

42 ENCAMPMENTS
42 MONTHS IN REVELATION

THE MYSTERY OF END TIMES
PROPHECY - REVEALED

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- In this study I would like to share with you the journeys of the Israelites as enumerated in Numbers chapter 33.
- As we study this in depth, we shall see that this was not only the journey of that generation, but is a prophetic foreshadow of the journey of the last generation as well. These are the stages of our redemption!
- Rabbenu Bachya explains that during the final redemption many Jews and lost tribes believers will go out in the desert and pass through these places, and Yahweh will sustain them and direct them as He did for the Israelites in the desert. The double mentioning of “their starting points”, in verses one and three, is an allusion to the two Exoduses; first from the Egyptian exile, and then the final exile.

- Most scholars break the list of the encampments from Egypt to the Plains of Moab in Numbers Chapter 33 into three sections:
- 1. The 12 campsites from Egypt to Sinai (verses 5-15).
- 2. The 21 campsites from Sinai to the second visit to Kadesh (verses 16-36).
- 3. The 9 campsites from Kadesh to the Plains of Moab (verses 37-49).
- There were 40 encampments not counting the first and last campsites, but there are a total of 42 named encampments (without repeats).

42 months = 3.5 years

- We also know that 42 months equal three and a half years. The wilderness travels of Israel are prophetic of how the nation of Israel and the world will suffer greatly for the 42 month period when Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) is down-trodden.
- *Revelation 13:5, “And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.”*

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NUMBER 40

- In Scripture the number 40 signifies testing and/or consecration. It is a multiple of the numbers 4 and 10 (numbers signifying the earth and divine order). For example: The series of 40-day periods in the Great Flood (Gen 7:4, 12, 17; 8:6).
 - The Israelites ate manna for 40 years (Ex 16:35).
 - Moses was on Mt. Sinai for two 40-day periods (Ex 24:18; 34:28).
 - The Israelite spies were sent on a reconnaissance mission to Canaan for 40 days (Num 13:25).
 - Israel wandered for 40 years in the wilderness (Num 14:33; 32:13).
 - David ruled Israel for 40 years (2 Sam 5:4).
 - Yahshua was tested for a 40-day period in the wilderness (Mt 4:2; Mk 1:13; Lk 4:2).
 - Yahshua taught the Church for 40 days before His Ascension (Acts 1:3)

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF 42

- Forty-two is a number that appears again in 2 Kings 2:23-24 and the Book of Revelation
- (Rev 11:2; 13:5). The number 42 is the product of 6 times 7. 7 is one of the “perfect” numbers, signifying fullness and perfection, especially spiritual perfection, and 6 is the number of man and especially signifies man’s opposition to YHWH’s plan for mankind’s destiny.
- In Scripture the number 42 appears to symbolize a connection or a conflict between man and the Spirit of Yah. Examples of the symbolic nature of the number 42 can be applied to these passages:

SOME EXAMPLES IN THE TANAKH **OF THE NUMBER 42**

The 42 young men who mocked Yahweh's choice after the ascension of Elijah and the transfer of his authority to Elisha (2 King 2:23-24).

Matthew's genealogy of Yahshua is a deliberately structured list of 42 names ending with Yahshua's name, revealing that He is both man and God (Mt 1:1-17).

In the Book of Revelation, the number 42 signifies the conflict of the Beast together with his offspring, the seed of the serpent, that stand in opposition to Yahshua and His people for a symbolic 42 months (Rev 11:2; 13:5).

The 42 stages of the Israelite's journey marking their conflict with the will of Yah for Israel's future.

Out of the millions of Jews who were taken captive to Babylon, forty-two thousand returned to Israel.

42 is not only the number of years spent in the wilderness but also the number of stations or stops Israel made along the way to the Promised Land. The number of years that Israel wandered in the wilderness is connected to the exact stops made along the route. This is important because even though these stops occurred thousands of years ago, they are still occurring today in our lives. There is nothing new under the sun. Whatever place you are at in your faith has already been visited by the nation of Yisrael. We are just like our forefathers who journeyed through the wilderness and struggled with rebellion, problems, unbelief, leadership, and spiritual battles.

PHARAOH IS SYMBOLIC OF SLAVERY AND SIN

- Yisrael was rescued from the bondage of Pharaoh by the strong and mighty arm of YHWH. Remember that “pharaoh” is symbolic of slavery and sin. The actual phrase “pharaoh” means “fence” or “boundary.” The pharaohs in our lives hold us back and fence us in from accomplishing YHWH’s will. Our spiritual life begins with being set free from the Pharaoh of sin and death. However, we must resist the magnetic pull of sin and satan. We will be tempted to return back to sin, compromise, rebel, and complain. *Romans / Romiyah 6:16, “Don’t you know that to whom you yield yourself slaves to obey then his servant you become. Whether you are a slave of sin unto death or obedience unto righteousness.”* **By Rabbi Dani’el Rendelman**

OVERVIEW OF THE 42 YEARS

- Numbers 9:1-2 And YHWH spoke unto Moshe in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, Let the children of Israel also keep the passover at his appointed season.
- We can clearly see that at the start of the second year, the Hebrews were still in the wilderness. In the next chapter we read, “And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony. And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.”
- Later the people rebel against YHWH and gather to eat quail for about a month. In Chapter 12 the nation is at the threshold of the Promised Land and ready to enter into the glory of YHWH. Numbers 13 recounts how the evil report was believed and were given 40 years to walk out their problems. This occurred at Kadesh Barnea, the very entrance of Canaan. There was 2 years from Passover in Egypt to the evil report and 40 years from Kadesh Barnea to Yericho when they finally enter the land for a total of 42 years. This understanding is important because the number of years is highly symbolic.

THE REDEMPTION OF MOSES AND THE EXODUS OF ISRAEL

EXODUS

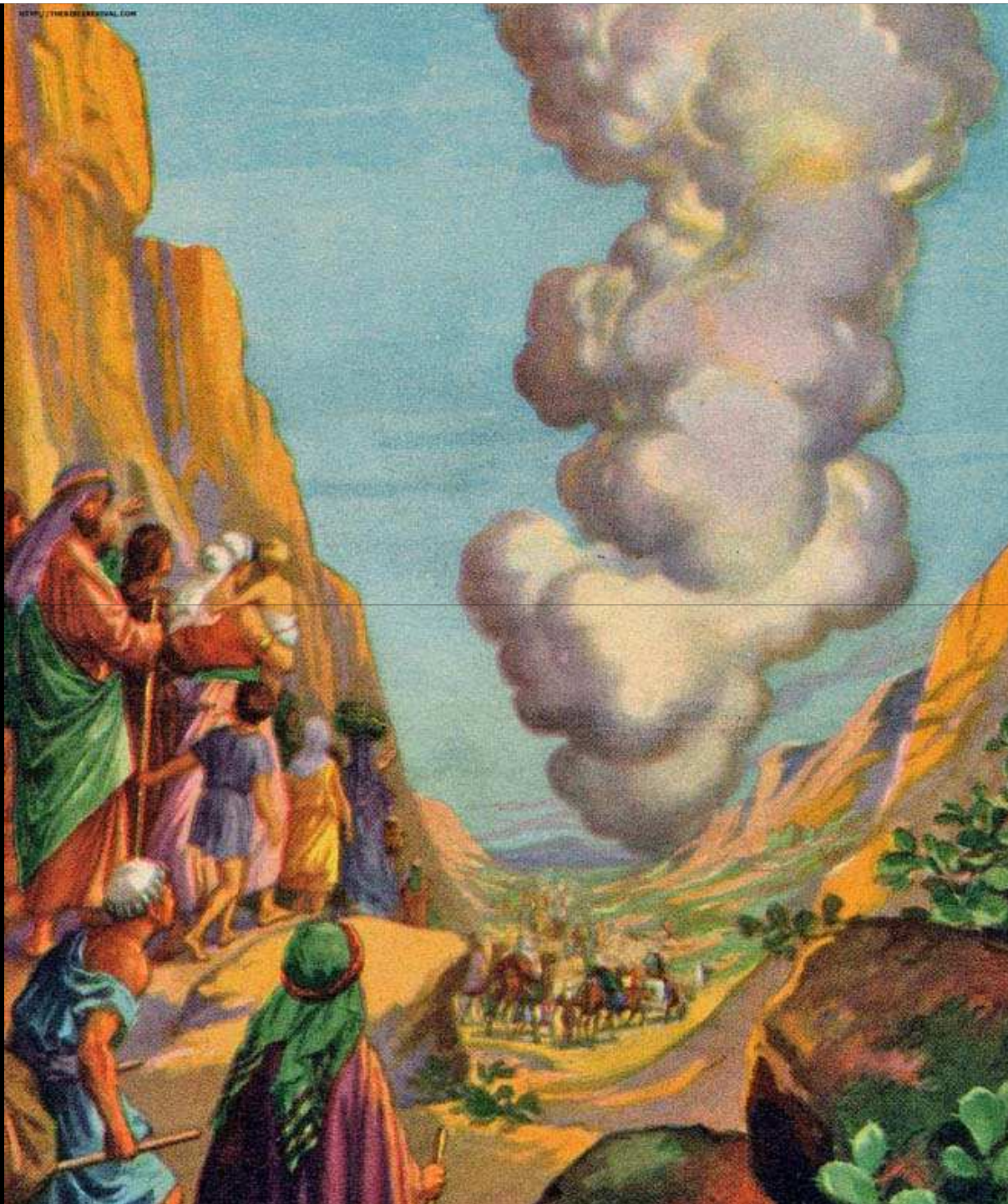
THE PEOPLE WERE LED BY THE WORD AND SPIRIT OF YAHWEH

- The nation was led by the cloud of fire by night and pillar of smoke by day. **The cloud of fire is symbolic of the Ruach HaKodesh – the fire of YHWH that leads us into all truth. The pillar of smoke is symbolic of the Torah** – the powerful word of YHWH that teaches us how to offer our lives as a pleasing aroma of faithfulness. The people followed the glory of YHWH along their route. We must choose to do the same. We might not see the fires or shekinah glory BUT we can see the examples that have been left for us in the Torah.
- To help us along the path, we are going to examine some of these stations and discuss how we can proceed to spiritual growth and maturity.



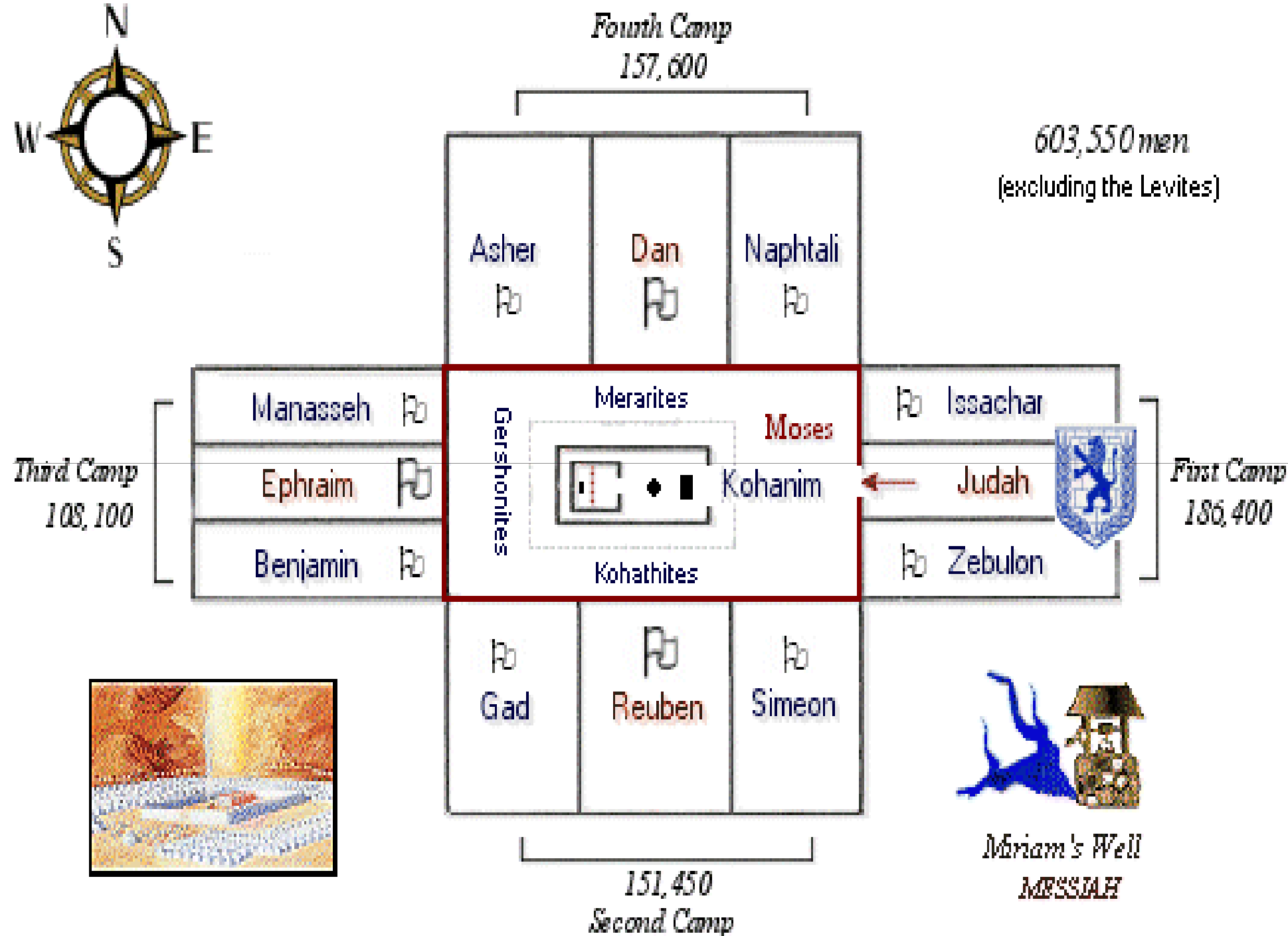
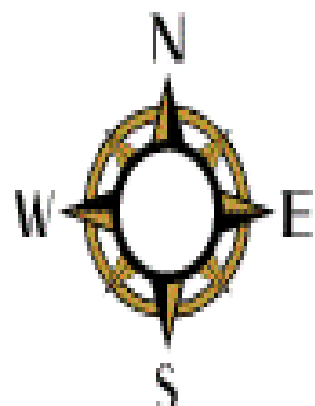
FOLLOWING THE PILLAR OF CLOUD

Numbers 9:21-22 , “And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.”



