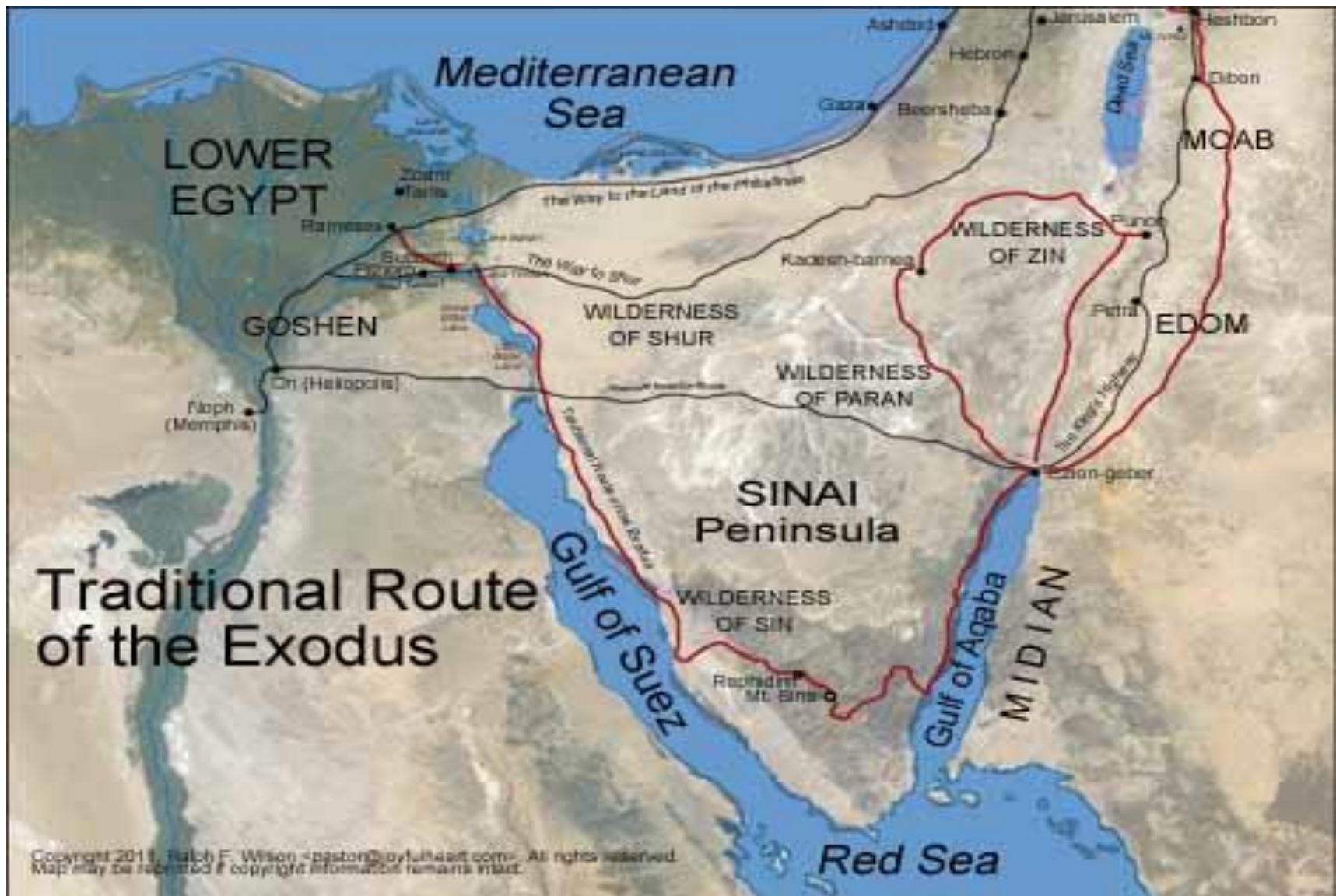


# **GOD SETS THE OPPRESSED FREE**

**EXODUS 14: 8-14; 21-31**

**1 CORINTHIANS 10: 1-4; 11-12**

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## **THE EXODUS – Liberation!**

- ☐ Supreme act of God's salvation
- ☐ Recalled daily and annually (Passover)
- ☐ Major, twofold Old Testament theme
  - A Faithful God but.....
  - Challenge to Israelites to obey
- ☐ Ongoing inspiration to freedom movements

# **1) THE PLIGHT OF THE ISRAELITES**

- **Freedom march halted**
- **“Between the devil and the deep blue sea”**
- **Result - blame and backward looks**

**BUT**

- **Faith needs to look forward not back**
- **Let go of the past- renew hope for future**  
**Look to see God at work for blessing**

## **2) GOD'S INTERVENTION**

**WHY?**

**A) Loyal to his promises**

**Justice for Oppressed/Judgement on Oppressor**

**B) "That they may worship me"**

**A saving God is worthy of honour and praise**

**C) "I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh"**

**God's self-aggrandizement/pride/arrogance??!!**

## **GOD'S INTERVENTION (cont'd)**

Pharaoh hardens heart – God hardens heart?

❖ **Defiance – brings its own condemnation;  
puts himself beyond mercy /salvation**

God's glory for himself through Pharaoh?

❖ **Story told for Israelites' needs/benefit**

❖ **To convince of God's power/Only He can save**

**SO**

☐ **Stand firm/keep still-renew confidence in  
God**

☐ **Move forward in faith**

# THE FATE OF THE EGYPTIANS

**“The Lord threw down those who opposed him”**

**Unfair? Arbitrary? Untrue to God’s character?**

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- **Story reflects life in ancient times**
- **God is Love – but also Holy and Just**
- **Right to be angry at disobedience/wickedness**

**“We must all appear before the judgement seat to receive what is due...”**

**❖ Mercy and forgiveness available to repentance**

# EXODUS – AN ILLUSTRATION OF SALVATION IN CHRIST

Constant NT echoes

- Redemption; deliverance; slavery; freedom

1 Cor. 10 – Baptism imagery

- Moses - the Israelites' (human saviour) and Leader
- Christ – our Risen Saviour and Bringer of New Life

Saved FROM – oppression/sin

Saved TO - worship and serve