

Comments Concerning the Map –

I am not an artist nor the son of an artist.

This is my belief (not all agree, but this is mine)

A – represents Egypt (a picture of the world) – Now the children of Israel already belonged to the Lord – They were His special people – He brought them out of the World because they were His people (not in order to make them His people – He had already chosen them.

Concerning you and me, (regarding Jeremiah – **Jere 1:5** “before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I sanctified you”

Eph 1:4 “just as He chose us in Him before the foundations of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.”

Vs 5 – having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the beloved.”

So we were in the world, and He called us out of the world

B. – The children of Israel were predestinated to go into the land of Canaan, but because of their unbelief – they made a 12 day trip into a 40 year experience.

C. – this is the place where the Nation of Israel crossed the Red Sea – on dry ground – and I believe this to be the experience every believer enjoys as he escapes the world into the land of the living.

D. – This is the wilderness spoken of in scripture that the children of Israel ended up living for 40 years even though it was a 10 day trip from where they crossed the Red Sea into Canaan. I believe this is where the majority of the church is living today. A place that is not the **destination**, but a **holding tank** for those who fail to go into the land because of the same unbelief.

This place is where the balance of the church is today. They are refreshed by the water flowing out of the rock (that Moses smote with his rod of judgment in Exo. 17:6) they are satisfied with their life “in Christ” but He is not the preeminent force guiding their walk today.

This place is notorious for believers complaining against authority, against God. This is the place that many believers even though they started with the manna tasting wonderful, have come to

a place where He is no longer as tasty as He once was. They may be keeping on, but church is now a necessary “add on” to their life, but not a first priority.

The wilderness is where Moses received the 10 commandments, and the majority of the believers today prefer to have the commandments to live by rather than just trust the relationship each one has with the Lord Jesus.

Rules to live by, commandments concerning dress code and entertainment, are given by the people in authority, all with the precept of “helping the believer walk right”

A great deal of the church today loves to be told what to do. If left to themselves, they will return to a legalistic walk with the Lord Jesus.

A side not here beloved – Heaven bound, but no idea of the real liberty available to the believer today.

It was not God’s purpose that the children remain here. **Deut 1:5&6**

Look at 1st Cor 10:1-5

E – Nile River

F- Sea of Galilee

G – Place where Joshua led the people of God across the Jordan River into Canaan or the Promised Land

H. The Dead Sea

I. Jerusalem – capital of Israel

Now my position is that (at least in my own experience) in a picture when Joshua led the children across the Jordan River (placing the stones in the river and on the bank) this is the experience of the “baptism in the Holy Spirit” which ushers us into the “fullness of the Holy Spirit”

It was here that the Manna ceased, and they began to eat of the “corn of the land.” This is the place where the believer needs to be today. A place that has giants for sure, but the believer knows how to defeat them. A place where legalism has been set aside, and now the walk is through **relationship** rather than **precept** or **direction from the lives of others**. Here the believer is free to make mistakes, knowing his forgiveness, here he/she is able to grow up rather than have the restraints placed upon him through the law, and on you go with it.