THE 4 CAMPS OF PEOPLE

- They travelled together, a single mass of two to three million people moving slowly through the sands. Each tribe precisely positioned, each group in perfect formation, their footprints marking the desert.
- At the centre of this great mass was the tabernacle, the holy house of Yah. Immediately surrounding the tabernacle was the tribe of Levi: Moses, Aaron and their immediate families to the east, the **Gershonic** family to the west, the **Kehati** family to the south and the **Merari** family to the north.
- Arrayed around these four families were the remaining twelve tribes of Israel. Three tribes to the east, three to the west, three to the north and three to the south.



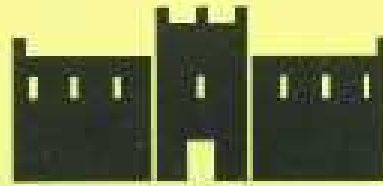


EACH HOUSE HAD IT'S OWN ENSIGN

- Each “father’s house” had an ensign; each tribe had a flag; each group of three tribes had a shared standard. The camp formed a square, a geometrical concept that Moshe probably learned from the Egyptians. An impressive arrangement in which every Israelite knew who he was and where he belonged.



REUBEN



SIMEON



LEVI



JUDAH



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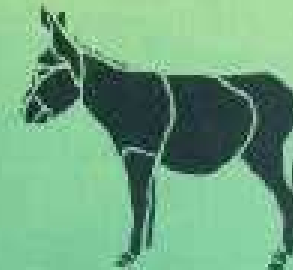
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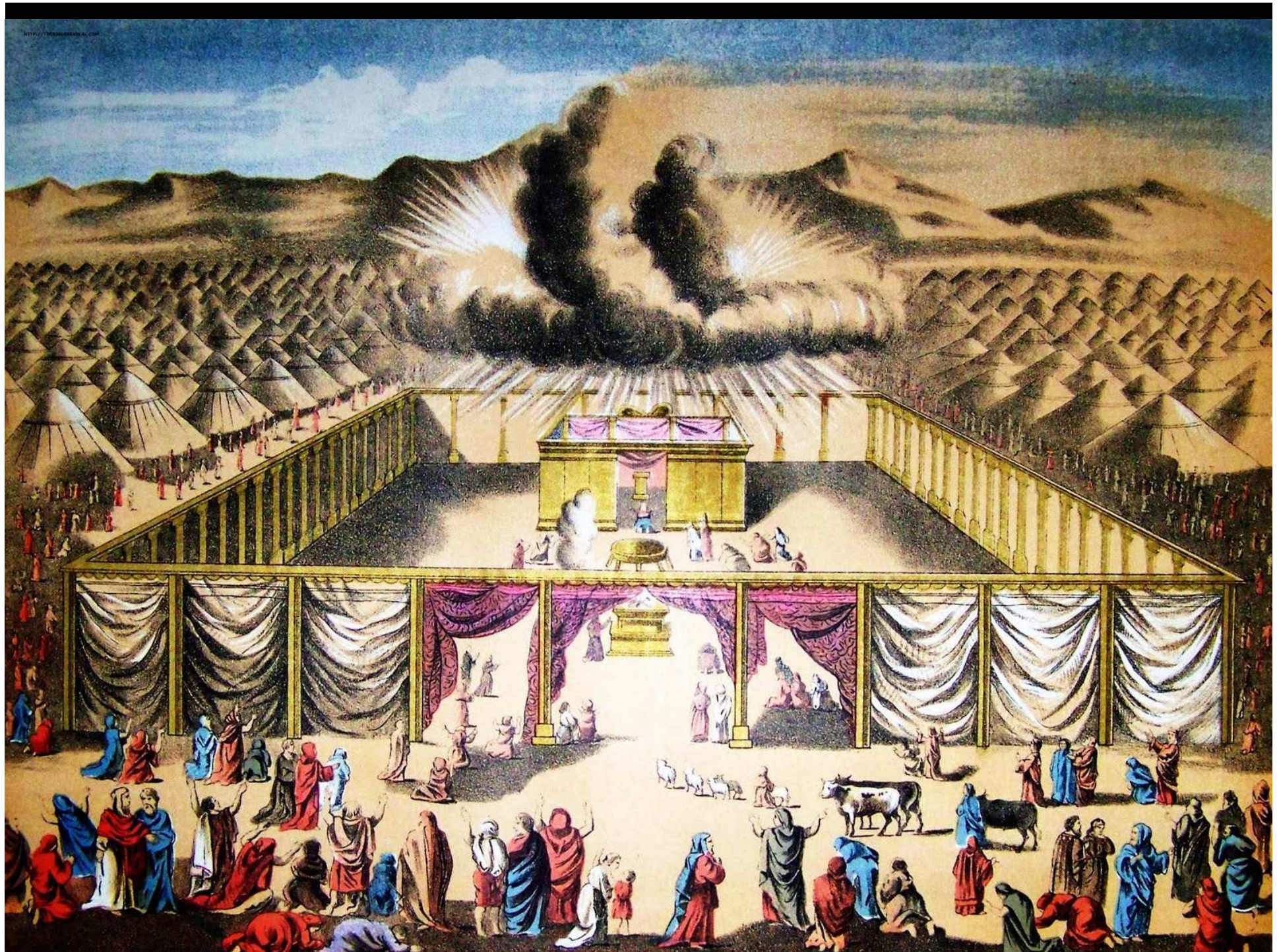
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JOSEPH

