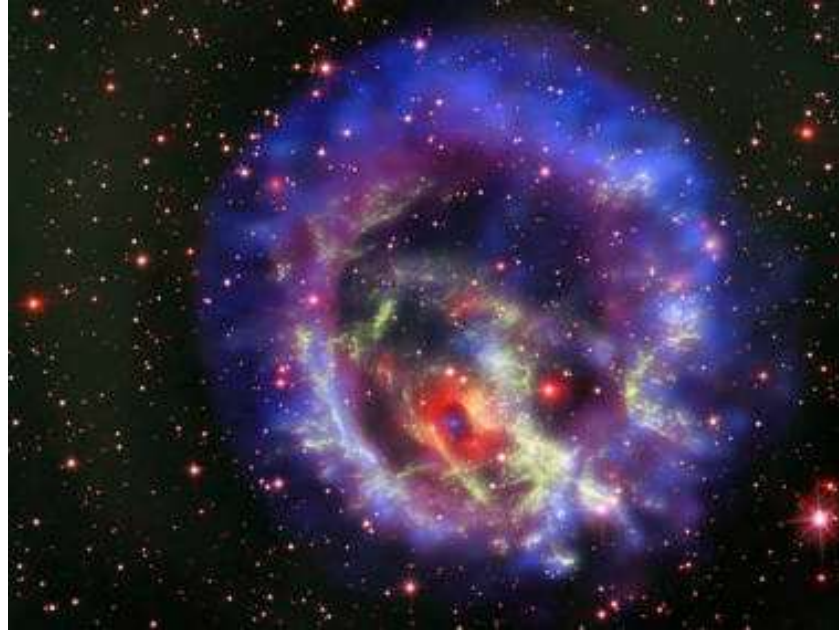




The Miracles of Jesus Series 2022



Introduction to Jesus' Miracles & OT Backgrounder



	Series	Theme
January 2, 2022	How Great is our God?	The Providence of God and My Life
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Where do we start from?



Time & Space

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“Those who wish to succeed
must ask the right
preliminary questions.”

Aristotle, *Metaphysics*, II, (III), I.

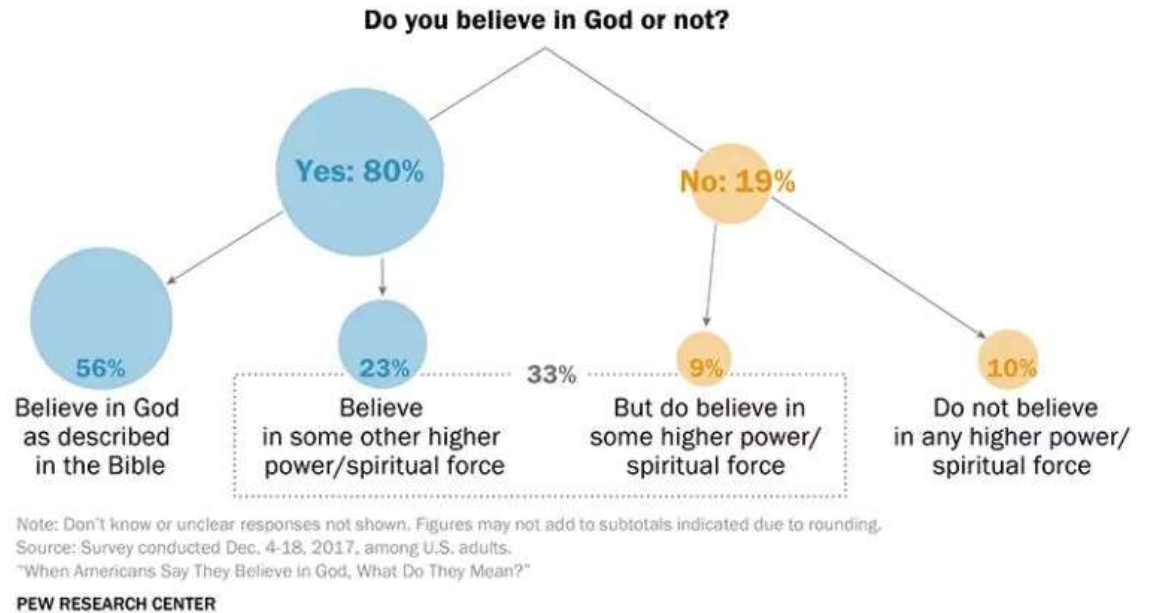


Time & Space
“Nature”
(Naturalist)

Where do we start from?

