

CITIES OF REFUGE

Lesson 13 Numbers Chapters 33 to 36

On the plains
of Moab,
by the Jordan
across from



God and Moses dealt with these issues:

A detailed illustration of Moses, an elderly man with a long white beard and a green head covering, holding a wooden staff. He is wearing a red robe with yellow trim. The background shows a landscape with a body of water and hills.

Writing all the route from Egypt (Numbers, 33: 1-49)

Expelling the Canaanites (Numbers, 33: 50-56)

Defining the boundaries of the land (Numbers, 34: 1-15)

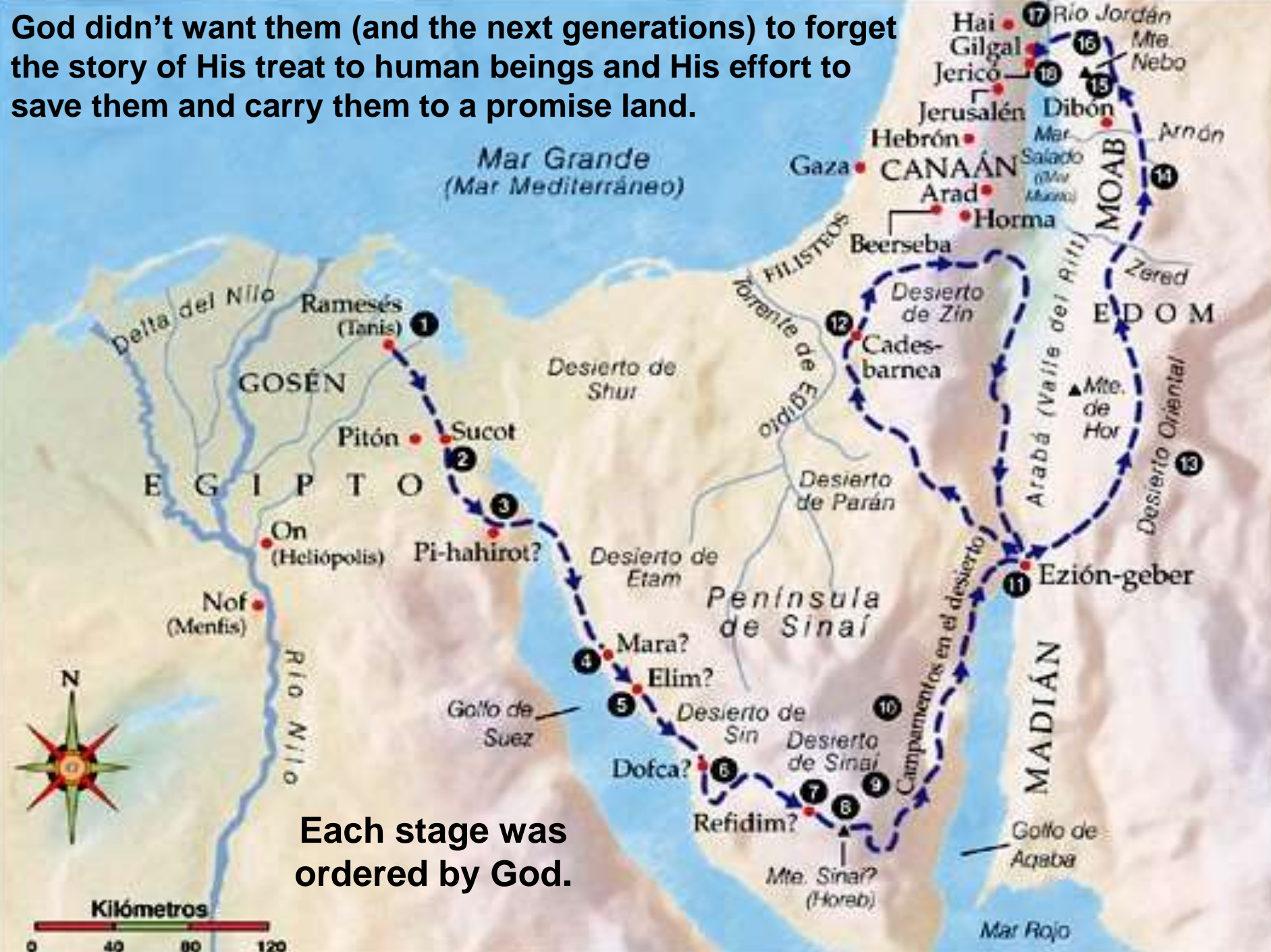
The names of the people who would distribute the land
(Numbers, 34: 16-29)

The cities of the Levites (Numbers, 35: 1-8)

The cities of refuge (Numbers, 35: 9-34)


The inheritance of the daughters of Zelophehad
(Numbers, 36: 1-13)

God didn't want them (and the next generations) to forget the story of His treat to human beings and His effort to save them and carry them to a promise land.



**"But if you do not drive out
the inhabitants of the land,
those you allow to remain will
become barbs in your eyes
and thorns in your sides.
They will give you trouble in
the land where you will live."**

Numbers, 33: 55



**We must not allow the
world's negative influence
getting into our lives.**

➤ God established the boundaries of the land they were going to inherit.

➤ He also indicated who should do the distribution; men with authority and with respect.

Eleazar (the high priest), Joshua and Caleb were among them.

➤ Considering the problem caused by the tribe of Manasseh according the daughters of Zelophehad, God ordered that they had to marry in their own tribe.

The land should always belong to the same tribe.



The Levites were spread all over the tribes of Israel, in 48 cities.

This way all the Israelites could be taught by the Levites who dwelt among them.

The Levites were chosen as examples of faithfulness and holiness. They instilled religious values and the knowledge of the true God to the people.



If a person committed a homicide, he could run from the avenger of blood to a safe place; the cities of refuge.

Then he wouldn't be killed without a fair trial.



Nobody had to travel more than 32 miles to reach one of them.

The Levites kept the paths to the cities of refuge in good condition and well signposted.





If the murderer was guilty, he was condemned to death.

He couldn't ransom his life.

If the homicide was involuntarily, he stayed in the city of refuge until the High Priest died.

He remained under Levite protection and he submitted to the High Priest.

He couldn't ransom his freedom.

“The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms” (Deuteronomy, 33: 27)

“You are my hiding-place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance” (Psalm 32: 7)

“The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress”

(Psalm 46: 7)

“Lord, you have been our dwelling-place throughout all generations”

(Psalm 90: 1)





“O Lord, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress”

(Jeremiah, 16: 19)

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit” (Romans, 8: 1)

**RUN TO THE
CITY OF
REFUGE:
JESUS**



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Teaching Approach

**Effective for
SMALL GROUPS**

- ASSOCIATE truth** – Why should I study this lesson?
- DISCOVER truth** – What does the Bible say about this truth?
- APPLY truth** – How can this truth affect my life today?
- PLAN using the truth** – How can I use this truth today?
- TRANSFER truth to life** – What changes do I need in my life?



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