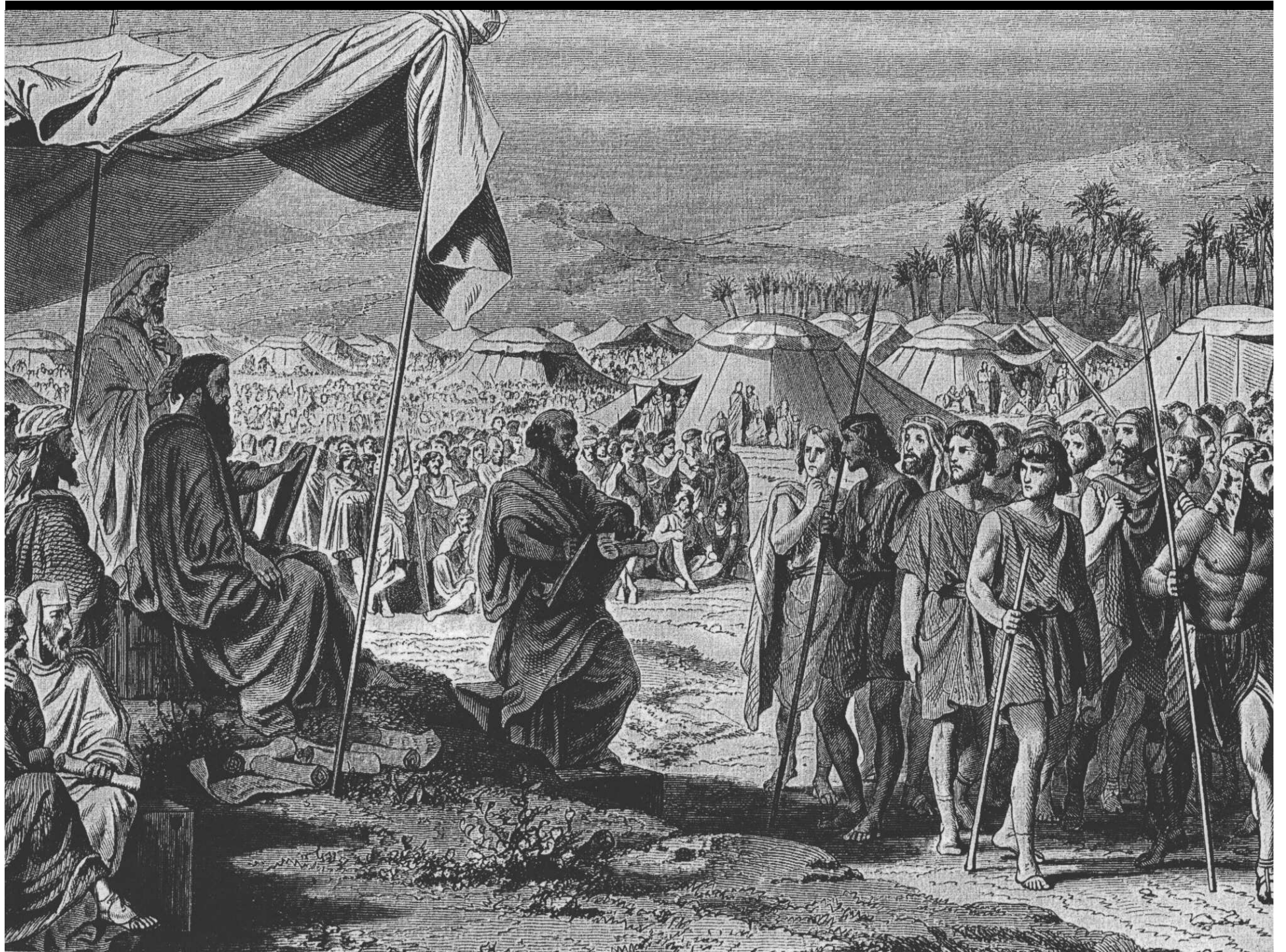


BENJAMIN

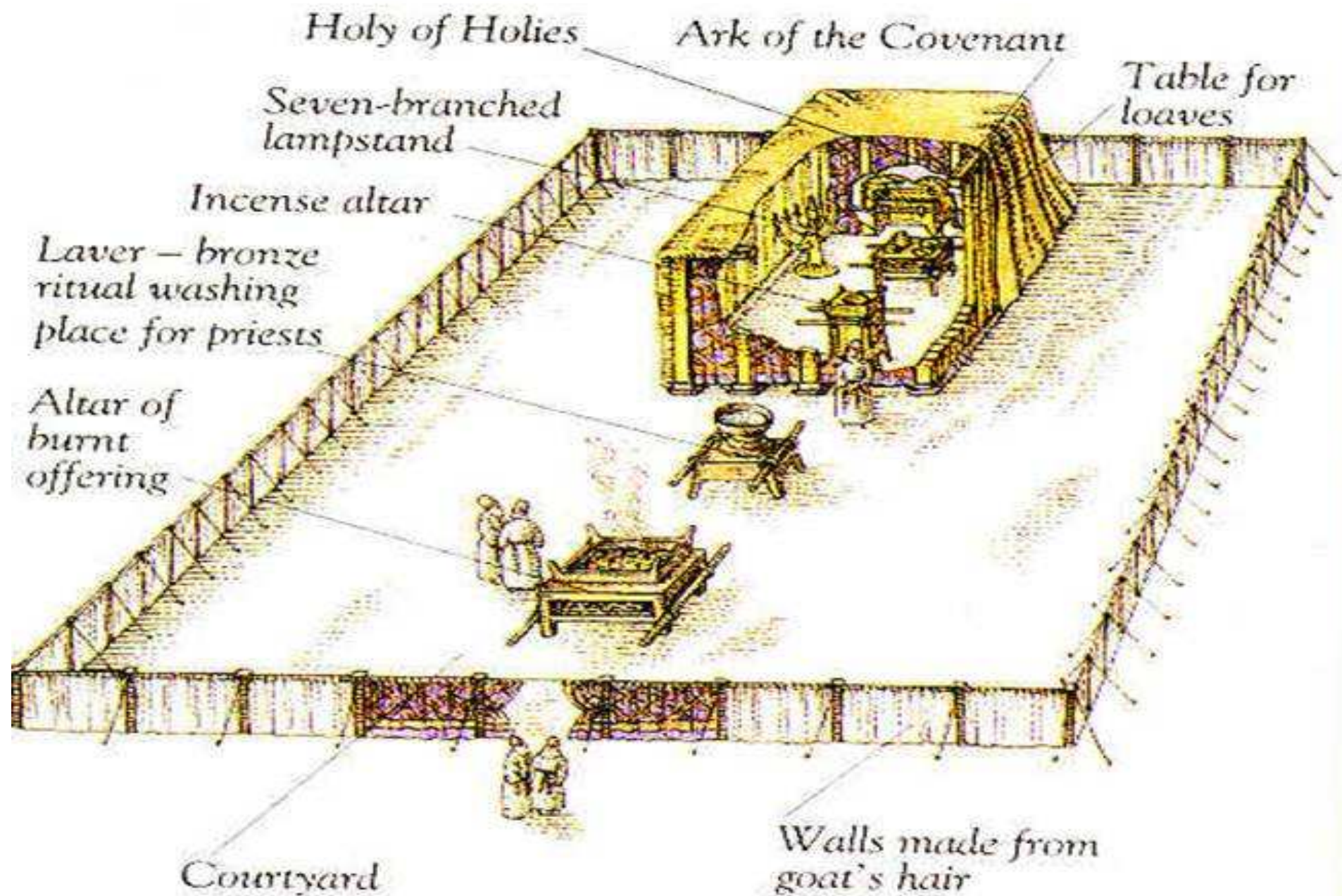


In the wilderness, in the second month of the second year following the Exodus from Egypt, YHWH directed Moshe to take a census of the Israelite men age 20 years and up, "all those in Israel who are able to bear arms." (Numbers 1:1–3.) The census showed the following populations by tribe (Numbers 1:20–46):

- **Reuben:** 46,500
- **Simeon:** 59,300
- **Gad:** 45,650
- **Judah:** 74,600
- **Issachar:** 54,400
- **Zebulun:** 57,400
- **Ephraim:** 40,500
- **Manasseh:** 32,200
- **Benjamin:** 35,400
- **Dan:** 62,700
- **Asher:** 41,500
- **Naphtali:** 53,400
- Totalling 603,550 in all. YHWH told Moses not to enrol the Levites, but to put them in charge of carrying, assembling, tending to, and guarding the Tabernacle and its furnishings.



THE TABERNACLE





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THE WILDERNESS JOURNEY BEGINS

- As the nation is leaving Egypt they first camp at “Ramses.” This is when the 42 years begin. Named after a pharaoh of Mitzrayim, this area was the highest quality land in Egypt. (Genesis 47:11) Here, YHWH is declaring the “end from the beginning” as seen in Isaiah 47:10. YHWH is leading us to a life of quality, peace, blessing, prosperity, and joy.

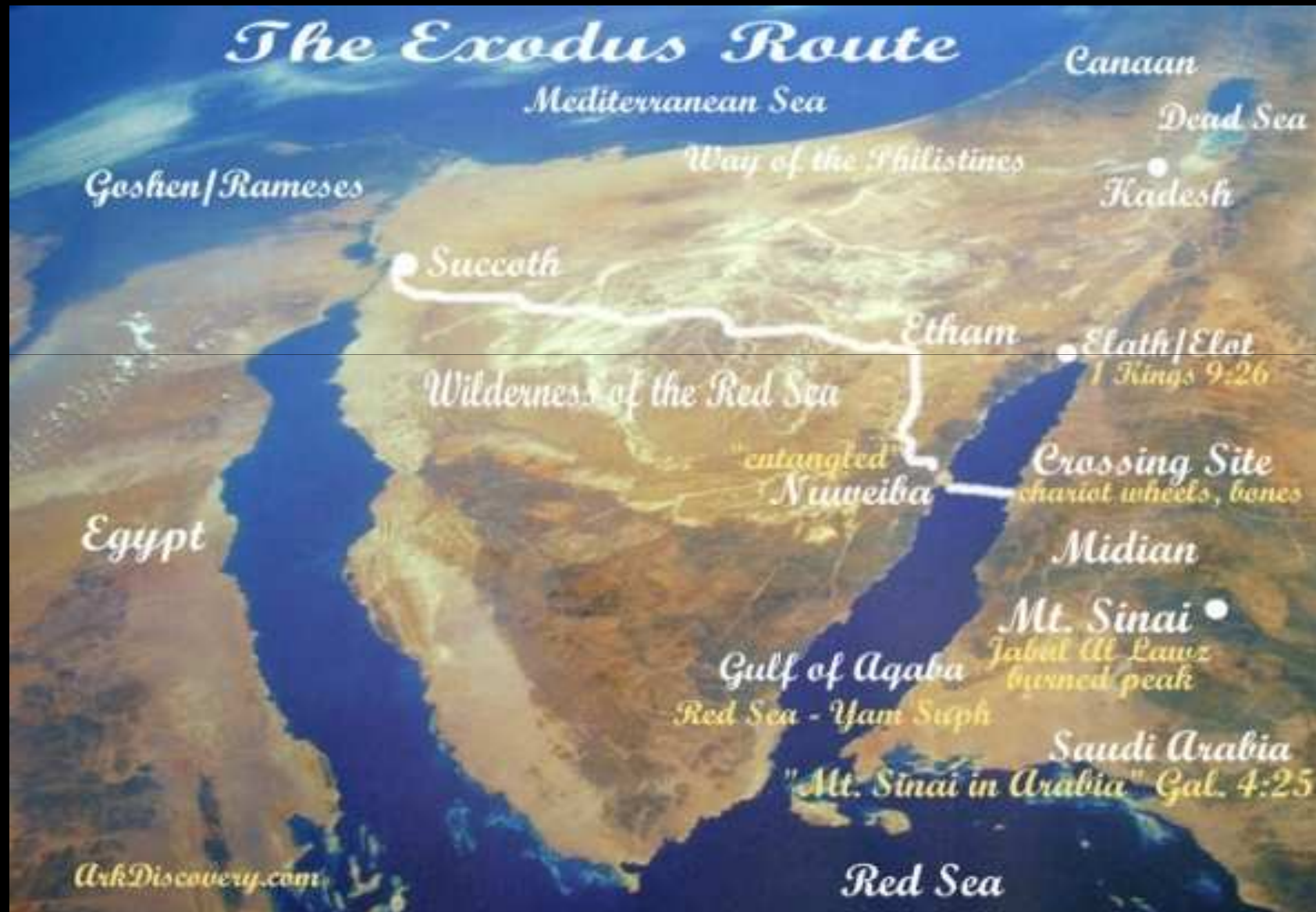


FOCUS NOT ON THE PRESENT BUT OUR HEAVENLY REWARDS

- The next 42 months may be difficult but they are for our good. YHWH chastises those whom He loves. YHWH stretches us to a place of faith. The 42 months of Revelation as seen in Chapter 12 will challenge us to look to a city whose foundation is in Shamayim. No matter what the future holds we must look to the glorious rewards of the Heavenly Yerushalayim.



Moses Leads Israelites out of Egypt - Land of Rameses (in Goshen) to Succoth.



CAMP 1: Succoth - סוכו /Temporary Shelters/Booths

- The people take up camp at “Succoth.” This word “Sukkoth” literally means “tent” or “temporary dwelling.” This is the same word used for “chag sukkot” or the “festival of tabernacles.” YHWH was showing the people that each step of obedience is a temporary step. Each battle we face, doctrine we challenge, demon we conquer, or issue we settle is just a temporary tent. Whatever you are going through right now is just temporary whether it is good or bad. Life is full of mountains and valleys.
- **It was here at Succoth that the bones of Yosef were retrieved.** His bones had been left here to be carried into the Promised Land. This is prophetic of the dry bones of the nation of Yisrael that will rise up on the latter days to inherit the Land of Israel. During the last days some of us will be dwelling in tents or “sukkot” as we flee the wrath of the anti-Messiah.

CAMP 2: Etham - אתם/Contemplation/

With them: their plowshare

- The second stop is in “Etham.” This name literally means “with them.”
- Etham is on the edge of the wilderness and is symbolic of Revelation 12 when Satan is cast down to earth and is “with them.” The anti-messiah and false prophet will be empowered by the enemy. Though YHWH is with us, the enemy will be Etham or “with them.”
- *We must remember that “greater is He (Yahshua) that is in us than he that is in the world.”*

From Succoth to Etham Through the Wilderness of Shur



CAMP 3: Pi Hahiroth - פי החירות/Mouth of Freedom/Place where sedge grows

- The third camp was at “Pihahiroth.” This is near where Pharaoh began chasing the nation which eventually led to the sea parting.
- *In Revelation 12:6 we see that the “earth helped the woman.”* The earth will help hide the saints. This city’s name is a compound word. “Peh” is the Hebrew word for mouth. “Ha Hiroth” means “the wrath.”
- As a believer we must battle the wrath of those who will speak evil lies about us. The end days will be no different. “The wrath of the mouth” will be unleashed as the enemy’s mouth utter blasphemies against YHWH in Revelation 13:5.

Etham to Pihahiroth (Nuweiba Beach)
Etham (Thamad), go South, through a Wadi and
reach the Red Sea



Pihahiroh, Between Migdol and the Sea (Nuweiba)

- They were entangled in the land because of the narrow Wadi Watir that leads into Nuweiba (Gulf of Aqaba). The Egyptian army was coming behind them and the Red Sea was before them. They were caught in the entangled mountains of Nuweiba Beach.





After the painting by F. A. Bridgeman

PHARAOH PURSUES THE ISRAELITES ACROSS THE RED SEA



2-3 MILLION PEOPLE WATER BAPTISED SIMULTANEOUSLY

The crossing of the Red Sea took place on Nisan twenty-one, on the seventh day of Passover. Again we see HaShem giving His people laws and decrees before the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. This event took place forty-two days before the Torah was given on Mount Sinai. On this day the Israelites_ were immersed in the Red Sea and baptized.



Pillars at the Red Sea Crossing



Egypt Side



Arabia Side



Pillar Removed

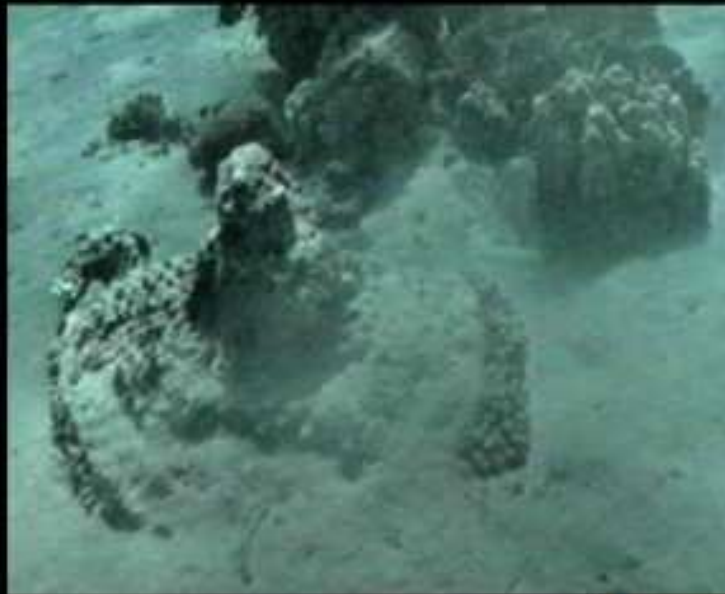
KING SOLOMAN'S PILLARS

- About 3,000 years ago someone put up pillars at the site marking the place of the crossing. It was King Solomon's pillars, he was very aware of the site and it says it in the bible here: ***"In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD near its border."*** Isaiah 19:19.
- The pillar on the Saudi side was removed after Ron Wyatt showed the authorities where it was. There is a place marker there set in concrete.
- There were inscriptions on that pillar that said:
Pharoah, Mizraim (Egypt), Moses, death, water,
Yahweh, Solomon, Edom.

Chariot Wheels and Axles

The Lord caused the Egyptians wheels to come off, confused them and then covered all the host of Pharaoh with the waters. More than 600 chariots, wheels, army gear, weapons, horses and men sunk. Coral has grown on these items so they remain preserved. The wood dissolved, but as the coral grows the shapes remain the same. The area has scattered spots of coral, chariot wheels preserved, bones, horse hooves, chariot boxes - at both sides of the crossing.

Red Sea Evidence of Pharaoh's army



8-spoke chariot wheel hub with axle. This artifact gave positive readings for iron with an underwater metal detector.



