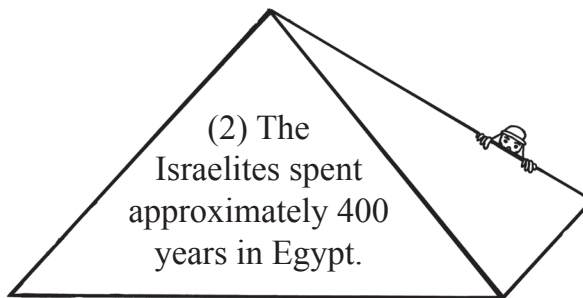


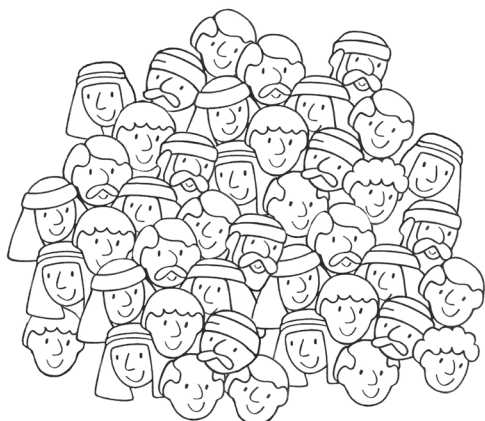
Why So Many Laws?



(1) Jacob's family numbered 75 when he moved to Egypt.¹



(2) The Israelites spent approximately 400 years in Egypt.

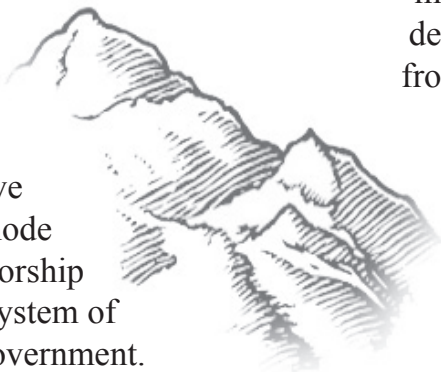


(3) At the end of that time, their number was perhaps over 3,000,000.² They were slaves, and had years of exposure to Egyptian idolatry, culture, and government.

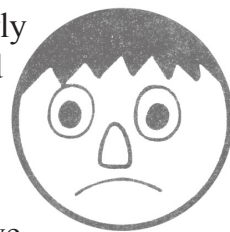


(4) God gave them a miraculous deliverance from Egypt.

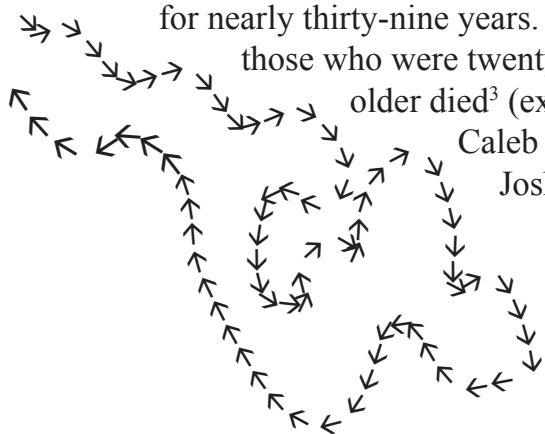
(5) At Mt. Sinai, God gave them a mode of worship and a system of government.



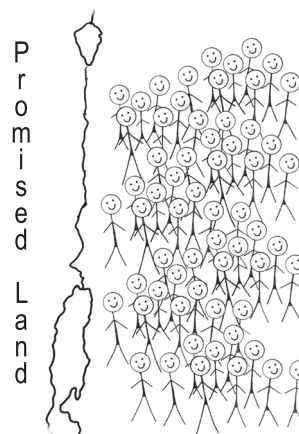
(6) When Israel was nearly ready to enter the Promised Land, the ten spies gave a negative report. The people rebelled because they did not believe.



(7) The people wandered in the wilderness for nearly thirty-nine years. All those who were twenty and older died³ (except Caleb and Joshua).



(8) The new generation of adults was ready to enter the Promised Land. They had not been of age when the Law was given, so Moses rehearsed it for them. Thus we have Deuteronomy, meaning "second giving of the law."



1 & 2. Adam Clarke Commentary, pg. 358, chart for Exodus 12:37.
3. Numbers 32:11.