

A landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The foreground is a dry, brown, hilly terrain with sparse, dark vegetation. In the background, a range of mountains rises, with the highest peak on the left having a light-colored, rocky appearance. The sky is a uniform, pale blue.

Crossing the Red Sea, and
the Wilderness

Abraham



Shepherds, living in
the Nile Delta

What was Moses dealing with?

- The people
- Knowledge of God
- View of Moses

'The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.⁸ But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors...' (Deut 7.7)



The Exodus from Egypt

A possible route ...



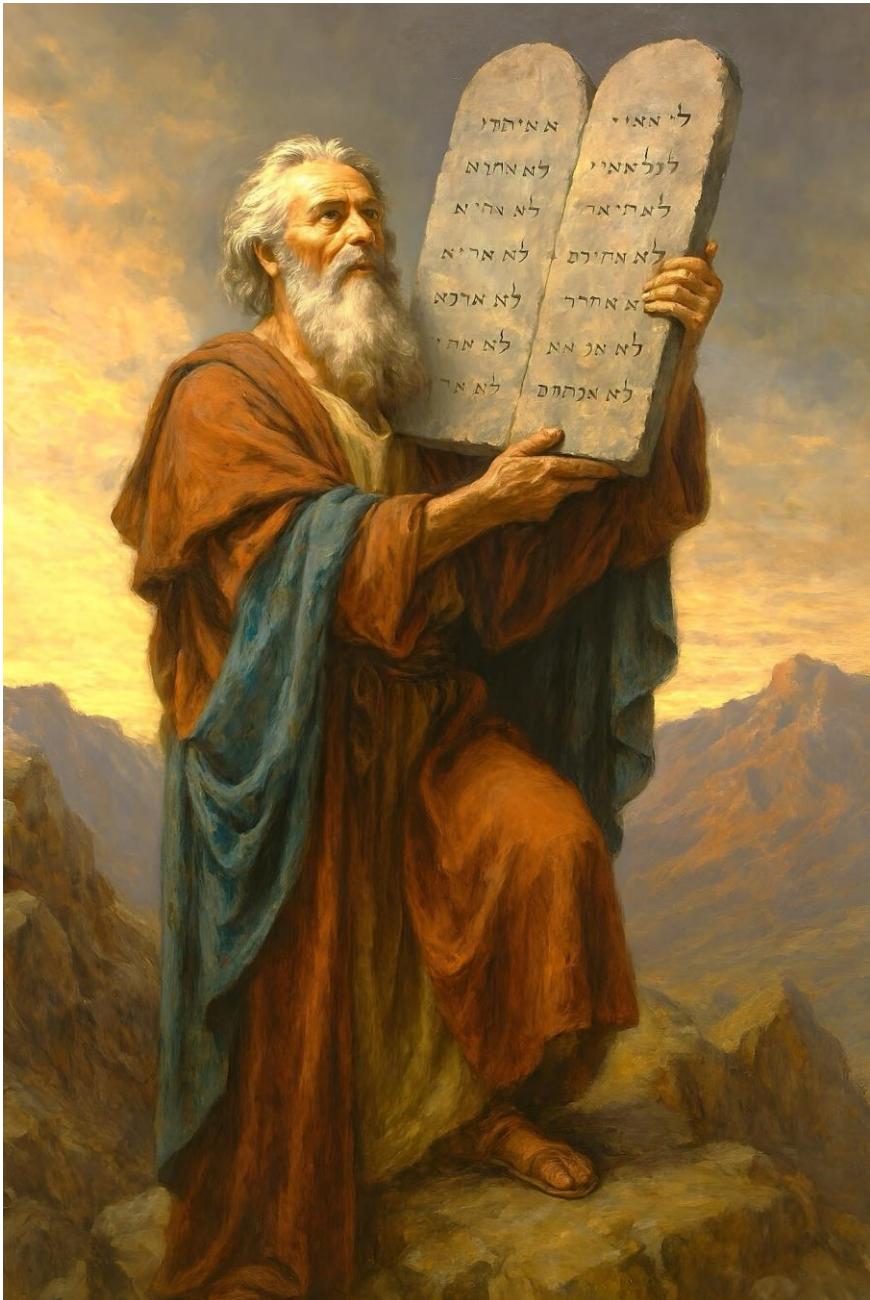


'God has taken them out of Egypt, but he will need to take Egypt out of them.'