One-third of U.S. adults believe in a higher power of some kind, but not in God as described in Bible

A domain in addition to Time & Space



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"Nature"

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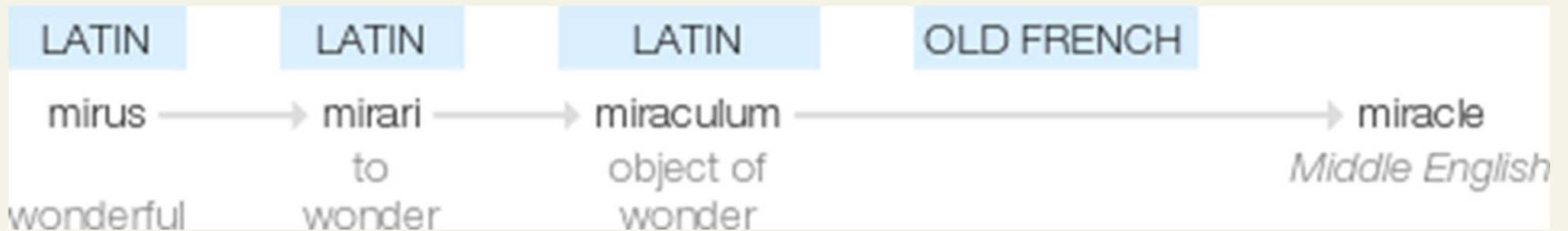
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"Supernaturalist"



Time & Space
"Nature"

"Miracle" Etymology

- **Miracle (n)**



"Miracle" Common Definitions

- *Miracle: an interference with nature by a supernatural power (CS Lewis)*
- *Miracle: an extraordinary and astonishing happening that is attributed to the presence and action of an ultimate or divine power (Britannica)*
- *Miracle: an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs (Webster)*
- *Miracle: an extremely outstanding or unusual event, thing, or accomplishment (Webster)*

"Miracle" Common Use Today

- **Miracle common use today**
 - **This diet works miracles on fat.**
 - **That bridge is a miracle of modern engineering**
 - **The miracle win Olympics hockey game in 1980 won by the US over USSR; what the Leafs need is a..**
- **Miracle Whip 1949 ad**

Your husband says salads are sissy?

Watch him go for salads with

THE ONE AND ONLY

Miracle Whip

Miracle Whip Salad Dressing
KRAFT

PLEASE-YOURSELF PLATTER

Each man — or pal or youngster — can choose to please himself when you serve this tempting salad platter. As for the dressing, you'll please them all for sure if you make it *Miracle Whip*. Not too sharp, not too bland, the one and only *Miracle Whip* has a can't-be-escaped flavor that millions prefer. It condenses the qualities of zesty bottled dressing and fine mayonnaise!

Leaf lettuce	Celery with green pepper and pickles
Peas with sliced carrots	Hard-boiled egg slices
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On crisp lettuce arranged on a platter, place separate portions of best slices. Julienne carrots, sliced tomatoes, peas and relishes. Separate the portions with sliced cucumber slices. Serve with creamy *Miracle Whip*.

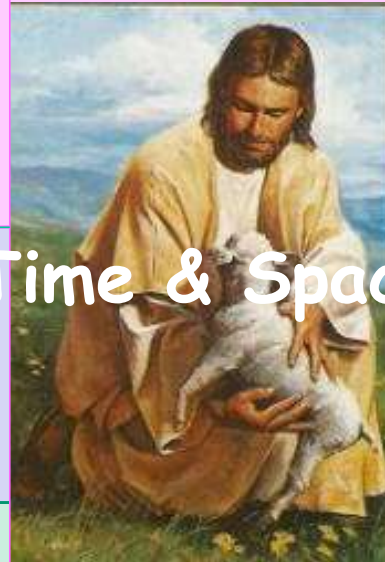
America's favorite! **No other like it!** A unique type of salad dressing, *Miracle Whip* has a zesty flavor all its own... a flavor so appealing the one and only *Miracle Whip* actually out-sells the next 20 brands combined.

