



Dear God....
Why so late...?



I heard, God delays

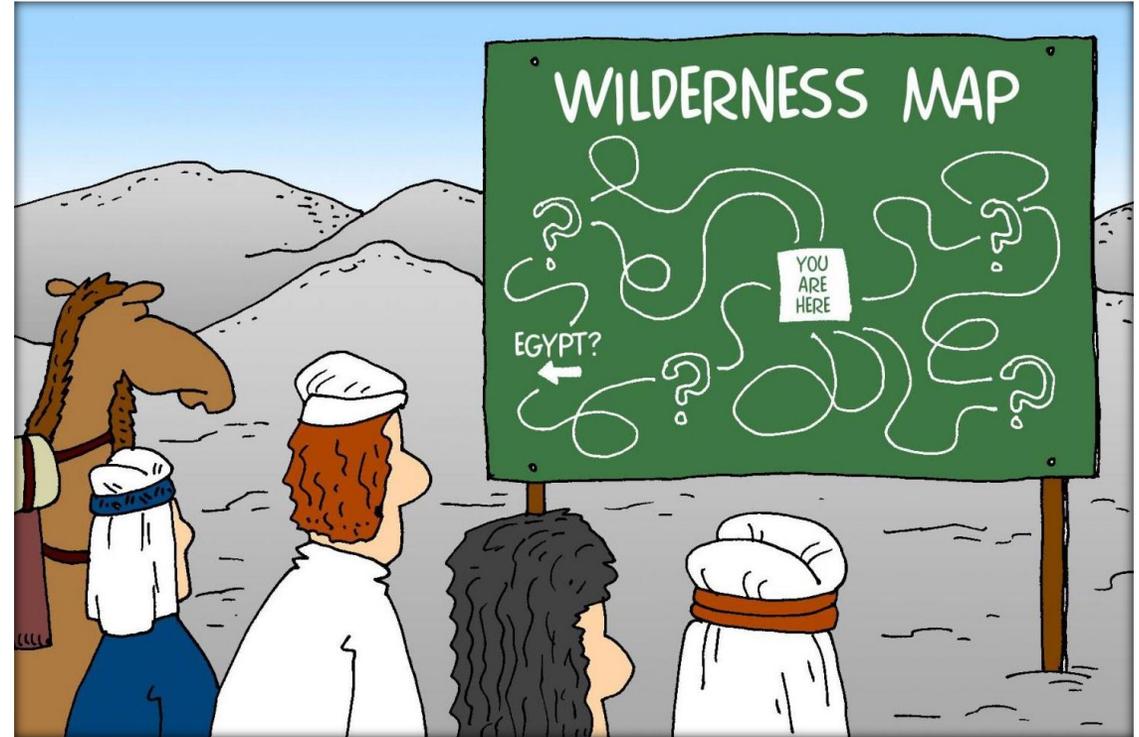
- **Because of our lack of faith –
Today is the day of your
breakthrough**
- **Because of our unfaithfulness -
Sin**
- **Because of our bad prayer
methods**
- **Because of generational curses**