This golden chariot wheel was found at the crossing at Nuweiba. It was gold plated 4 spokes, and so fragile because the wood had dissolved. Coral will not grow on gold and the gold itself preserved this wheel.



PLAY VIDEO Part 2/RED SEA **PROOF of the SUPERNATURAL**

- **<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d90NM9tgDQE>**
- **PLAY WHOLE VIDEO**

CAMP 4:Marah - מרה

- Bitterness

- The fourth stop of Israel was at “Marah” which means “bitterness” or “rebellion.” We too must deal with the bitterness of rebellion. There are seven things that YHWH hates: one who sows discord among the brethren. Rebellion sours the refreshing water of YHWH’s presence. We are warned to make sure that we do not fall into the sin of Marah.
- In Palm 95 we are told not to harden our hearts as the people did here. They wanted fresh water and were upset that the drink was bitter. The spirit of rebellion is opposite of the spirit of unity. It is in the spirit of rebellion that the end times beast will rear its ugly head. *In revelation 13:5 the beast rebels against YHWH and leads the world to take the mark of rebellion.*

THE BITTER WATERS OF MARAH



Marah (Bitter waters) 3 days/40miles from Red Sea

Marah

Marah in Wilderness of Shur: Saudi Arabia
Bitter Waters
3 day journey from Red Sea (67 km)
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Exodus Route

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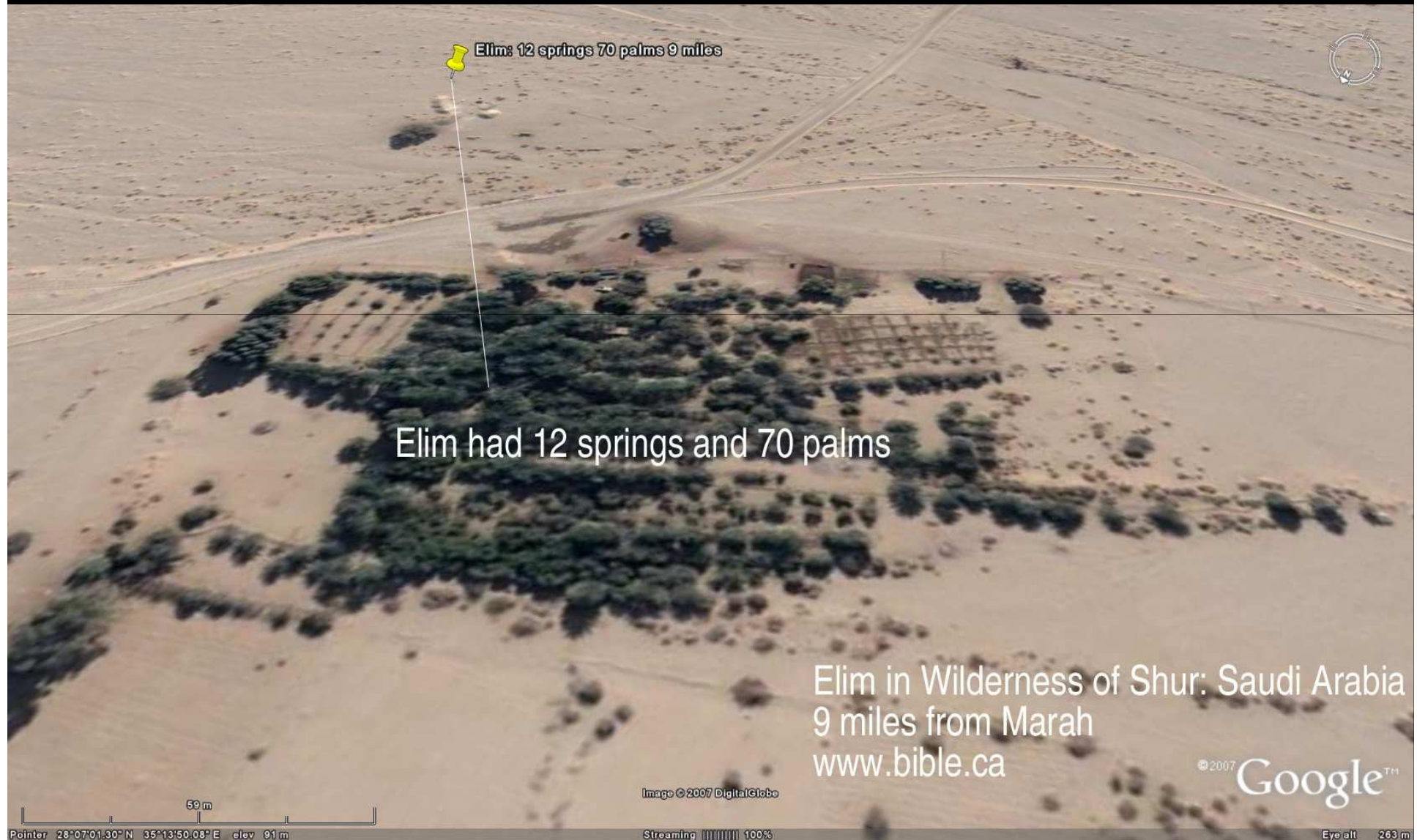
(Exodus 15:25). “there Yahweh made a decree; there, at the bitter waters, Yahweh tested them”

- As absolute as our biological need for water is a spiritual law that we need YHWH. He proves his faithfulness, but sometimes there is no way to develop that trust without suffering, without crisis.

The test of character is how we respond to crisis. We can choose bitterness, resentment, suspicion, or we can learn the discipline of patience and trust. Yahshua's wilderness testing at the outset of his public life parallels this law of life.

Next, the nation comes to a place with 12 springs and 70 date palms. This is “elim” which means “their leader.”

Here is Elim, even today the springs support many trees in the middle of a dry desert.



CAMP 5: Elim - אילם

Mighty men, Trees, Rams

- Elim is where each person had to drink from one of the 12 streams. This is symbolic of how the 12 gates to the New Jerusalem will be named for each of the 12 tribes of Israel.
- The 70 date palms are symbolic of the “nations” of the world that also must be grafted into the vine and will be able to drink from the same wells of Israel. The living waters of YHWH will bring healing to the nations.
- *Revelation 13:7 shows how the world follows the evil leader. The people of faith follow the TRUE leader Yahshua.*

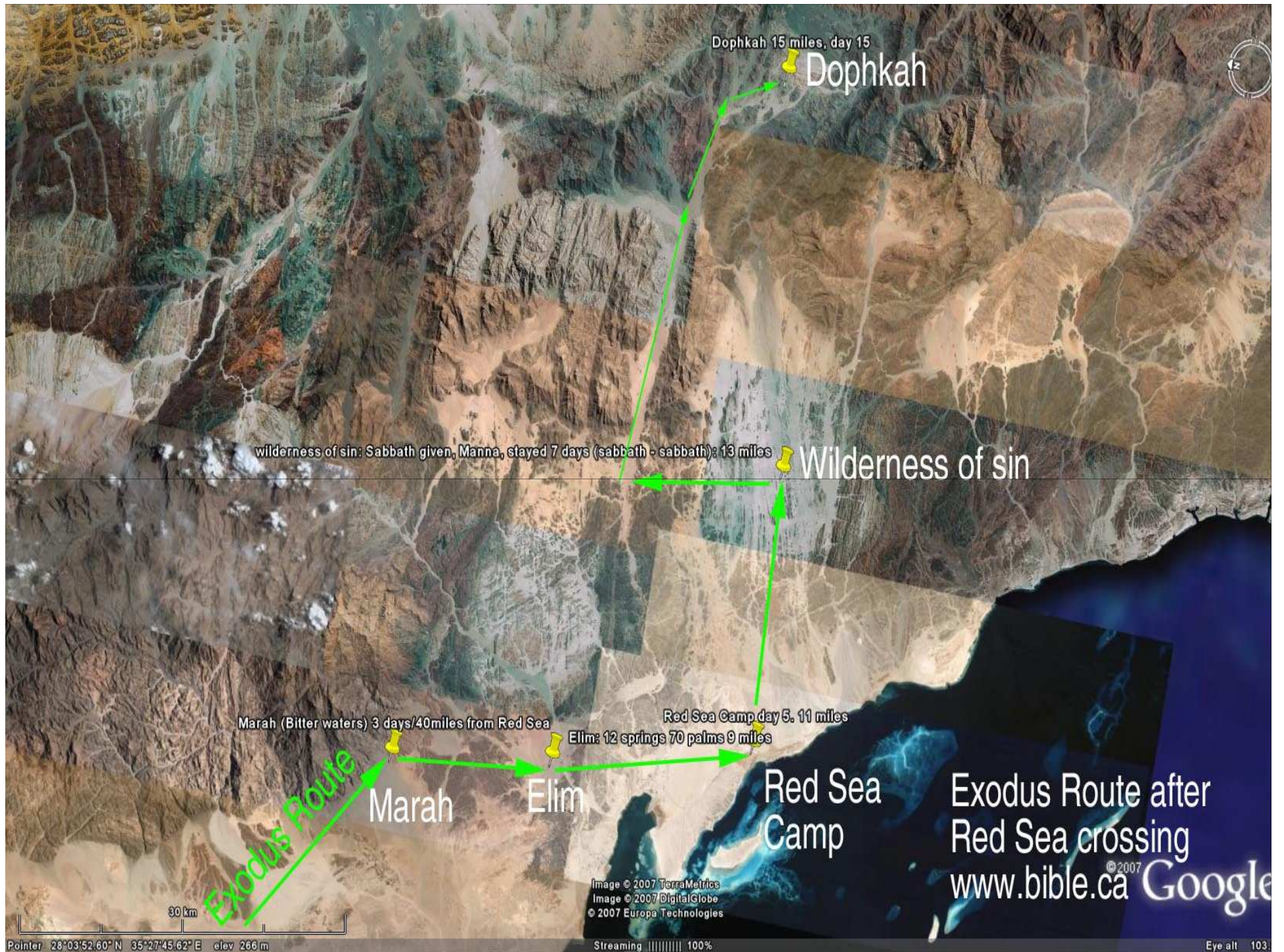
70 NATIONS GRAFTED INTO ISRAEL



CAMP 6: Reed Sea - יַם סוּף

Reed Sea

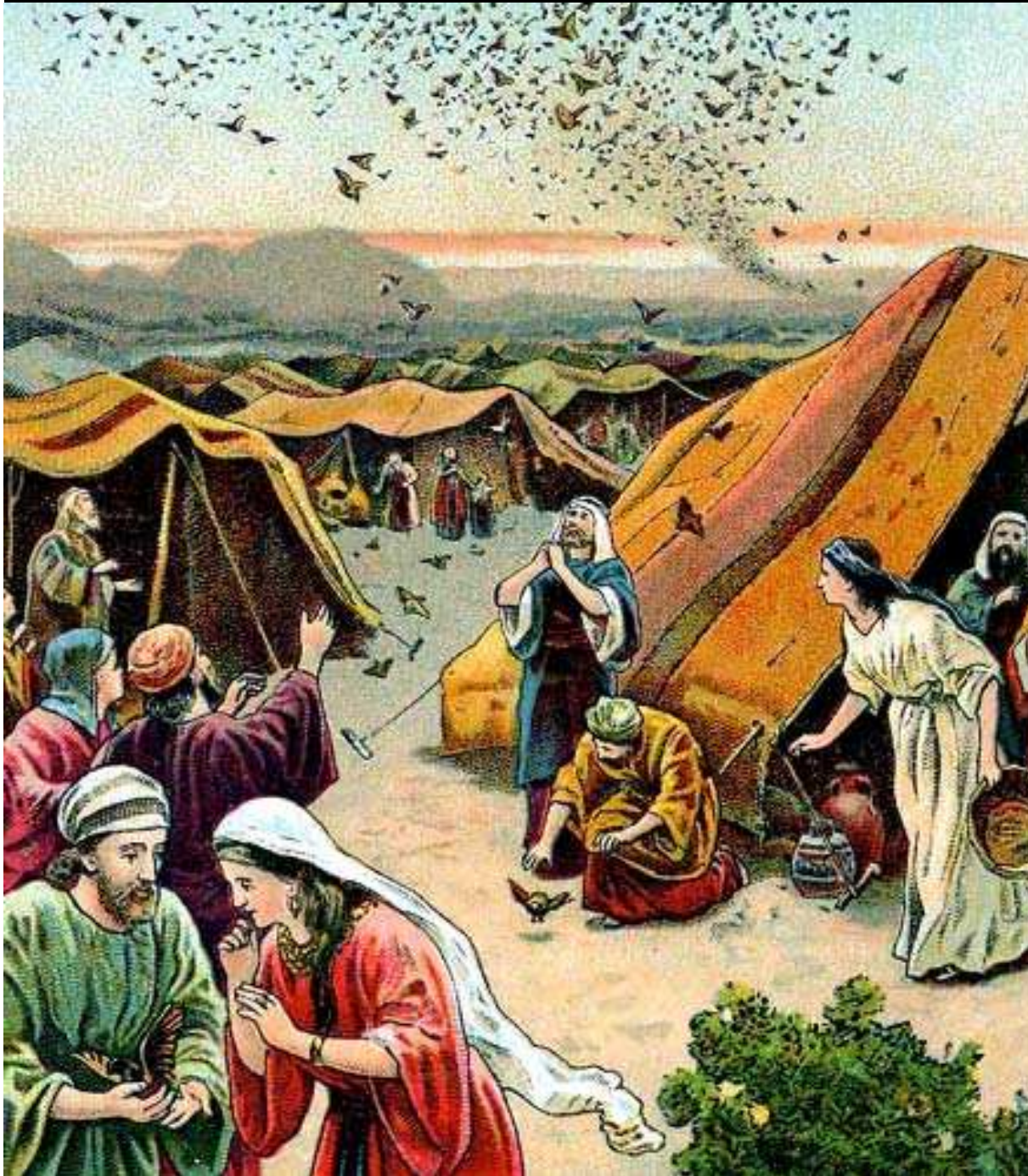
- The seventh stop of Israel is seen in verses 10-11 and is called the “red sea.” In Hebrew this is Yom Suf which is literally the “reed sea” or the “sea of the end.” This station is symbolic of how we must come to the end of our self and crucify our flesh.
- *Galatians 5:16-17 16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.*



CAMP 7: Sin - י'ו

Desert of Clay

- **EXODUS 16:1** *The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. 2 In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the YAH's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."*
- *Then YAHWEH said to Moshe, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."*



EXODUS 16:12

The YHWH said to Moshe, “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am YHWH your G_d.’”