The One and Only

Son Father Holy Spirit

Constitutional: Unity, Infinite, Eternal, Immutable, Spirit, Immense (Omnipresent), Sovereign, Omnipotent

Personality: Omniscience, Sensibility (Holiness, Love, Justice, Humble, Forgiving, Goodness, Truth, Faithful), Will



Time & Space

Creator



Biblical Summary Definition

- *Events recorded in scripture by inspired authors which clearly involve a powerful act of God directly or through His servants. The context of the events are provided to reveal His character or purposes.*
- *In these events, God's sovereign power over His creation to use it or to interrupt its normal state is demonstrated with purposeful intention.*
- *Scripture does not make a careful case about distinguishing between the natural and the supernatural*

Biblical Words

- *OT*
 - *Sign (oth)*
 - *Wonder (mopheth)*
- *NT*
 - *Sign (semeion)*
 - *Wonder (teras)*
 - *Power (dunamis)*
 - *Work (ergon)*

Exodus 7:3

Exodus 7:3

John 20:30,31

John 4:48

Luke 4:36

John 6:29,30

Biblical Words

- *NT: 4 main words used*
- *Sign: an evidence of a divine commission; an attestation of a divine message; a token of the presence and working of God; the seal of a higher power*
- *Wonders: events that astonish, produce awe*
- *Works: the works of Him who is wonderful in working*
- *Mighty works: works of superhuman power*

Mark 8:11,12

John 2:23,24

Acts 2:19

Acts 2:22

John 5:20,36

Biblical Words Placed Together

a unique and extraordinary event

awakening wonder (teras),

wrought by divine power (dunamis),

*accomplishing some practical and
benevolent work (ergon),*

*and authenticating or signifying a
messenger and his message as from God
(semeion).*

General Observations on Miracles

- *The miracles of the Bible are worthy of their Author and demonstrate His character and purposes at work*
- *Miracles are themselves part of the Divine order*
- *God's revelation involves the plan and order of His great and continuing story*
 - *Miracles appear at the initiation of major movements in God's story, with intermittent periods of absence of recorded miracles (but not of God's continuing work)*
 - *Moses, Prophets, Ministry of Christ, Initiation of the Church*

Digging Deeper into God's Miracles

- **Observations**

- **Where**

- *did the miracle happen, noting any geography, historical, cultural or other contextual circumstances?*

- **Who**

- *was God dealing with directly?*
 - *was the indirect audience?*
 - *was the initiator of the event?*
 - *performed the miracle?*

Digging Deeper into God's Miracles

- **Observations**

- **What**

- *what was the miracle(s)?*
 - *was the role of faith and belief by the recipient?*
 - *was the immediate impact on all of those identified?*
 - *were the relevant story elements following the miracle?*
 - *were the ongoing results in people's lives?*

- **How**

- *did the Lord prepare them for the miracle?*
 - *was the miracle performed?*
 - *did the Lord draw others into the knowledge of the miracle?*

Digging Deeper into God's Miracles

- **Interpretation**
 - *What was God's immediate purpose here?*
 - *Why did He do this miracle and not others of the same type? (ex. healing, signs,...)*
- **Correlation**
 - *What part of the bigger story was God advancing?*
 - *Compare this account to others of the same event.*
 - *Compare this account to leadup passages or post commentaries in scripture for additional perspectives.*
- **Application**
 - *How did the people there change their life as a result of the intervention by God?*
 - *What were the expectations of God going forward?*
 - *How did the Lord intend for this to be applied to us today?*

Genesis	12	10
Exodus	14	25
Leviticus	2	2
Numbers	9	9
Deuteronomy	1	0
Joshua	4	4
Judges	4	11
1 Samuel	5	5
2 Samuel	2	1
1 Kings	8	8
2 Kings	22	20
1 Chronicles	1	1
2 Chronicles	2	2
Job	1	1
Isaiah	1	1
Daniel	3	7
Jonah	3	5
Total	94	112

