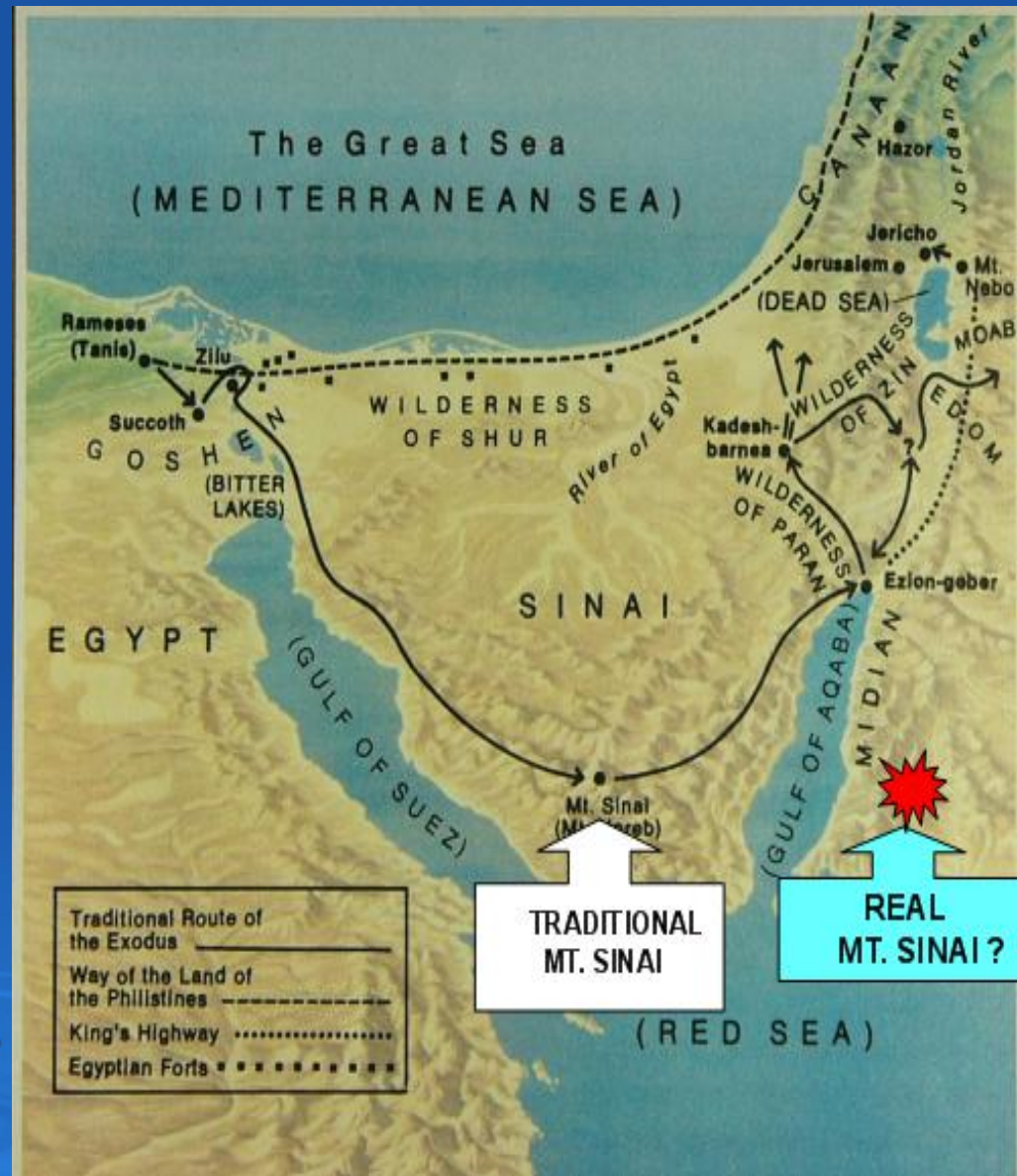


WHERE IS MT. SINAI?

- Place of the Burning Bush is where 10 Commandments were given to Moses
- It was Constantine's mother who declared the traditional site to be the place (4th century A.D.)
- No structure built there until the 6th century A.D.



A LONG-HELD CONTROVERSY



- 1893 Imperial and Asiatic Quarterly Review says Mt. Sinai cannot be in Sinai Peninsula
- Josephus, Antiquities
“...Mt. Sinai located in Arabia Petraea...”
- Sin-ai = Assyrian for “mountain of the god Sin”
- Sin = Moon god
- NO major theological impact!

