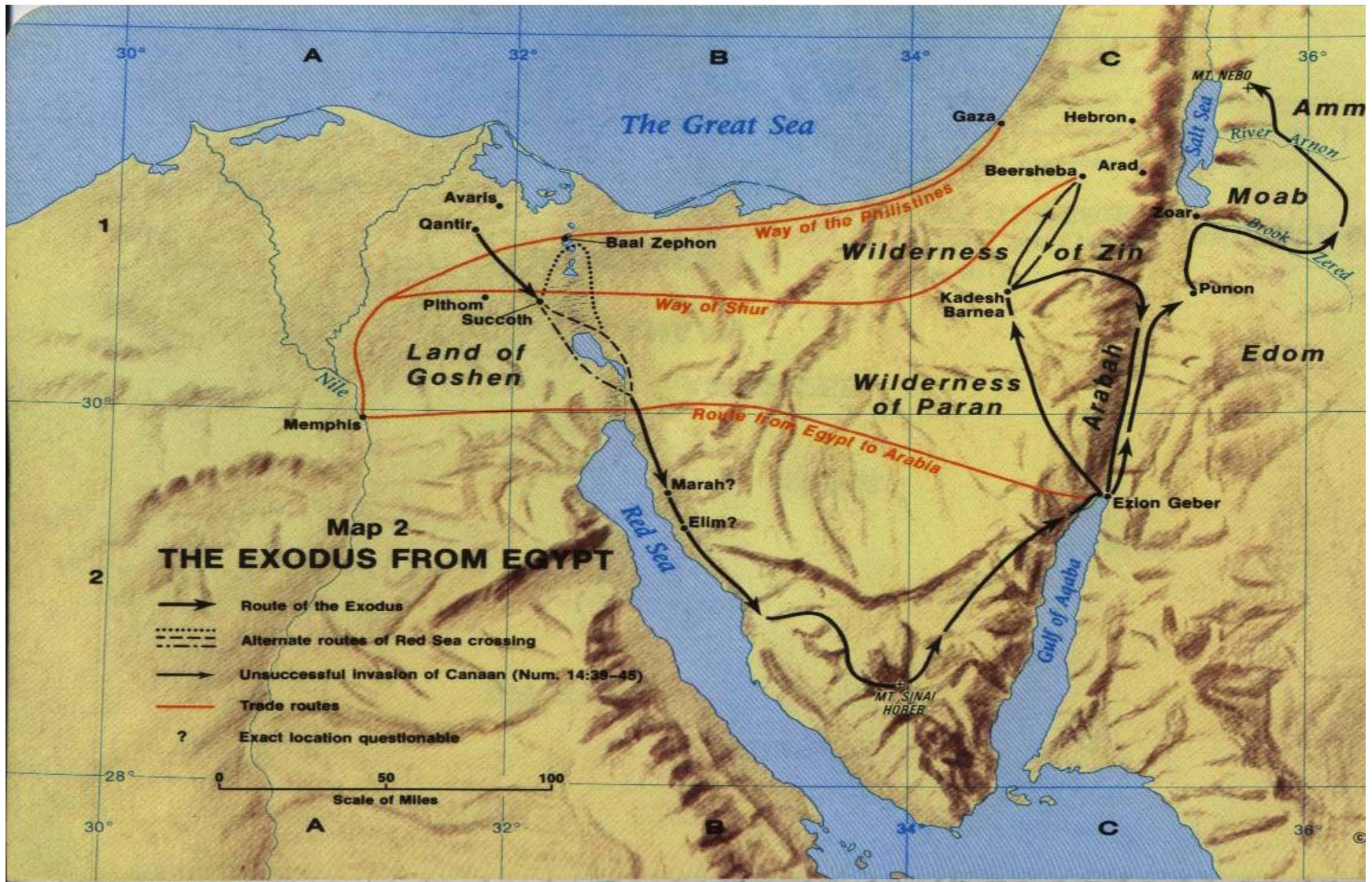
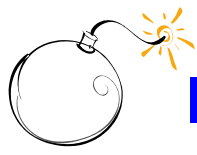


