



Chronology of the 40-year Exodus Journey



- - - - Years 1 & 2 - - - -

The nation leaves Egypt, arrives at Mt. Sinai
and stays there for almost a year.

(*Exodus 12 to 40; Leviticus 1 to 27; Numbers 1 to 19**)

Year 1

- First month (beginning of months) *Exodus 12.2*
 - 10th, lambs selected *Exodus 12.3*
 - 14th evening, lamb killed. Midnight, firstborn slain. Passover. *Exodus 12.29*
 - 15th, Exodus commences. *Numbers 33.3*
- Second month
 - 15th, arrived at Wilderness of Sin *Exodus 16.1*
- Third month
 - "the same day" (1st? 15th?), arrived at wilderness of Sinai, camped near Mt Sinai.
Remained there for about eleven months. Many (but not all) of Israel's laws were given during this time. *Exodus 19.1*

Year 2

- First month
 - 1st, Tabernacle set up for the first time. *Exodus 40.17*
 - Around this time, laws in the book of Leviticus were most likely given. *Leviticus 1:1*
 - 14th. Commemoration of Passover in the wilderness. *Numbers 9.5*
- Second month
 - 1st. Census taken. *Numbers 1.18*
 - 14th. Passover for those unable to partake the previous month. *Numbers 9.11*
 - 20th. Left Sinai. *Numbers 10.11*

Year - Undefined (probably during Year 2 or 3)

- People refused to enter Canaan when directed. All males who were 20+ years when leaving Egypt, except Joshua and Caleb, would eventually die in the wilderness. *Numbers 14:6,20-24*

- - - - **Approx. 38 years** - - - -

The nation wanders in the wilderness.

Gradually, the first generation dies out and the second generation grows to adulthood. This was a time of testing, and waiting until almost all males from the first generation of the exodus had died off.

*(*The events of Numbers 15 to 19 may fit into this period.)*

- Very few details are given about the activities. *Numbers 33:16-37 & possibly ch. 15 to 19.*



- - - - **Year 40** - - - -

The second generation makes its way from the wilderness towards Canaan.

They prepare to enter the promised land, and then enter.

(Numbers 20-36, Deuteronomy)

Year 40

- First month.

- - Miriam died. *Numbers 20:1*

- - All males who were 20+ years when leaving Egypt had died by this time.
Numbers 20:3; Joshua 5.6

- Fifth month

- - 1st, Aaron died. *Numbers 33.38*

- Eleventh month

- - 1st, Moses explained the law to the people. *Deuteronomy 1:3,5*

(Year 41)

- First month

- - 10th. Crossing of the Jordan River *Joshua 4.19*

- - 14th. Passover. *Joshua 5.10*

- - 15th (or 16th?) Manna ceased. *Joshua 5.11,12*