EXODUS 3: THE BURNING BUSH

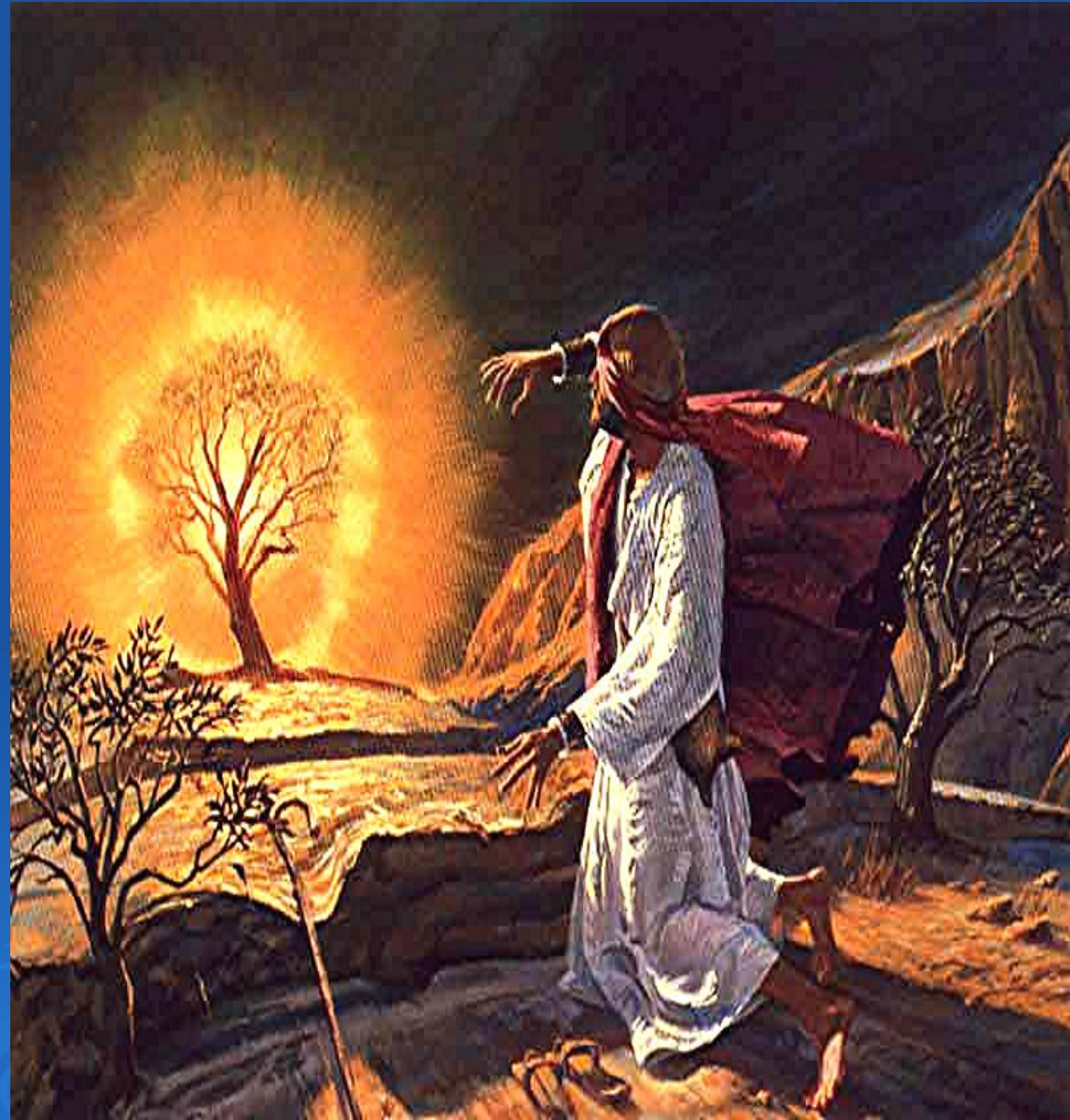


And the angel of the Lord
appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush:
and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was
not consumed.
Exo . III . 2.

- Malach = any kind of messenger
- messenger = מלאך
- Angel of the Lord
- Malach Yehoveh
- Adonai = lord, master
- God Himself, not a regular angel, was about to speak to Moses

HOLY GROUND

- Moses collapses in fear
- God says “remove sandals”
- The dirt (ground) around God’s presence was holy
- Holiness could have been transmitted to Moses’ sandals!



MOSES MEETS GOD

- God says he is the god of Moses' fathers
- Referring to the Abrahamic Covenant
- Covenant transferred from Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob
- Is going to rescue Israel from the land of Egypt