YAH PROVIDED MANNA

- At the Wilderness of Sin is where YHWH provided the manna and the quail for the people. The end of days will be full of supernatural provision.
- ***Psalm 37:25*** *I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.*



YHWH WILL PROVIDE **SUPERNATURALLY IN THE END DAYS**

- Psalm 37:25. While YHWH will provide supernaturally we should not totally depend of this for our life today or in the future. YHWH does not want us to live miracle to miracle. Miracles are supernatural rescues from YHWH. We are not to be in constant need of rescue and miracles. Instead, YHWH wants us to live in obedience to His word which will means that we are living “blessing to blessing,” As we obey Torah AND prepare for the days ahead YHWH will provide the blessings and the miracles.

CAMP 8:Dophkah - דפקה Attack

- *Dophkah* is the place where their “hearts beat” (in fear) for lack of bread.
- The eight station for Israel is called “Dophkah” which comes from the root word “Adonis.” Adonis is the Phoenician god from where the word “lord” is translated.
- *Revelation 12:17 shows us the end times battle of the false Adonis or Lords and YHWH.*
- The practical lesson to learn here is service to YHWH. Man can not serve 2 gods. We must choose to serve YHWH only. **Whatever occupies your time is your god.** Do you spend more time in worship and ministry or something else?
- ***YHWH is also removing the false lords from our tongues. Use the correct names of Yahweh and his feasts.***

Dophkah
(stage 1)

First Manna
Sabbath first revealed

Wilderness of Sin

Wilderness of Sinai Sabbath given, Manna, stayed 7 days (sabbath - sabbath) 13 miles

Journeyed in stages between here and
Rephidim (difficult, narrow terrain) Ex 17:1

Wilderness of Sin: Saudi Arabia
Area: 240 Km²
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CAMP 10: Rephidim - רפידים Weakness

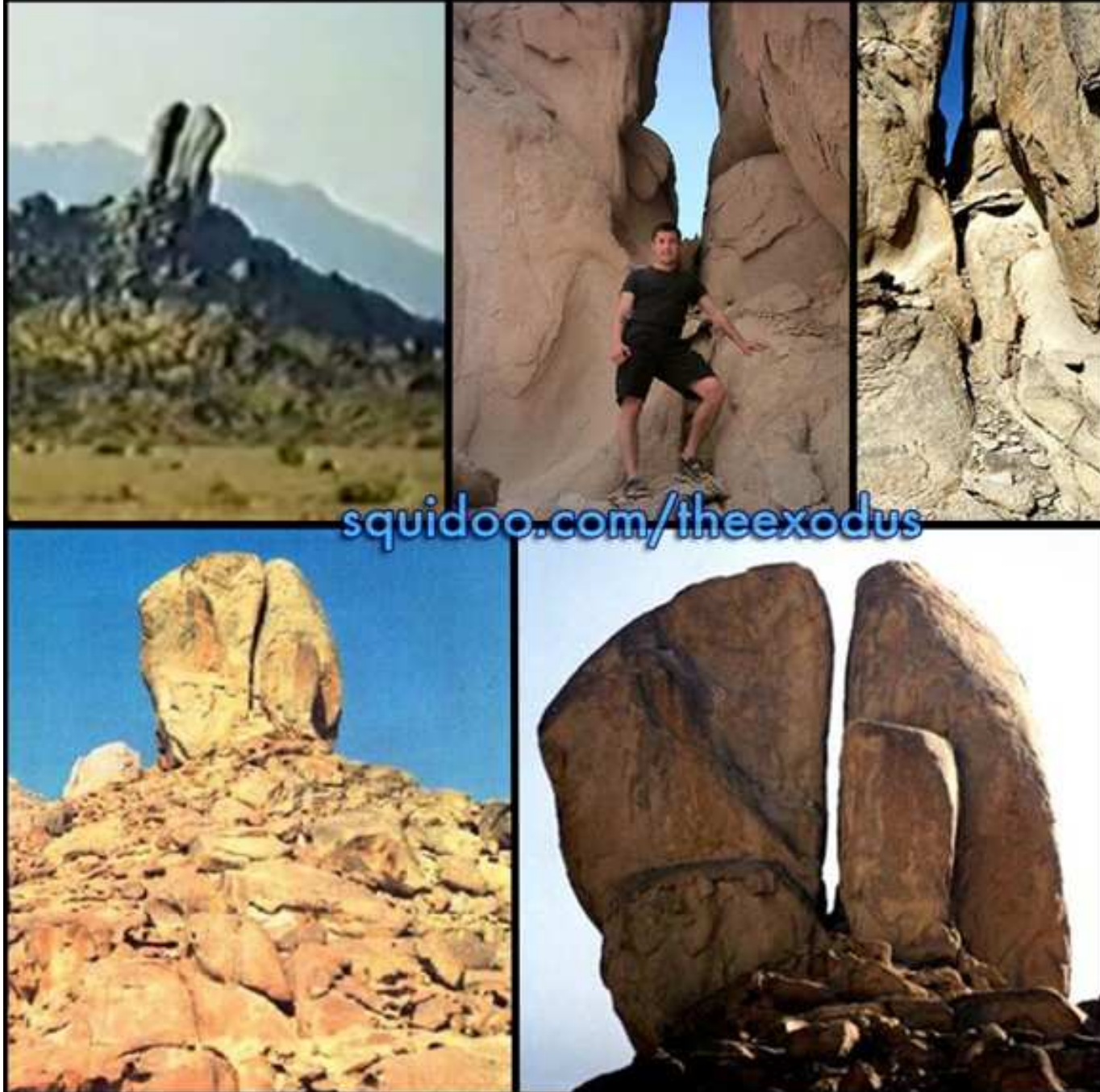
- Rephidim is an important stop in Hebrew history.
- Three key events occurred at Rephidim:
- Complaint of no water: Ex 17:1-7;
- Amalekites attacked Israel
- Moses climbed a hill and held his hands up in the air: Ex 17:8-16; after winning the battle, Moses built a memorial altar: Ex 17:15.

EXODUS 17

- *All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of YHWH, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarrelled with Moshe and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moshe said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the YHWH?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moshe and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" Moshe cried to YAH, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."*

- *And YHWH said to Moshe, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.*
- *Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink."* And Moshe did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"
- The sequence in the Bible is that the people grumbled in Rephidim, then Moses took the people in one day to the wilderness of Sinai, then Moses had to walk to the foot of Mt. Sinai and struck the rock for water. This means there is a 3 day delay between the time Israel grumbled for water, before they got it.





This 5 story high split rock is located on the west side of Jebel el Lawz. Identified as being the Rock at Horeb, the same rock at Rephidim that the water flowed from.

The mount Horeb is near Mt. Sinai.

- **EXODUS 17: 8** Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moshe, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. So it came about when Moshe held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. But Moshe's hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set. So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.



THE AMALEKITES WERE SORCERER'S

- The first question that needs answering is this, "Who is Amalek?" Amalek is referred to in Genesis 36:12. There the descendants of Esau and we are told there that Amalek was the son of Eliphaz, who was a son of Esau. Amalek is a grandson of Esau. That means that Amalek is a relative to the children of Israel.
- But although they are relatives, the Amalekites are an enemy. As descendants of Esau, they are those of whom YHWH said, "I hate him!" They are reprobates and sorcerers. As such, they are a very clearly marked and very well known enemy of Yah and His people. And here they come in hatred of God and His cause with the desire to destroy God's people.
- Rashi comments on Shemot (Exodus) 17:9 **Pick for us men** who know how to counteract witchcraft, because the Amalekites were sorcerers.
- Rashi comments on Shemot 17:12 **until sunset** For the Amalekites calculated the hours [i.e., the time] with their astrology [to determine] in what hour they would be victorious, but Moses caused the sun to stand still and confused the hours.
- RASHI - acronym for "Rabbi Shlomo ben Yitzchak." Born in Troyes, in France, in the eleventh century, and educated in Germany, he was, without doubt, the greatest commentator on the Written Law as well as on the Oral Law.

The very hill where moses stood on, when they held his hands up to win?



Elevation: 250m above sand.
Highest peak for 10 mile radi

Moses' Altar?
Ex 17:15

"Then Amalek came and fought against Israel
at Rephidim. So Moses said. "Tomorrow
I will station myself on the top of the hill
with the staff of God in my hand."
Exodus 17:8-9

Rephidim
Area: 1000 Km²
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*"We . . . must be like Aaron and Hur of ancient times;
we must uphold [the prophet's] hands."*

- When our hands are weak – when we are tired or frustrated – we should spread them in praise and prayer to YHWH. 'Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,' Psalm 134:2.
- Of course, the mark of the Beast is placed in the weak hands of the unbelievers as seen in
- **Revelation 13:16-17** *It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, 17 so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.*

THOSE WHO FIGHT AGAINST YHWH AND HIS ANNOINTED WILL DIE

- Here is where those who died during the battle with Amelek were buried.
- We read in Revelation that those who fight against YHWH will die and the blood will rise as high as the horse's reins.
- ***REVELATIONS 14:19-20 The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.***

BECOMING WEAK IN OUR FAITH **ALLOWS US TO BE ATTACKED**

- The Amalekites attacked the Israelites here – in Exodus 17:8. One interesting point as to why Amalekh without provocation attacks the nation of Israel in their way to freedom is that given by the name where this incident took place - “Refidim.”
- **The name “Rephidim” indicates that the Israelites had become lax “RAFAH” in their faith** (they became weak (*reefu*) in Torah.” As a result of this shortcoming Amalek was able to attack. The Israelites were RAFAH (Lax) in the Torah. That is, they did not ask for Torah just as they asked for bread and water. Since the entire point of the Exodus was that they would receive the Torah, their first complaint should have been, *“Why is it taking so long before YHWH gives us His Torah?”* But we see that no such complaint was ever made.

YAHWEH IS MY BANNER

- Then YAHWEH said to Moshe, “Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” Moshe built an altar and named it YAHWEH is My Banner; and he said, “YHWH has sworn; HE will have war against Amalek from generation to generation.”

REVEALING YAH'S TREASURE

MT. SINAI

- START AT 6.22 MINUTES stop at 8.42

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-eSRcr9CWw>

CAMP 11: Desert of Sinai - Hatred מדבר סיני

- The next station is in the Wilderness of Sinai. In Hebrew, the word for “in the wilderness” is “bamidbar.” In the wilderness, YHWH is able to speak clearly to us and reveal His will. In the wilderness we are removed from the comfort zones of normal life. YHWH led Moshe, Israel, Elijah, and Y’shua into the wilderness for preparation and calling.
- Revelation 13:1 shows us that the major end times events and even Babylon is found in the midst of the wilderness, surrounded by sands.

