

take over two months if they went straight through. They might conceivably make it in a month but being very conservative, I would say certainly not more than two months would have been required to make the trip. But here we read in Num. 11:11, "It came to pass on the 20th day of the second mo. in the second yr. that the cloud was taken up from off the tab. of the testimony and the children of Israel took their journey out of the wilderness of Sinai. So it was the 2nd mo. of the 2nd yr. after they left Egy. when they left Sinai. And so it would seem that they must have stayed at Sinai for at least a yr. and a half, perhaps for 2 full yrs. It was a long stay at Sinai. We see then how important it is. There were many things done at Sinai. It was an important part of the wilderness journey. God was not ready -- Or rather they were not ready for God to take them direct from Egy. up to the land of Israel. They were not ready to see war so they could not go by the shortest route, but they were not ready to know how to be truly the people of God. They were not ready to learn the lessons that they needed to learn during the Pilgrimage journey. They were not ready to carry out all that he had in mind for them. And so a very important part of their wilderness journey was this stay at Sinai. So we noticed No. 2 The Importance of this preparation

2. The Importance of this Preparation needed by the Israelites. They left Egy. in a hurry. They left Egy. to get away from the oppression. They left Egy. when God had destroyed the firstborn in Egy. and had passed over the firstborn of the Israelites when the blood was upon the door-post prefiguring the way Christ would give his life for a sacrifice for those who would believe on Him. They left and rushed out into the wilderness but they were in no condition to go forward as God's people. They had ~~many~~ various experiences to go through there and then when they had, you might say shaken down a bit in their relation to God and in their general travel situation. then they stopped at Sinai and God proceeded to prepare the tab., to prepare the system for their worship, to give them the 10 commandments, to give them the various regulations, to give the law to them, to lay out the way in which they were to be the people of God. And so this preparation greatly needed by the Israelites was an important part of the progress of the Israelites from Egy. to Sinai.