

Customs, Traditions, and Manners

Part I

1. **FLAX** - was a plant that grew well in Egypt.
 - Find out how this term was used in the scriptures below.
 - Exodus 9:31 _____
 - Joshua 2:6 _____
 - Proverbs 31:13 _____
 - Anyone ever bought anything that was of linen cloth?

2. **Greetings** - There were generally three (there are actually four) types of greetings, and they were based on the closeness of the other person
 - a. _____ greeting
 - i. *Matthew 28:9 - Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.*
 - ii. *"Peace be with you", John 20:21 - Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*
 - iii. *"Peace be unto this house" was the greeting used when entering the home of a stranger (Luke 10:5).*
 - What happened to the peace that was offered?

 - b. _____ greeting was given to a friend or a guest.
 - i. One would lay their hands on each other shoulders then giving a kiss first on the right cheek, then on the left.

 - c. _____ greeting was a form of affection.
 - i. This Paul wrote about in Romans 16:16 "greet everyone with a Holy kiss". The Greek words "Holy Kiss" denotes a kiss which is sacred—physically pure and morally blameless.

NOTE: There is also the greeting in the form of a "Bow". Take some time to do a personal study on this. It was important not to confuse a "bow" with "worshiping". Acts 10:25-26; Revelation 3:9 and 19:10. These verses will get you started.



Desert

3. **Desert** - A tract, which may be capable of sustaining a population, but has been left **uncultivated** (not used for growing crops) **and unoccupied**; a solitary place.

Primarily five types of animals that could endure the desert weather:

Wildlife	Desert Reptiles
1. Camels	1. Chameleons
2. Mountain Goats	2. Lizards
3. Ostrich	3. Turtles
4. Small cougars (Desert Lynx)	4. Frogs and Toads
5. Leopards	5. 40 different kinds of snakes

So... who called the desert home?

- The wildlife and reptiles
- The Nomad's in their goatskin tents AND...
 - *A Nomad is a member of a people or tribe who do not have a fixed dwelling place but who wander from place to place within a given territory, moving all their belongings, including their homes, with them.*
 - *Nomadic peoples usually move about seasonally, following the food supply or moving to meet the grazing needs of their herds.*
 - *For this reason, they are usually hunters and gatherers rather than farmers who cultivate fields, vineyards, and orchards.*
 - *Scripture References on Nomads: Judges 8:11, Isaiah 13:20, Jeremiah 3:2 and Jeremiah 35:7*
- The Children of Israel wandered through the desert wilderness for 40 years (Numbers 14:33).



Million Man March

Let's image....How many Israelites lived in the Desert and the Wilderness?

Exodus 12:37 "The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Sukkoth. There were about **six hundred thousand men** on foot, besides women and children".

Numbers 11:21 But Moses said, "Here I am among **six hundred thousand men** on foot, and you say, 'I will give them meat to eat for a whole month!'



Counting women and children, this would amount to about **2-3 million** people.

Mississippi had a population of 2.9 million in 2019.

That is enough people to fill an entire State....

NOTES:

Wilderness



4. **Wilderness** - The Wilderness is a tract of land, or a region that is **uncultivated** (not used for growing crops) and **uninhabited** by human beings OR it is an area that is sparsely inhabited or unfit for permanent settlement
- Jeremiah 23:10 says that “the pastures of the wilderness are dried up”
 - Job 38:26 refers to the wilderness as “a land where no man is” ...

We find that:

_____ wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba (Genesis 21:14).

The _____ exodus from Egypt, they travelled through the following wildernesses:

Shur (Ex 15:22),	Etham (Nm 33:8),	Sin (Ex 16:1),
Sinai (Ex 19:1, 2),	Zin (Nm 13:21; 20:1),	Paran (Nm 13:26),
Kadesh (Ps 29:8),	Moab (Dt 2:8),	Kedemoth (Dt 2:26).

_____ had occasion to minister in the wilderness of Edom (2 Kgs 3:4–27)

_____ prophesied of the message of John the Baptist who preached in the wilderness of Judea (Is 40:3; Mt 3:1, 3; Mk 1:2–4; Lk 3:1–6; Jn 1:23).

_____, full of the Holy Spirit, who led by the Spirit into the wilderness for 40 days. There he was tempted by the devil (cf. Lk 4:1, 2) but there also angels ministered to him (Mk 1:13).