LAND OF CANAAN

CANAAN BEFORE THE CONQUEST

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Scale of Miles

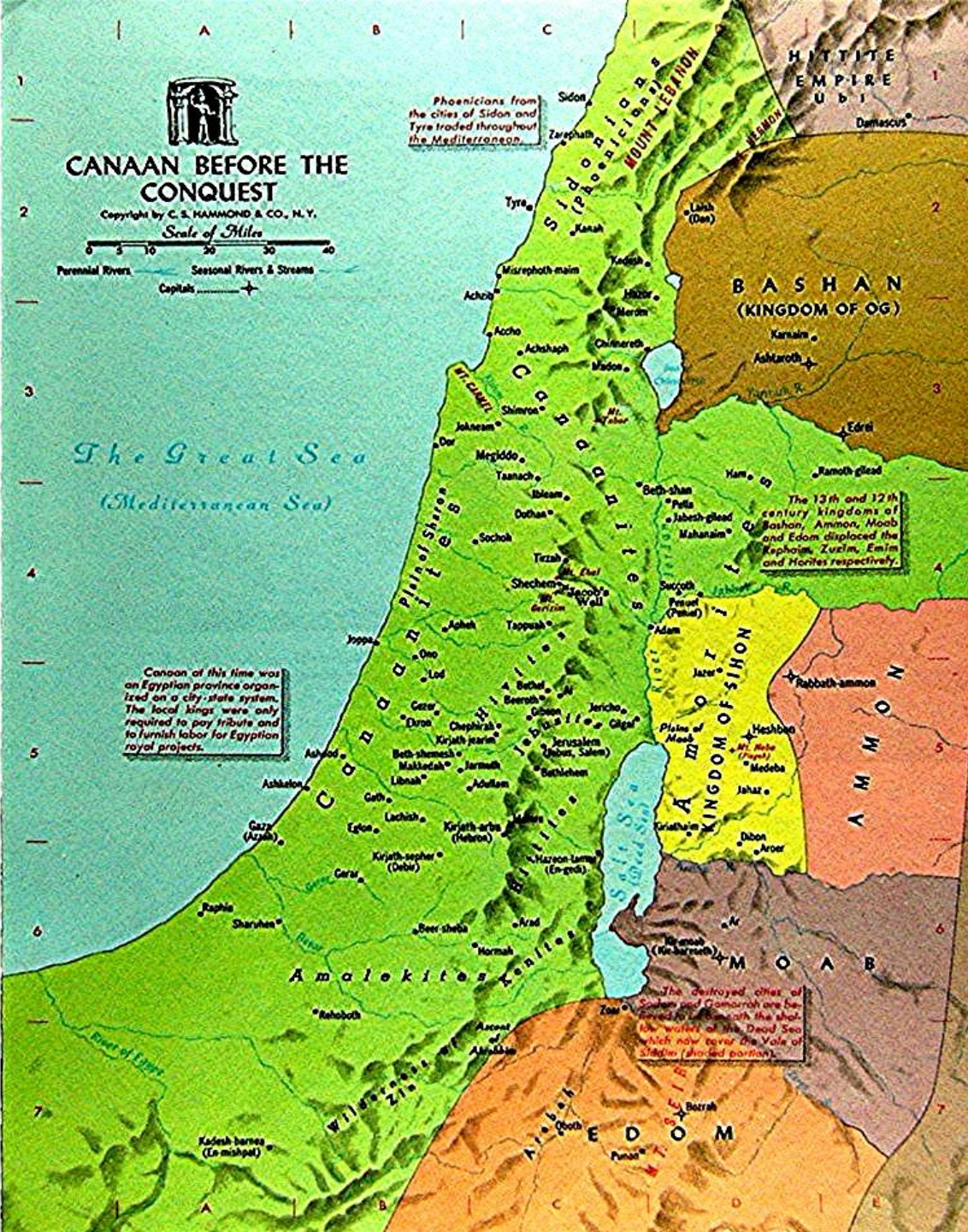


The Great Sea
(Mediterranean Sea)

Canaan of this time was an Egyptian province organized on a city-state system. The local kings were only required to pay tribute and to furnish labor for Egyptian royal projects.

The destroyed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah are believed to lie beneath the shallow waters of the Dead Sea which now covers the Vale of Siddon (plotted on map).

- Canaan, son of Ham, grandson of Noah
- Hittites = Turkey, Syria, Lebanon
- Amorites = Mesopotamia
- Perrizites = hill country
- Hivites = people of Shechem
- Jebusites = built the original city of Jerusalem



MOSES, PROPHET

- God tells Moses that he will be God's instrument of deliverance
- God tells of His great compassion for His people Israel
- Moses is a kind of prophet
- God INITIATES the contact with His chosen prophets
- Prophets are always reluctant
- People who DESIRE to be prophets, are not chosen



A PROPHET CAN HAVE NO PERSONAL AMBITION

- God does through a prophet, what that man cannot do of himself
- Be wary of those who claim to be prophets
- When someone says they're speaking for God, examine them!
- Moses replies "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh"
- God says Moses is to bring Israel to THIS mountain when they leave Egypt





Amon



Anubis



Isis



Osiris



Horus



Set



Sobek



Ra

GOD'S NAME

- Moses did not KNOW God's name
- El Shaddai
- If one knew a god's name, one could manipulate that god
- Moses was well indoctrinated in the Egyptian system

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

- Denotes God's primary characteristic
- I Am that I Am
- What I Will be I Will be
- I Will be There howsoever I Will be There
- Human words cannot capture the Lord's true essence
- Ehyeh Asher Eheyh is to explain that He is self-existent
- No pagan god claimed what God claimed

Y H V H



- God's PERSONAL and FORMAL name
- This is only NOW revealed to men, through Moses
- Earlier Bible references to YHWH were in hindsight
- Moses is to take God's message to the Elders of Israel
- Elders represent the common people
- These are NOT the tribal princes

MOSES BRINGS THE MESSAGE

- God says that the people WILL listen
- Moses is to go to Pharaoh and ask for a 3-day pass for the people
- Israel didn't want to change, they wanted their CIRCUMSTANCES to be different
- Israel had to be divided and separated from Egypt
- REDEMPTION is behind all that the Lord is doing
- Strip Egypt!