Many important events occurred at Mt Sinai:

- Jethro's visit - Ex [18:1-6](#)
- Judges appointed - Ex [18:14-26](#); De [1:9-15](#)
- Torah given - Ex [19:3](#); [20:1-26](#)
- Order for making the tabernacle, &c - Ex [24:1-27:21](#)
- Tribe of Levi taken instead of the first-born - Nu [3:11-13](#)
- Aaron and his sons selected for priesthood - Ex [28:1-29:46](#); Nu [3:1-3,10](#)
- Golden calf made - Ex [32:1,4](#)
- People punished for idolatry - Ex [32:25-29,35](#)
- God's glory shown to Moses - Ex [33:18-23](#); [34:5-8](#)
- Tabernacle first set up - Ex [40:1-38](#)
- Nadab and Abihu destroyed for offering strange fire - Le [10:1,2](#); Nu [3:4](#)
- Passover first commemorated - Nu [9:1-5](#)

EXODUS 19

- *Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”*



MT.SINAI COVERED WITH SMOKE

- *On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him*



MOSHE RECIEVES THE 10 COMMANDMENTS



- Only Moses was allowed to go up the mountain. Moses fasted 40 days and nights and was given the Ten Commandments, written by the finger of God in two tablets of stone

IDOL WORSHIP AMONG THE ISRAELITES

- When Moses came down from the mount, and witnessed the idolatry of the people in worshipping the golden calf, he threw down the tablets and broke them (Ex. 32:19).







When Moshe came down the mountain, were all 3 million Israelites dancing around a golden calf? No.

The Torah in Exodus 32:28 says it was only about 3 thousand people who were involved and they were mostly the mixed multitude of individuals who left with the Israelites because they were so impressed by what went on with the Ten Plagues. That means that only about 0.1% of the Jews (one in a thousand) participated and 99.9% of the Israelites did nothing wrong, (although the majority's failure to stop the minority from worshipping the Golden Calf was considered a mistake by Yahweh).

Then Moshe stood at the entrance to the camp, and called out: ***"Whoever is on YHWH's side, let him come and stand by me!"***

Then one whole tribe out of the twelve tribes of Israel, the tribe of Levi, all sprung from Levi, one of Jacob's sons, came and stood beside Moses.

And Moses said to them: *"Draw your swords, and go through the camp, and kill every one whom you find bowing down to the idol. Spare no one. Slay your friends and your neighbours, if they are worshipping the image."*

And on that day three thousand of the worshippers of the idol were slain by the sons of Levi. Then Moses said to the people, *"You have sinned a great sin; but I will go to the Lord, and I will make an offering to him, and will ask him to forgive your sin."* And Moses went before the Lord, and prayed for the people, and said: *"Oh Lord, this people have sinned a great sin. Yet, now, forgive their sin, if thou art willing. And if thou wilt not forgive their sin, then let me suffer with them, for they are my people."*

MT. SINAI TODAY - WITH IT'S **BLACKENED PEAK**



PLAY SECOND ½ OF REVEALING YAH'S TREASURE

- Play remaining part of the video revealing Yah's treasure
- At Mt. Sinai starting at 8.45 minutes
- Finish at 14.23

• **END OF PART 1**

42 ENCAMPMENTS
42 MONTHS IN REVELATION

THE MYSTERY OF END TIMES
PROPHECY – REVEALED

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PART 2

COMMENTARY OF THE 42 ENCAMPMENTS

- The fact that the Midrash records more than one reason for recording the journeys and Rashi tells us a third reason, suggests that there is more to these journeys than meets the eye. Further, we need to ask another similar question: What is the reason for these forty-two stops in the desert? There is a mystical concept that the purpose of these encampments was for the Children of Israel to release and gather the sparks of holiness which are trapped in the desert's emptiness. Each of these stopping places correspond to a letter of HaShem's forty-two letter Name (The first forty-two letters of the Torah), and so by gathering the sparks from each place a little more of HaShem's Name, His recognition in the world, is revealed.
- All forty-two journeys made by the Children of Israel in the desert will be duplicated by the Jewish people as they make their way back to the Land of Israel.

YHVH's NAME IS THE HEBREW ALPHABET

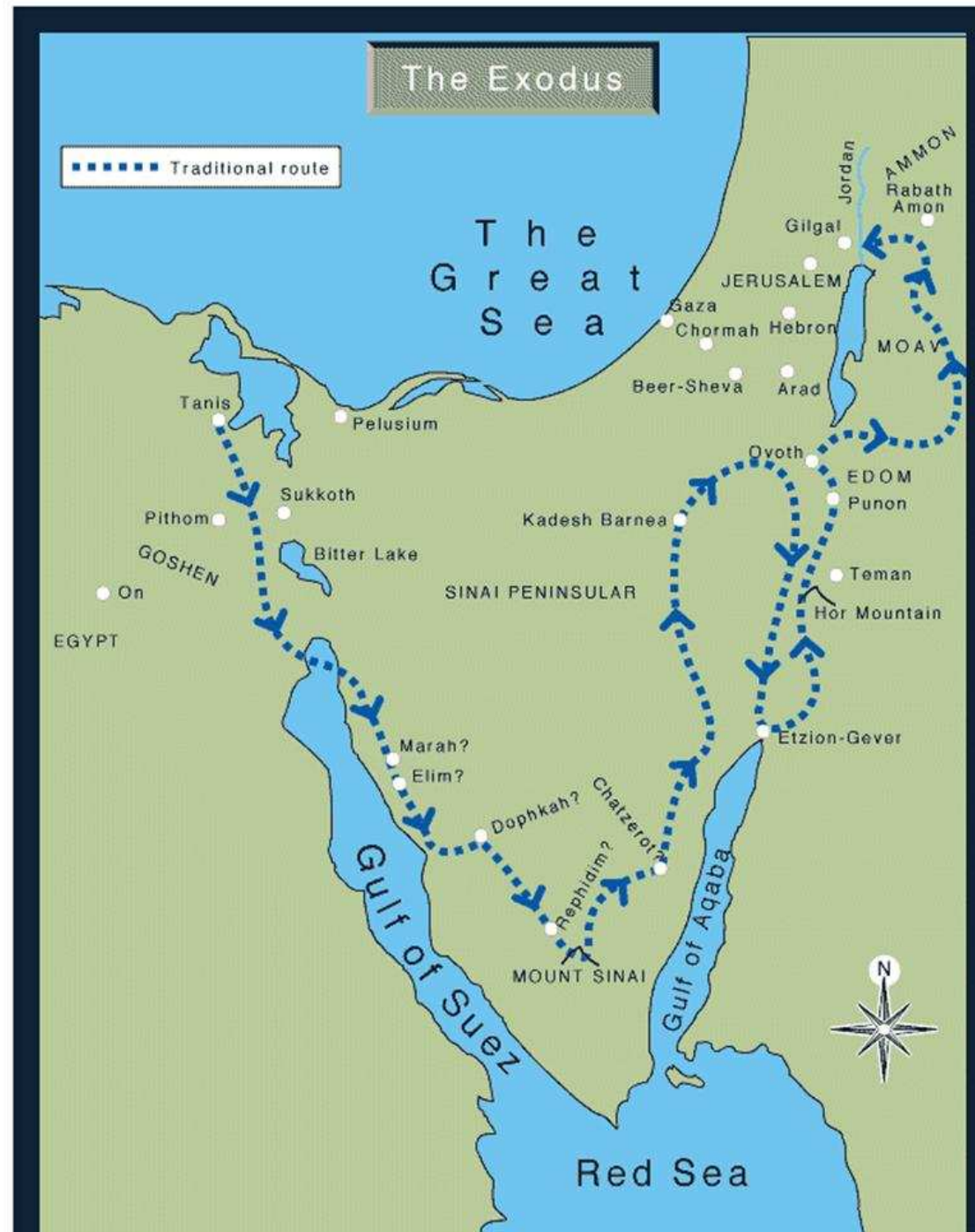
- HaShem has many names. Among the shorter names that HaShem has is two lettered Hebrew name Eil (Aleph Lamed) or Adonai (yod hay vav hay). According to the Mystics, Adonai (spelled with the letters Yod Yod) is really the entire Hebrew alphabet twice. Each letter Yod embodies the entire alphabet, hence the number forty-two (two times 21). These forty-two camp sites are synonymous with Israel's forty-two stages of spiritual development, spiritual awareness and getting to know HaShem. Each location was another opportunity for Bne Israel to grow spiritually.

THE WILDERNESS JOURNEY IS **A SPIRITUAL REPAIR**

- The Sfas Emes, a great 19th century Chassidic master, explains that each of these 42 places offered a unique challenge to the Jewish People. In each place, the Jews were to accomplish a specific tikkun, a "spiritual repair." Just as the Israelites' leaving Egypt had eternal significance, so too the Jewish People met challenges at their 42 encampments! The Sfas Emes explains that we all have various stations - good and bad - as we travel through the "journey of life." Each has its unique purpose and challenge. And each can help us achieve the repairs we must accomplish on our souls. As we embark on the various journeys that create the tapestry of our lives, it is important to remain focused on the exciting goals we are moving towards. In that way, with G_d's help, we will find the strength and courage to stand up to the myriad of challenges life may present.

THE TORAH IS ETERNAL

- The Torah is eternal. And it is clearly so where it concerns the exodus, about which the Jew is explicitly obliged “to see himself as if he had travelled out of Egypt that very day.” The 42 journeys therefore have a special perpetual significance. There are many Egypt's through which the individual has to pass. At one level it may be the confinement of the secular world, which seeks to hold him captive. At another, it may be the narrow scope of the human mind, as it filters his Judaism through the dark lens of rationalization. But even if he has traveled beyond these, and his faith is no longer confined to his understanding, he has always to strain towards new plateaus of expansiveness, compared to which his present state is a confinement. **Written by an Orthodox Commentator.**



CAMP 12 Kibroth Hattaavah - קברת התאווה Graves of Craving

The people ate quail for an entire month at this station and it was named for this reason “the Graves of [those possessed by] Craving,” where they buried the people who were punished as a result of their lust for meat. Everyone present who witnessed the punishment meted out to those who had complained, was purged of his craving. Hence, the burial of those who craved also resulted in the burial of the craving itself, which is why the site was named Kivrot *HaTaavah* [“the graves of the desire”].

- In this place, the Israelites were to reach such a high level of connection to Yah that they would “bury” all material cravings.
- Our spiritual journey certainly includes a death to lustful desires. We must choose to delight in YHWH and put to death fleshly urges that are contrary to the word.

Kibroth Hattaavah



1 Corinthians 10

Warnings From Israel's History

- *For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moshe in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Messiah Yahshua. Nevertheless, YHWH was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.*

DO NOT FOLLOW THE LUSTS OF THE FLESH

- **1 Corinthians 10:7** *Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Yahshua as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.*

CAMP 13: Chazeroth - חצרת

Courtyard

- Miriam and Aaron grumbled against Moshe because he separated from his wife. – Bamidbar (Numbers) 12:1-2
Miriam was confined outside the camp for 7 days due to leprosy – Bamidbar (Numbers) 12:15

The Chasam Sofer, a great 19th century sage, offers some examples: At Chatzerot (literally "courtyards"), they understood the concept that "this world is a courtyard to the next world."

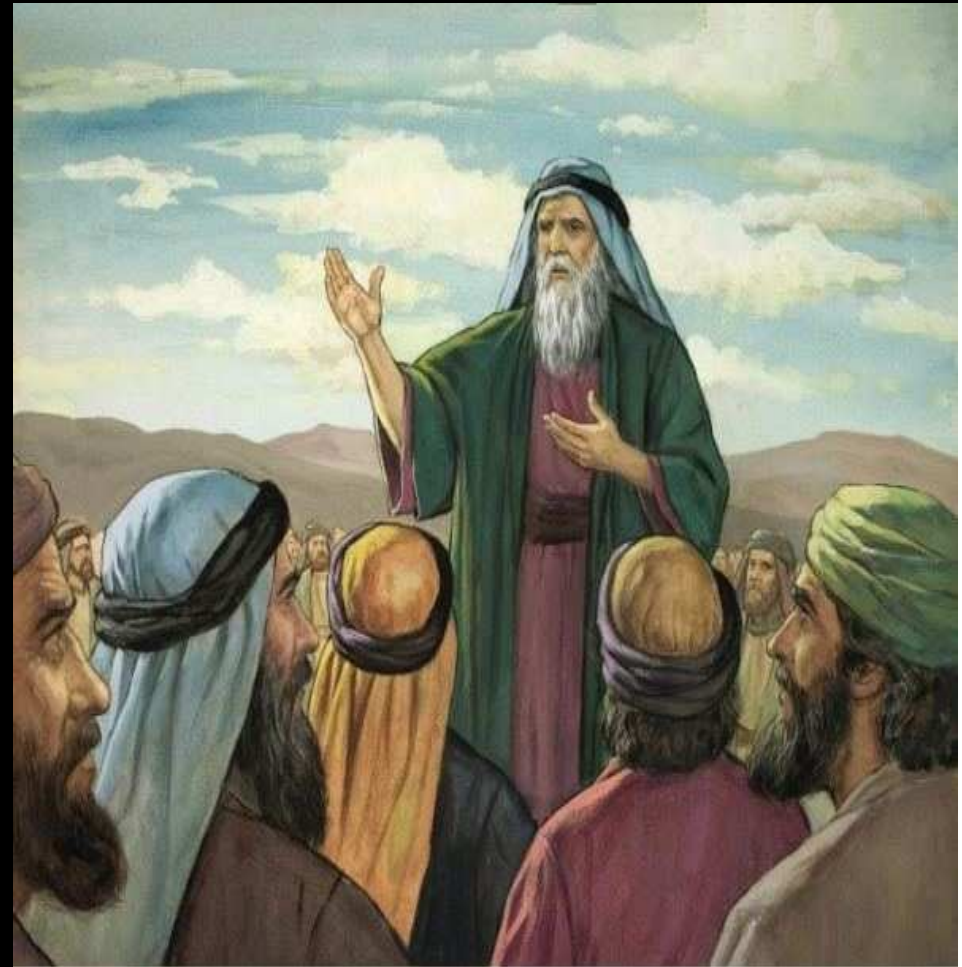
Moreover, even when a person does not at first realize the positive potential at a particular stage of his life, and falters in the face of a spiritual challenge, he must know that his "journey" is not over. This is only one phase, and a temporary descent can ultimately lead to an ascent, if we keep our faith in YHWH.