I heard, God took 40 years

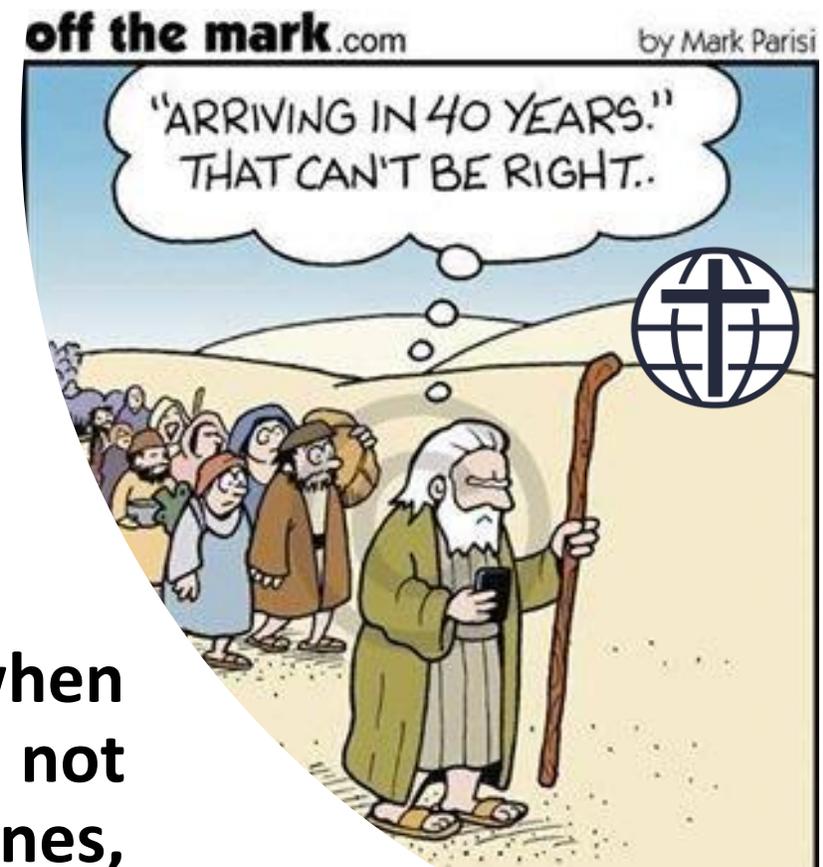


- **Because of their unbelief (which He wants to fix)**
- **Because of their unfaithfulness (Joshua 24:14-15)**
- **Because of the curse**
- **Because of God's purpose**



Why the 40 years delay?

- God had chosen this crooked path
- Exodus 13: 17-18: Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them *by way* of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.” So God led the people around *by way* of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt

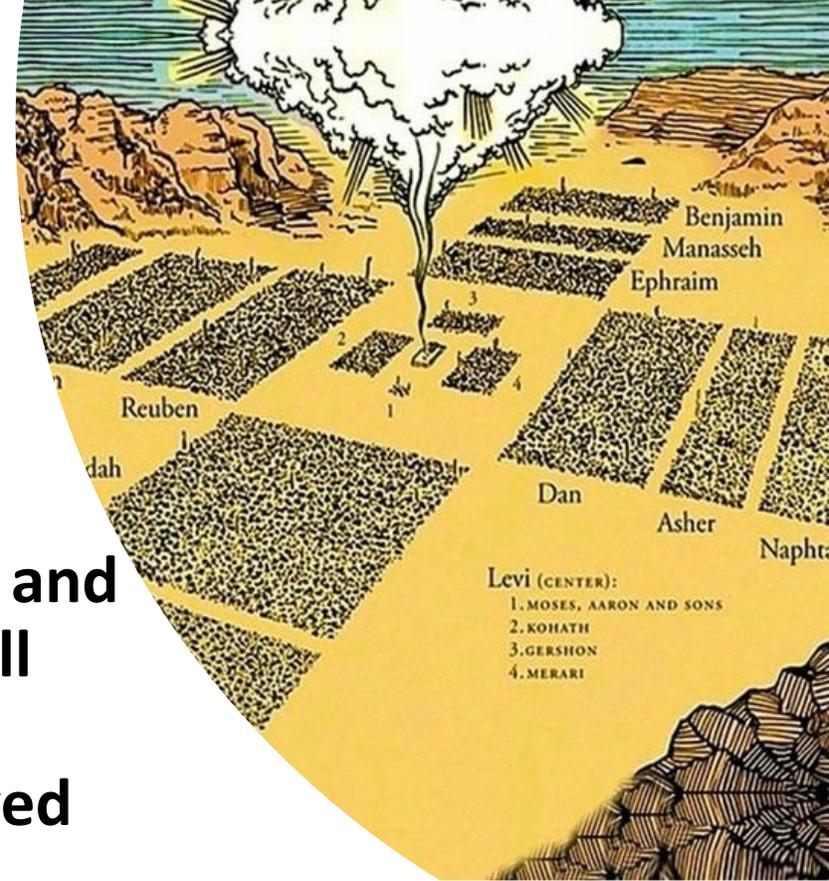




Did God curse them?

