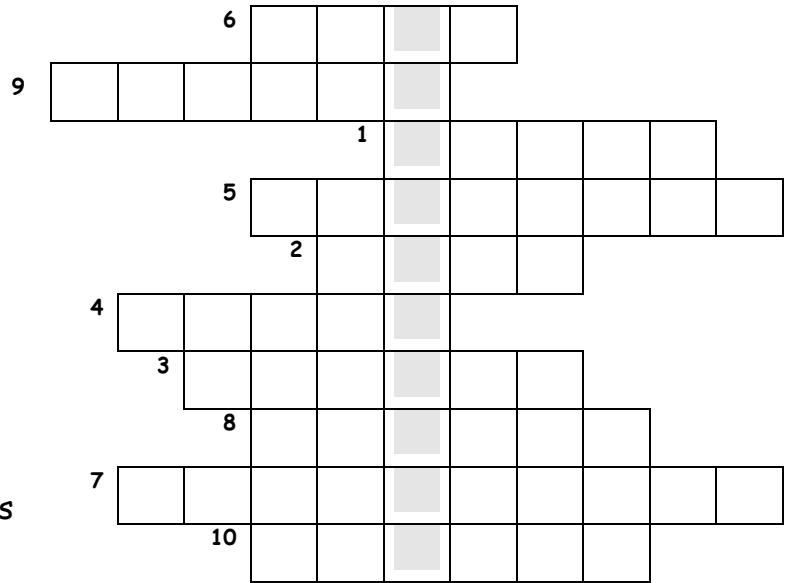
Egyptians
Midianites
Edomites
Ammonites
Canaanites



2. Every year thousands of oppressed people flee from their homes and try to find refuge in a safer place. Are there any similarities between them and the ancient Israelites? Any differences? Do you know any refugees personally?

3. Read the stories in **Exodus 15:22-18:27** to find the answers to this puzzle.

- 1 - place of bitter water
- 2- oasis of springs and palms
- 3 - meat Yahweh provided
- 4 - bread-like food
- 5 - camping place without water
- 6 - source of water
- 7 - enemy defeated by Joshua
- 8 - name of victory altar:
"Yahweh is my _____"
- 9 - priest of Midian
- 10 - men appointed to help Moses



- 4. The people who had been rescued from Egypt always _____ against the God who had saved them. How sad!
- 5. Can you think of ways in which people today act like those dissatisfied Israelites?
- 6. Yet God remained faithful to the promises he made to the Israelites. Can you think of ways in which experience that today?