**Creation, Judgment,
True Sacrifice,
Salvation, Seeking
People**

**Leading out of Egypt,
Commandments**

Judgment of Enemies

The Promised Land

**Validating Judges,
Prophets, Kings**

In Babylonian Exile

Reaching the Lost

*Teaching His people to be led:
Exodus 16*

- *Via Miracles from Egypt to Canaan
- Manna and the Bread of Life*

The 10 Plagues - Jehovah Versus the Gods of Egypt

PLAGUE	GODS OF EGYPT	INTERESTING NOTES
1 WATER TURNED TO BLOOD Exodus 7:14-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khnum - Guardian of river's source. • Hapi - Spirit of the Nile. • Osiris - Nile was his bloodstream. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplicated by the Egyptians. • Occurs in Goshen where Israelites lived. • Dead fish — putrid smell.
2 FROGS Exodus 8:1-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hapi } Frog goddess to Egypt. • Heqt } Both related to fertility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplicated by the Egyptians. • Occurs in Goshen where Israelites lived.
3 LICE Exodus 8:16-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seb - The earth god of Egypt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not duplicated by the Egyptians. • Occurs in Goshen where Israelites lived. • Attributed to the "finger of God."
4 FLIES Exodus 8:20-32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uatchit - The fly god of Egypt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God now makes a separation between the Egyptians and the Israelites. • No more plagues will come upon the Israelites.
5 DISEASE ON CATTLE Exodus 9:1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psh } Egyptian gods associated • Hathor } with bulls and cows. • Mnevis } • Amon } 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affects property. • Death of livestock.
6 BOILS Exodus 9:8-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sekhmet - Egyptian goddess of Epidemics. • Serapis } Egyptian gods of healing. • Imhotep } 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affects physical bodies. • Pharaoh's magicians cannot even appear in court.
7 HAIL Exodus 9:13-35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nut - Egyptian sky goddess. • Isis & Seth - Egyptian agriculture deities. • Shu - Egyptian god of the atmosphere. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical uniqueness for such a storm in Egypt. • Pharaoh confessed his sin but later changes his mind.
8 LOCUSTS Exodus 10:1-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serapis - Egyptian deity protector from Locusts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharaoh offers a compromise. • The compromise is rejected. • Pharaoh again confesses his sin.
9 DARKNESS Exodus 10:21-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ra } Egyptian sun gods. • Amon-ra } • Aten } • Atum } • Horus } • Thoth - Egyptian moon god. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark in Egypt at midday. • Apparently light was still provided for the Israelites in Goshen.
10 DEATH OF FIRSTBORN Exodus 12:29-36	This plague was a judgment on all of Egypt's gods, including Pharaoh himself. In Exodus 1, Pharaoh had killed the sons of Israel. Now the Lord kills the firstborn sons of the Egyptians (Exodus 11-12). Pharaoh will now let Israel go. He will later loose his army to death in the Red Sea (Exodus 14:4-31).	



Miracles in Exodus

Moses sees a bush burning that is not consumed (3:2)

Moses' rod becomes a snake (4:3, 30; 7:10,12)

The hand of Moses becomes leprous then heals (4:6 - 7)

The ten plagues inflicted on Egypt (Chapters 7 to 12)

God leads Israelites with cloud pillar by day and provides heat and light at night with pillar of fire (13:21 - 22, 14:19 - 20)

Red Sea is parted to allow Israelites to escape Egyptians (14:22)

Pharaoh's army destroyed in Red Sea (14:23 - 30)

Marah's waters made sweet (15:25)

Every day but Saturday Manna sent from heaven to feed Israelites (16:4 - 31)

Large flock of quails land in Israelite camp for meat (16:13)