CAMP 14: Rithmah - רתמהWasteland – Smoldering

- Since there were eighteen stops between Rithmah and Kadesh, the Israelites spent on the average of one year at each stop. Therefore, this occurred approximately in 2471 (1290 b.c.e.).
- The spies were sent out from here.

THE STORY OF THE 12 SPIES

- Then Yahweh said to Moshe, “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.” So at YHWH’s command Moshe sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites.



Yahweh told Moses to send men to spy out the land of Canaan.

He told him to send a man from each tribe;

- They were to find out about the land and the people in the land. Moses said to find out if the people were strong or weak. Did they live in cities or in camps? He wanted to know what the fruit of the land was like, and if they had forests or not. He asked them to bring back some of the fruit that was ripe.



Twelve Tribes of Israel

Manasse	Asher
Naphtali	Zebulun
Issachar	Gad
Ephraim	Dan
Benjamin	Reuben
Simeon	Judah

DESERT OF PARAN



The men went into the land and found that it really was a good land. The grapes were so big that it took two men to carry a cluster of them on a pole between them. But the people there were very big and tall, (like giants) and the spies were afraid of them. They were gone for 40 days.



Report on the Exploration

- *Numbers 13:26 They came back to Moshe and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. They gave Moshe this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. “But We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”*



"We saw giants and we were like grasshoppers."

DO NOT REBEL AGAINST YHWH

- *Then Moshe and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If YHWH is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against YHWH. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but YHWH is with us. Do not be afraid of them."*

These two men of faith in Yahweh - Caleb and Joshua said,
"Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are able to overcome it."

- Only two of the spies disagreed with this negative report: Joshua ben Nun, who is Moses' chief student, and Caleb ben Yehuda from the tribe of Judah.
- **Joshua represented the tribe of Ephraim .**
- **Caleb represented the tribe of Judah.**
- These two great men would play instrumental roles in the upcoming Conquest. Their tribes were blessed because of their faith in YHWH.



THE 10 SPIES CAUSE THE REST OF THE ISRAELITES TO REBEL



The People Rebel

- That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. All the Israelites grumbled against Moshe and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them,
- *“If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! Why is YHWH bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”*

YHWH ASK'S "HOW LONG WILL THESE PEOPLE TREAT ME WITH CONTEMPT?"

- But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of YHWH appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites. YHWH said to Moshe, **"How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs I have performed among them?"**
- **12** I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they."
- **13** Moshe said to YHWH, "Then the Egyptians will hear about it! By your power you brought these people up from among them. **14** And they will tell the inhabitants of this land about it. They have already heard that you, YHWH, are with these people and that you, have been seen face to face, that your cloud stays over them, and that you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. **15** If you put all these people to death, leaving none alive, the nations who have heard this report about you will say, **16** 'The G_d of the Hebrews was not able to bring these people into the land he promised them on oath, so he slaughtered them in the wilderness.'



YHWH IS SLOW TO ANGER – BUT
REBELLION AGAINST HIM DOES NOT
GO UNPUNISHED

- ***Numbers 14:17-19*** “Now may Yah’s strength be displayed, just as you have declared: **18** ‘YHWH is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.’ **19** In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now.”

NOT ONE WHO REBELLED WILL **SEE THE PROMISED LAND**

- YHWH replied, *“I have forgiven them, as you asked. 21 Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth, 22 not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times—23 not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. 24 But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it. 25 Since the Amalekites and the Canaanites are living in the valleys, turn back tomorrow and set out toward the desert along the route to the Red Sea.”*

DON'T MAKE YHWH YOUR ENEMY

- *26 YHWH said to Moshe and Aaron: 27 “How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. 28 So tell them, ‘As surely as I live, declares YHWH, I will do to you the very thing I heard you say: 29 In this wilderness your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. 30 Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. 31 As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. 32 But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness. 33 Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness. 34 For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.’ 35 I, I have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this wilderness; here they will die.”*

CAMP 15: Rimmon Perez רמון פרץ

- Spreading, or heavy fruited, Pomegranate Tree. A *rimmon* is a pomegranate, which is often associated with Torah, since the sages found a correlation between a pomegranate's "613" seeds and the 613 commandments said to be found in the Torah. *Peretz* is the word for breach-making. When the Israelites say, "We will hear and we will do," they have made a leap of faith into the *breach*, for the sake of Torah.

CAMP 17: Rissah - רסה Well Stepped Up With Stones

- From the root *r-s-s*, meaning moist, or dew, this is symbolic of the people's washing of their clothes (which according to the sages included immersion in a mikveh).
- The nation pitches their tents at "Rissah" which was a fortified city. Mishle / Proverbs 25:28 says, "like a city without walls is a man without self control."
- Rissah is symbolic of the fruit of self control. Prophetically we must learn self control and fortify our cities, homes, families, and bodies.



CAMP 19: Sherpher - שפר Beautiful

- In Numbers 33:23-24 The Israelites stop at Mount Sherpher. “Sherpher” means “journey.”
- This is the mountain of journeys. We have many spiritual mountains along our walk. These are times when we can almost physically feel or touch the presence of YHWH.

FLY TO THE MOUNTAINS

- However, in the book of Revelation and in Matthew 24 we are told to flee to the mountains. This is a physical and spiritual climb.
- There are those who will physically camp in the mountains as the anti-messiah unleashes the fury of the adversary.
- During times of testing we are all to flee to the mountains of YHWH.



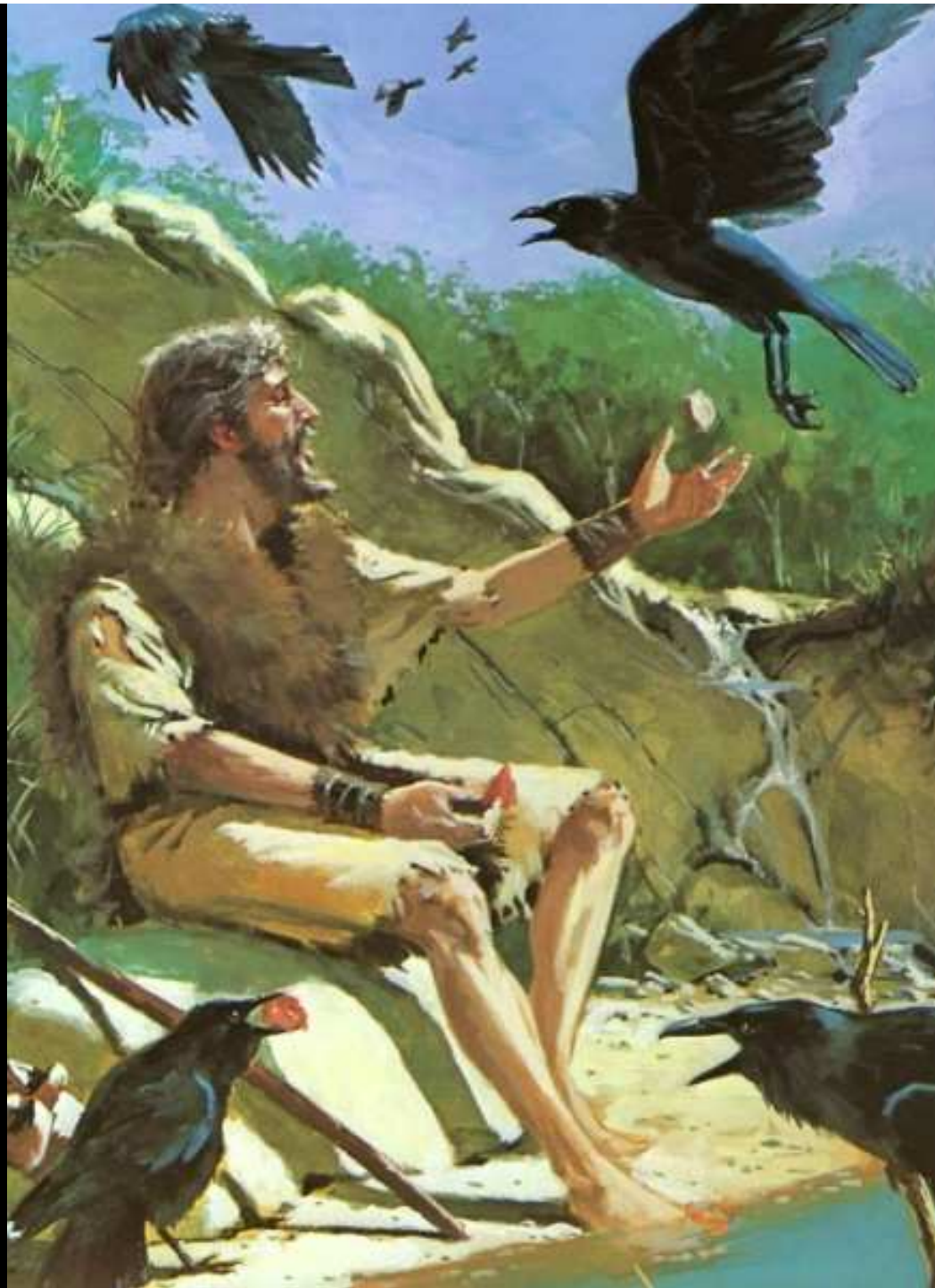
ABOMINATION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION

- **MATITYAHU (MATTHEW) 24:15** *“So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20 Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equalled again.*

WE SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR IN THE WILDERNESS FOR 42 MONTHS

- Remember that during the time of Ya'acov's (Jacob;s) trouble many will flee to the mountains and be fed manna from YHWH. This is exactly what happened in the wilderness. This supernatural provision will take place for 42 months just as YHWH protected Israel in the wilderness for 42 months.
- ***Revelation 12:6, "And the woman (Israel) fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of YHWH, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."***





YAHWEH WILL FEED HIS FLOCK

- There is another prophetic verses that verifies our subject as both historical, applicable today, and prophetic for the end of days.
- ***Micah 7:14-15: “Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto him marvellous things. ”***



CAMP 20 Haradah - חרדה Terror

- The 21st stop of Israel is at “Haradath.” This means “place of departure or fear.” This is symbolic of how we must depart from our fear of man and seek the fear of YHWH.
- Matthew 10:28. Yahshua said, *“Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell,”*
- *We know that Revelation 12:11 says that they “overcame by the blood of the lamb, by the word of their testimony, and not loving their lives until the death.”*
- **If we are going to endure then we should not fear the loss of our life.**

CAMP 21: Makheloth - מקהלת

Assemblies

- Next, the nation comes to “makheloth” which was near Moab and was actually a place dedicated to Molech. Why would YHWH allow the people to camp here? This station simply demonstrates that we are to be ***“in the world but not of the world.”*** As the days grow darker our light should shine brighter. The people of Moab and those living near us today need to see a living example of YHWH’s power and we are to be a light to the nations. We are to keep the faith but we shouldn’t keep it to ourselves!
- **THIS IS WHERE KORAH AND HIS FOLLOWERS REBEL**

REBELLION IS LIKE WITCHCRAFT TO YHWH

- The "spirit of Korah" refers to a negative attitude he held regarding the leadership of the children of Israel. He sought, with others, to overthrow Moshe and Aaron. Korah felt he was more qualified than Moshe and that he should be leading Israel. For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.

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Hebrew 13:7 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

THE ORIGINAL USURPING OF YHWH'S POWER

- *The Fall of Lucifer*
- Isaiah 14:12–15
- 12 “How you are fallen from heaven,
- O Lucifer, son of the morning!
- *How* you are cut down to the ground,
- You who weakened the nations!
- For you have said in your heart:
- ‘I will ascend into heaven,
- I will exalt my throne above the stars of YHWH;
- I will also sit on the mount of the congregation
- On the farthest sides of the north;
- I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
- I will be like the Most High.’
- Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,
- To the lowest depths of the Pit.



