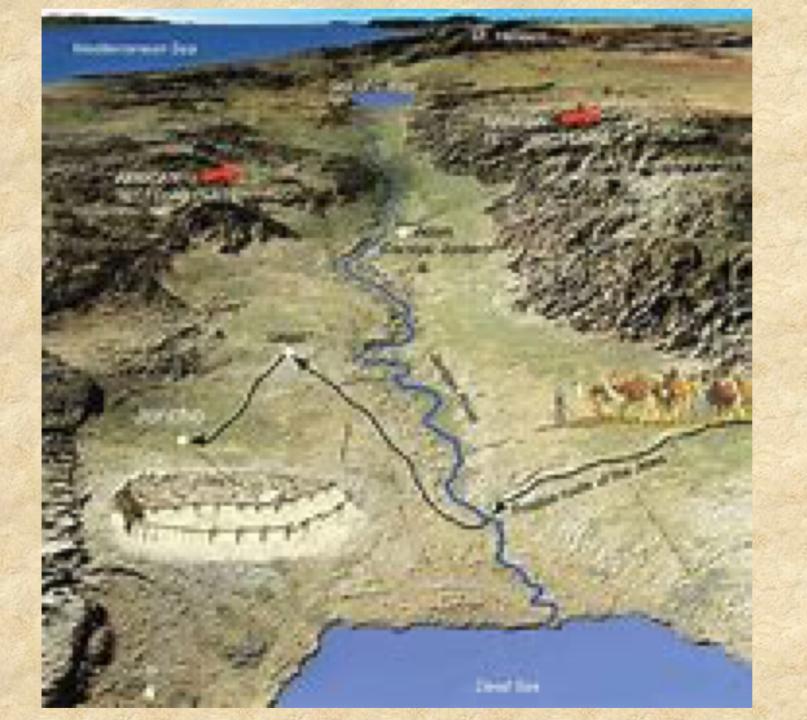
NEVER BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE

Follow BECAUSE
 You do not know BECAUSE
 You have not been

Sounds geographical but actually **spiritual** instruction

Geographically, the Israelites knew exactly where they were going!







DEEPER MEANING Follow God. Otherwise you will be lost because [apart from God] you do not know how to live.

If I do not follow God, what will I follow?

- personality
- popularity
- performance
- power

All these paradigms are <u>amoral</u>. They are intrinsically empty of <u>meaning</u> and <u>measurement</u>.

Journey without a hint of destination.

Among human ideals/ philosophies/pursuits a "right" way does not <u>even exist</u>.

Only the <u>Creator</u> of humans could possibly <u>know</u> with is <u>right</u> for humans.

"never been this way before" CHANGES • SURPRISES

"then you will know the way" Every option is a gamble ... Except one. FOLLOW GOD

DILEMMAPromised LAND > Raging RIVERTRAGEDYFallen WORLD>Floundering PERSONSOLUTIONLeading ARK > Focused FOLLOWERREWARDDocile RIVER > Promised LAND

If our <u>purpose</u> is <u>determined</u> and <u>accountability</u> is <u>demanded</u> by SOMEONE from a DIFFERENT WORLD, <u>how</u> can we know and <u>who</u> can we follow IN THIS WORLD?

The ark (covenant) was an earthly container with

- Words from a different world 10 words
- Food from a different world angels' bread
 Leadership from a different world – staff of Aaron

Our <u>ark</u> to follow is Christ Jesus who can show us the way to heaven BECAUSE he came from there. No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who <u>came</u> from heaven, the Son of Man. (John 3:13)

No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God. Only he has seen the Father. (John 6:46) Yes, I testify on my own behalf but my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. You judge by human standards and have no idea where I came from or where I am going. (John 8:14)

You are from below. I am from above. You are of this world. I am not of this world. If you do not believe that I am who I claim to be, you will die in your sins. *(John 8:23)*

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