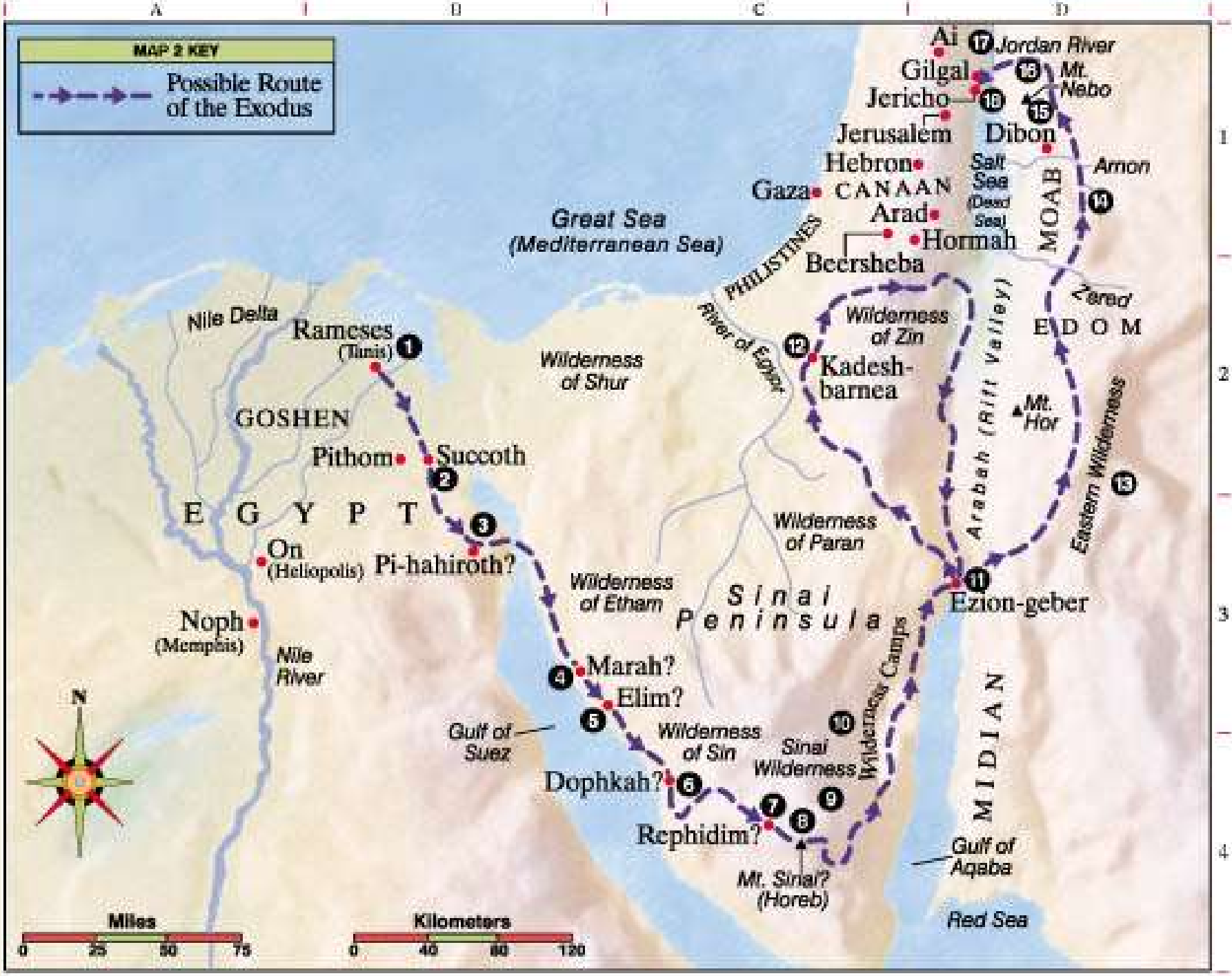
Rock in Horeb produces water after it is struck by Moses (17:5 - 7)

Amalek is defeated (17:9 - 13)

At Mount Sinai thunder, lightning and trumpet heard, plus top of mountain surrounded by thick cloud (19:16 - 20, 24:10,15 - 17)

Moses' face shines after receiving ten commandments (34:29 - 35)

ISRAEL'S EXODUS FROM EGYPT AND ENTRY INTO CANAAN





God leads His People Along

- ***God takes care of His own***
 - ***Water***
 - ***Bread***
 - ***Meat***



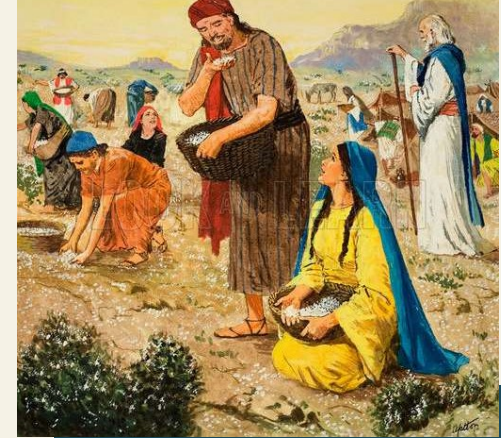
Exodus 14 to 16

God leads His People Along

- *His calling out of slavery; He...*
- *provides symbols and reminders of new life*
- *points the way to promised land*
- *guides all along the way*
- *brings us through unimaginable threats*
- *buries our past to help us forward in the new*
- *takes care of His own*

*Exodus 3
to 16*

God leads His People Along



- *God takes care of His own*
 - *Water*
 - *Bread*
 - *Meat*

- *Jesus confirms and commits*
 - *I am the Lamb of God*
 - *I am the Living Water*
 - *I am the Bread of Life*

Gospel of John