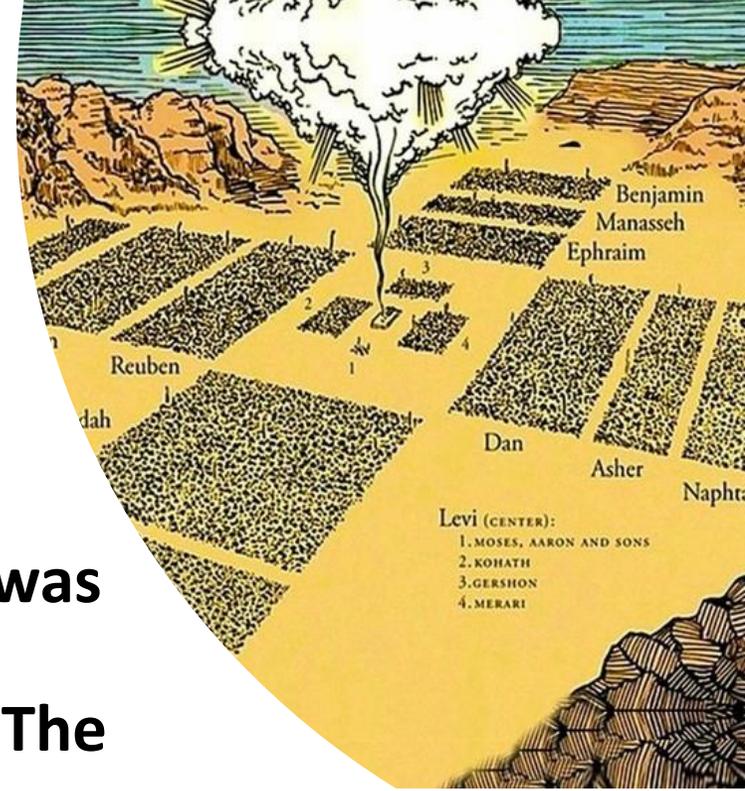
- Numbers 14:34: According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, *namely* forty years, and you shall know My rejection.
- Deuteronomy 8:2: And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.
- All happened according to His purpose
- Isaiah 55:8-9: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts”

Purpose behind the 40 years delay?



- **Exodus 18: 24-26:** Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves.
- **Numbers 1:45** So all who were numbered of the children of Israel, by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and above, all who *were able to go to war* in Israel

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- **Numbers 31: 37-40:** and the LORD's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five. The cattle *were* thirty-six thousand, of which the LORD's tribute *was* seventy-two. The donkeys *were* thirty thousand five hundred, of which the LORD's tribute *was* sixty-one. The persons *were* sixteen thousand, of which the LORD's tribute *was* thirty-two persons.
 - **Exodus 20: The Ten Commandments & The Law of Moses**
 - **Boundaries : The Canaan**



Purpose behind the 40 years delay

- **Genesis 12:2: I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great**
- **Genesis 15: 18-21: On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”**
- **2 Timothy 2: 13: If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.**
- **Painful process with God’s Provision, Protection and Presence**



YOU'RE ALREADY THERE

- Songwriters: Matthew West / John Mark Hall / Bernie Herms from the album "City in a hill"

**• From where I'm standing
Lord it's so hard for me to see
Where this is going
And where You're leading me
I wish I knew how
All my fears and all my questions
Are gonna play out
In a world I can't control**



**When I'm lost in the mystery
To You my future is a memory
Cause You're already there
You're already there
Standing at the end of my life
Waiting on the other side
And You're already there
You're already there**



**From where You're standing
Lord, You see a grand design
That You imagined
When You breathed me into life
And all the chaos
Comes together in Your hands
Like a masterpiece
Of Your picture perfect plan**



**When I'm lost in the mystery
To You my future is a memory
Cause You're already there
You're already there
Standing at the end of my life
Waiting on the other side
And You're already there
You're already there**



**• One day I'll stand before You
And look back on the life I've lived
I can't wait to enjoy the view
And see how all the pieces fit
And see how all the pieces fit**



In conclusion

- **Romans 5:2-5:** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us
- **Galatians 6:9** “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”