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## The Arrival at Sinai

### 19: 1-2



**In the third month**, late May or early June, **after the Israelites left Egypt - on the very day - they came to the Desert of Sinai. Moses' journey** had come full circle. It was here that **God's** promise to **Moshe** was fulfilled. **The LORD** had said to **His** servant: **I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain (3:12). Moses met God on Mount Horeb at the burning bush (3:1-11), and he had returned to Him with the recently redeemed Israelites.**<sup>341</sup>

It took them three months to get there because they were not traveling every **day. After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Isra'el camped in front of the mountain.** It would be **their** schoolhouse for the next year. **The mountain they camped in front of was Mount Sinai, traditionally identified with modern *Jebel Musa*, or *Mountain of Moses* in Arabic. At Mount Sinai they received the Torah, ratified the Mosaic Covenant and prepared the Tabernacle.**