(The God Story)



The wilderness: a gift?



The giving of the Law

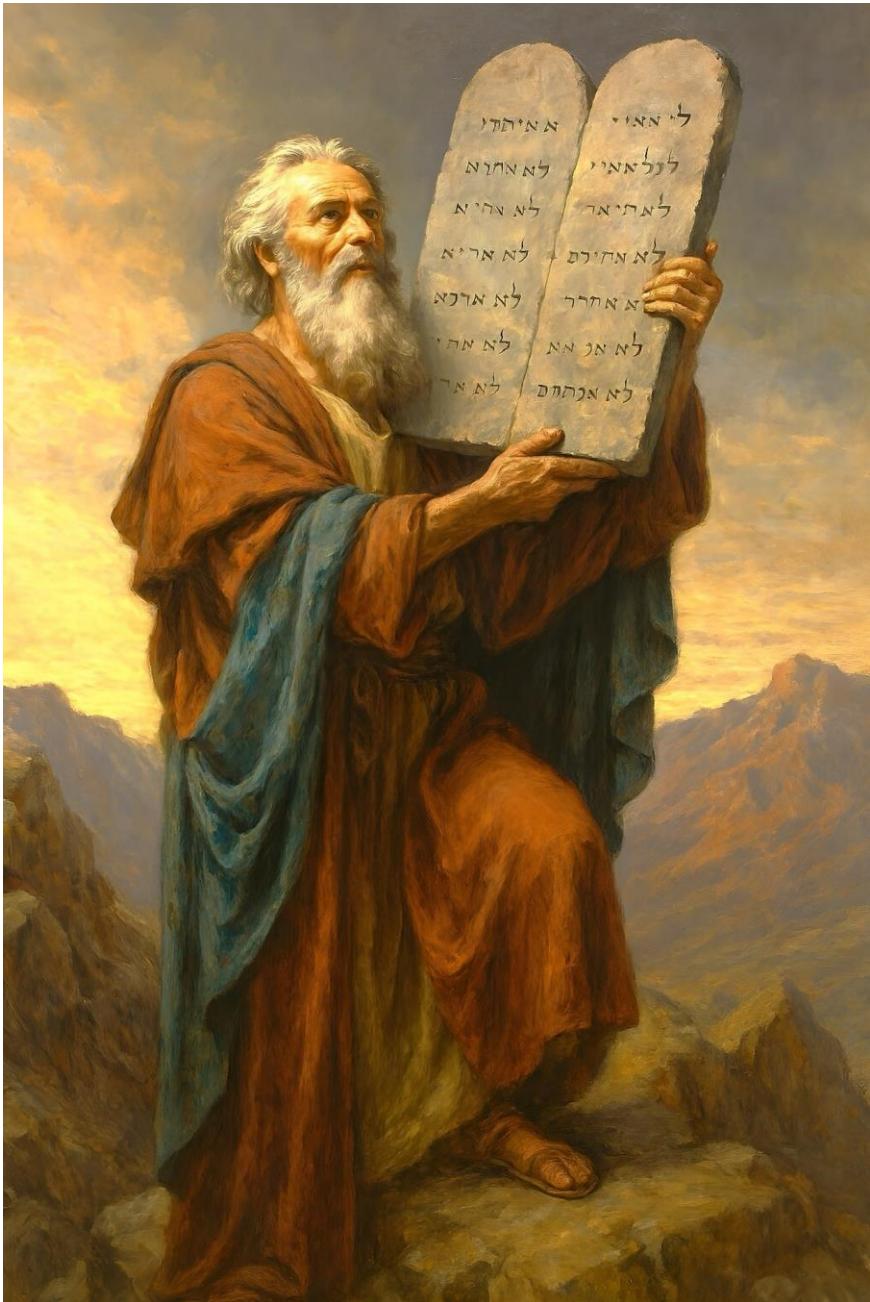
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God told them: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.

Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ (Ex 19 4ff)

At the Last Supper Jesus said of the cup of wine,
*“This is my blood of the **New Covenant**, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins”*
(Mat 26:28)

‘You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, to proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.’
(1 Pet 2.9)



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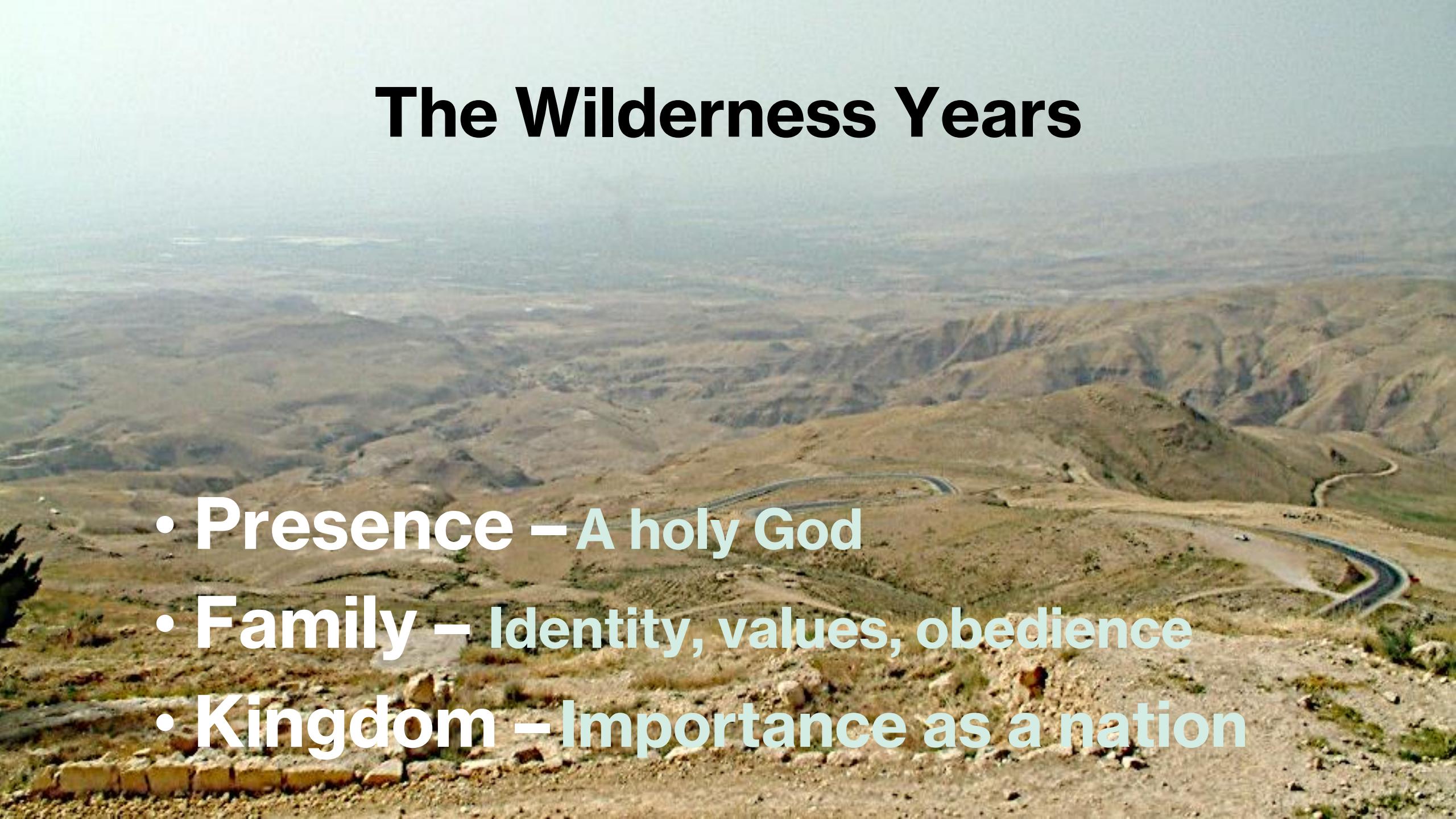


A view of the Tabernacle

12 spies



The Wilderness Years



- Presence – A holy God
- Family – Identity, values, obedience
- Kingdom – Importance as a nation

He needs to take Egypt out of us too!

- ‘*Don’t copy the behaviour and customs of this world but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*’ (Rom 12.1-3)
- ‘**Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need**’ (Mt 6.33)
- ‘**My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**’ (Phil 4:19)