“In the Wilderness” – A Watershed Decision - Ch-14





Israel's History of Murmurings and Disobedience

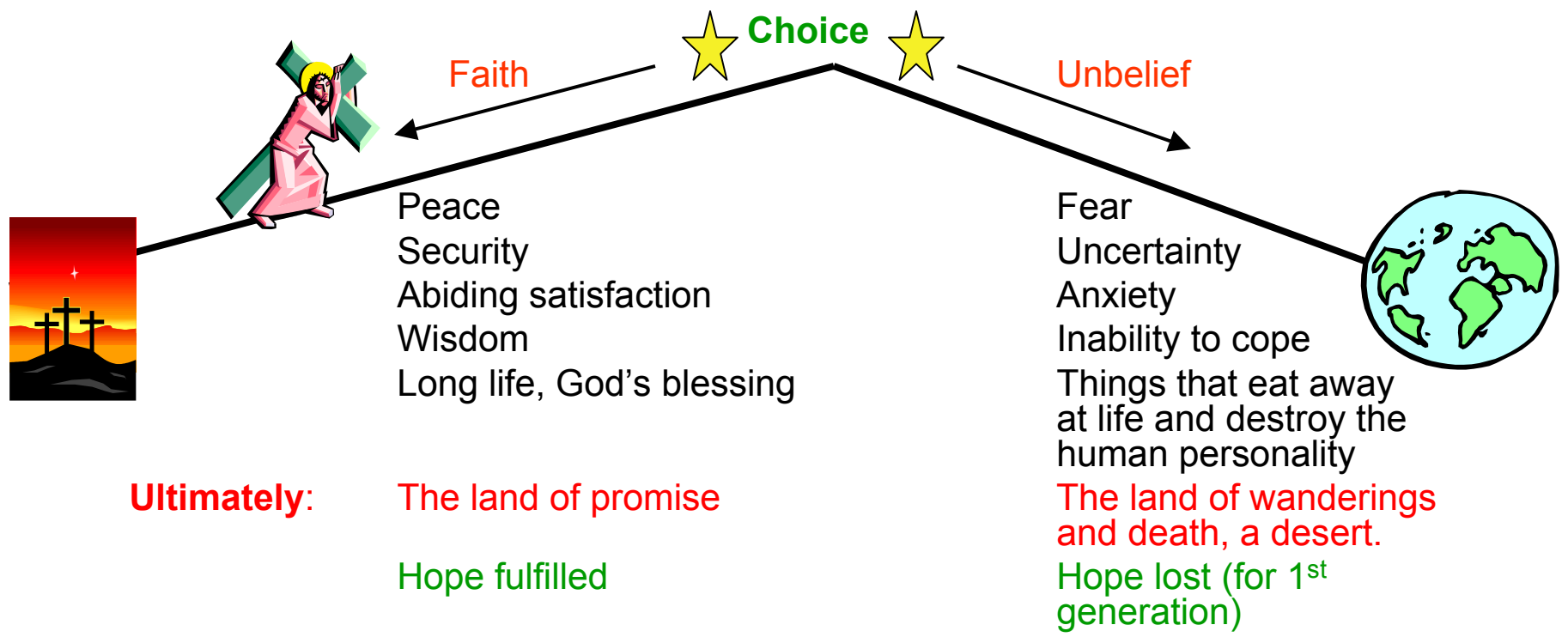
1. Ex. 14:10-12 At the Red Sea where Israel thought Pharaoh's army would destroy them
2. Ex. 15:22-24 At Marah – the bitter water
3. Ex. 16:1-3 In the desert of Sin as they hungered
4. Ex. 16: 19-20 In the desert of Sin – disregarded Moses' command regarding the storing of manna until the morning
5. Ex. 16:27-30 In the desert of Sin – disregarded Moses' instructions regarding the gathering of manna on the 7th day
6. Ex. 17:1-4 At Rephidim – complained for water
7. Ex. 32:1-35 At Mt. Sinai – the golden calf
8. Num. 11:1-3 At Taberah (burnings)
9. Num. 11"4-34 At Kibroth Hataavah (graves of craving)
10. Num. 14:1-3 At Kadesh in the Desert of Paran – wished they were dead



The Enormity of the Decision



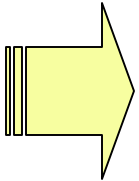
- Their unbelief would continue to lead them deeper into the world. Even the terrible bondage of Egypt began to look good to them.




What are some watershed decisions we make: #1= to serve God or self?
Who to marry or not to marry? What company to work for? Which school to attend?

Numbers Outline (by Census)

- I. **The experiences of the 1st generation in the wilderness** (1:1 – 25:18)
 - A. The Census of the 1st generation, the Levites (1:1 – 4:49)
 - B. Instructions and Laws in preparation for the march to the land of promise (5:1 – 10:32)
 - C. Rebellion and judgment of an unbelieving people (10:33 – 25:18)
 - 1. Rebellion, atonement and death (11:1 – 20:29)
 - 2. Hope, final rebellion, and an end of their dying (21:1 – 25:18)
- II. **The preparation of the 2nd Generation for entry into the Land of Promise** (26:1 – 36:13)
 - A. The 2nd census and instructions for their entry (26:1 – 30:16)
 - B. Vengeance on the Midianites (31:1 – 54)
 - C. Settlement of the tribes east of the Jordan (32:1 – 42)
 - D. Final instructions and preparations (33:1 – 36:13)



Numbers by Chapter 11-25

- 11 The people and Moses complain, 70 elders, quail and judgment
- 12 The opposition of Miriam and Aaron
- 13 The 12 spies and the mixed report 
- 14 Israel's rebellion and defeat
- 15 Laws on offerings, atonement for sins, tassels I.C.1
- 16 Korah's rebellion
- 17 Vindication of the true priesthood, the budding of Aaron's rod
- 18 Duties of the priests and Levites
- 19. Laws of purification – the red heifer

- 20. Moses' disobedience
- 21. The bronze serpent
- 22-24 Balaam and Balak
- 25 Israel's final rebellion I.C.2

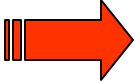
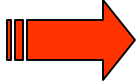
Outline of Numbers 14

- 1-4 The people weep and rebel
- 5-9 A righteous response from Moses, Aaron, Joshua and Caleb
God gives Joshua and Caleb a Word of Knowledge:
“Their protection has been taken from them.”
- 10 The people threaten the four with stoning.
The Lord appears
- 11-12 The Lord speaks to Moses
- 13-19 Moses intercedes
- 20-35 God’s judgment upon unbelieving Israel
- 36-38 Judgment on the faithless spies
- 39-45 Israel defeated by the Amalekites

Lessons from Chapter 14

1. The contagiousness of fear
2. There is a limit to God's forbearance.
3. The power of the majority
4. Be careful what you wish for.
5. The effect of intercession
6. The unrighteous do not want to hear the truth.
7. Miracles do not necessarily result in faith in the observers.
8. The day of opportunity may be missed by unbelief.
9. The mercy and grace of God in multiple opportunities towards Israel's rebellion...they had murmured 10 times

Lessons from Chapter 14

10. He still pours out His lavish love in the midst of an unbelieving people.
11. Once the opportunity for faith passes, there is no recalling the missed opportunity.
12. Question : Did the 1st generation all go to hell? (see v. 20)
13. People in fear or panic will flee reason. (Moses and Aaron, with wisdom, pleaded with the people but they would not listen.)
14. In this final rebellion, we see the futility of focusing on circumstances.
15. Unbelief  Fear  Rebellion
16. **Unrepented/continuous sin (for Israel, their unbelief) leads to a wasted life and the missed blessing of the Lord.**
17. People (or individuals) with unhearing ears will seek other pastures. (Israel was ready to return to Egypt.)
18. A hardened heart is easily tricked into romanticizing the past.