NUMBERS 16

- Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites—Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—became insolent and rose up against Moshe. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council. They came as a group to oppose Moshe and Aaron and said to them, *“You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and YHWH is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above YHWH’s assembly?”*



"Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm." Psalms 105:15

- YHWH said to Moshe and Aaron, ***"Separate yourselves from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once."*** But Moshe and Aaron fell facedown and cried out, "O Yah, the G_d who gives breath to all living things, will you be angry with the entire assembly when only one man sins?"
- Then YHWH said to Moshe, ***"Say to the assembly, 'Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.'"***
- Then Moshe said, ***"This is how you will know that Yah has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea: If these men die a natural death and suffer the fate of all mankind, then YHWH has not sent me."***

- *30 But if YHWH brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the realm of the dead, then you will know that these men have treated YHWH with contempt.”*
- *31 As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households, and all those associated with Korah, together with their possessions. They went down alive into the realm of the dead, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community. At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, “The earth is going to swallow us too!”*
- **And fire came out from YHWH and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense.**

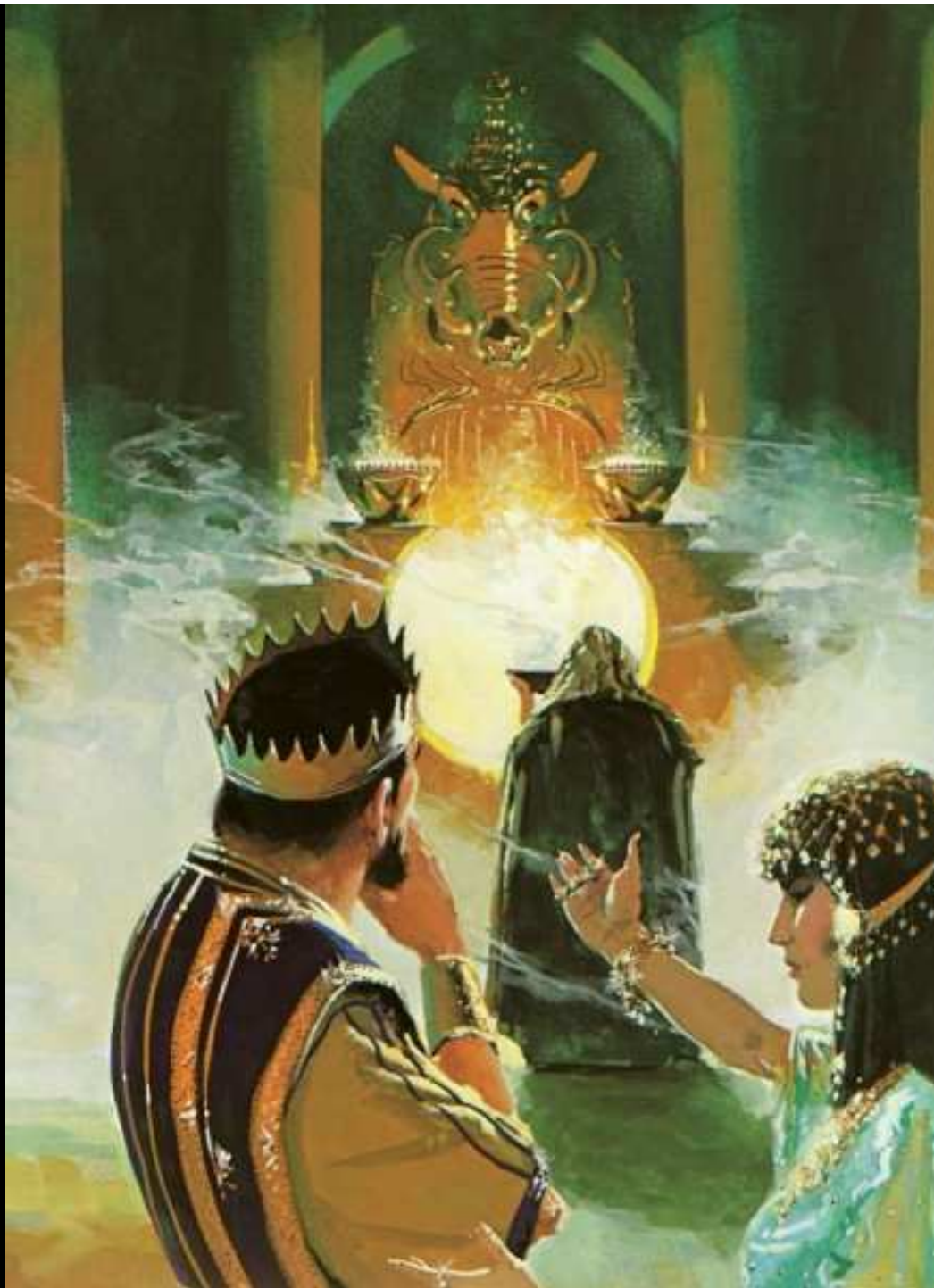


"Destruction of Korah, Dathan and Abiram" from the Holman Bible (1890)



THE JEZEBEL SPIRIT IS STILL **ALIVE TODAY**

- A war goes on in today's church, and the battle lines are drawn. One of the most powerful spirits at work in this ongoing battle is the spirit of Jezebel or control. Known as the wife of King Ahab and a follower of the false god Baal, First Kings tells the story of the woman for whom this spirit is named. she hated the prophets of YHWH. Scripture says, ***“While Jezebel was killing off YHWHs prophets, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them in two caves, fifty in each, and had supplied them with food and water.” (1 Kings 18:4, NIV)***
- When you find a spirit of Jezebel operating, you will also find an “Ahab” nearby, or someone in leadership who is allowing the spirit access and control.



- Jezebel's character was wicked, controlling, sexually immoral, murderous, and demonic! It is astounding that the same strong spirit will still be operating in Revelation 2:20 and still operates in today's church. In every congregation we find those who want to control, manipulate, and subvert the men and women of YHWH.
- This spirit is basically the spirit of domination or an unwillingness to cohabit peacefully. Korah was operating in the spirit of Jezebel, with Dathan and Abiram operating as his power core, and 250 other princes as a structure under them. First, this spirit hates the prophets, the true leaders of YHWH. She cannot control them, and when she tries to win their approval and fails, she will stop at nothing to try and kill them

CAMP 23: Terah - תרה Ibex

- The 23th stop was at Terah. This was a town named after Abraham's father. This station reminded the nation that they had to depend on Abraham's Heavenly father – YHWH Himself.
- In Numbers 33:32-33 we see Israel camping at Horhagidgad. This is Petra the lost city of stone in the modern nation of Jordan. Literally, this campsite was the cleft of the cleft of the rock.

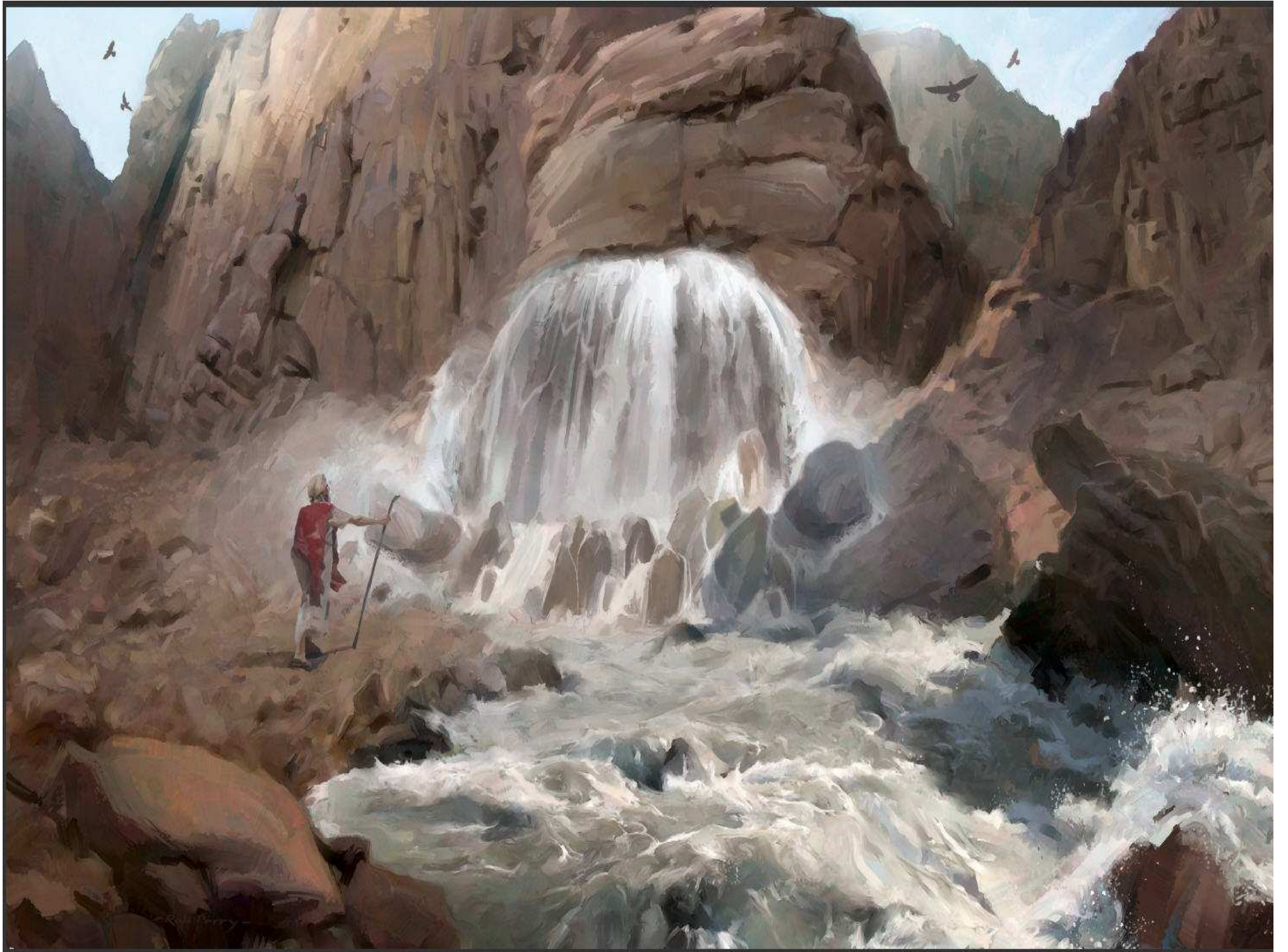
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- This of course teaches us of the deeper times of intimacy with YHWH and His people. As we mature in Him and move from glory to glory we will have times of hiding in the cleft of YHWH's presence.
- Those in the cleft of the Rock of Y'shua will endure to the end. ***"This is the endurance of the saints: those that kept the testimony of Y'shua and guarded the commandments."*** Revelation 14:12.



MOSHE STRIKES THE ROCK

- In the first month the whole Israelite community arrived at the Desert of Zin, and they stayed at Kadesh. There Miriam died and was buried. So Moshe took the staff from Yah's presence, just as he commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moshe said to them, ***"Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?"*** Then Moshe raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.
- **12** But YHWH said to Moshe and Aaron, ***"Because you did not trust in me enough to honour me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."***
- **13** These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarrelled with Yah and where he was proved holy among them.



DON'T BREAK FAITH!

- When Moshe struck the rock at Kadesh with his staff, YHWH charged him for "breaking faith" and forbade Moshe to enter the promised land. (Numbers 20:8-13) it might be because he made it appear that Moshe not YHWH was the one bringing forth the water, "Shall WE bring forth water? Perhaps a combination of both.
- There were 2.5 million Hebrews at Kadesh. If each needed 40 litres per day for basic survival, that means that the river of Moses would need to supply 100 million litres of water every day.

YAHSHUA THE ROCK, WAS TO BE BROKEN ONLY ONCE FOR OUR SINS

- Why did Moshe strike the Rock twice when he was told to speak to the Rock? YHWH said that Moshe failed to believe His promise that speaking to the rock would produce water. Moshe knew that striking the rock produced water the first time so he followed the old pattern and struck the rock. No water. Strike it again. Water!
- Moshe and Aaron's sin "constitutes the climax of a series of rebellions: first by the people, then by the Levites and chieftains, and finally by the leaders, Moshe and Aaron"
- Since Yahshua was the rock, He was only to be broken once, but Moshe, being angry and aggravated by the crowd, and grieved by the death of his sister, disobeyed and struck the rock twice, thereby, in symbolism, breaking Yahshua twice; and that is why YHWH became upset and punished Moshe and Aaron from ever seeing the promised land.

YAHWEH AND HIS SON YAHSHUA ARE THE ROCK

- “How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up? For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.”
-Deut 32:30-31
- “And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted....”
-Deut 32:37
- “But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.”
-Deut 32:15
- “Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.”
-Deut 32:18
- “For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?”
-2 Sam 22:32
- “The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.”
-2 Sam 22:47
- “The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.”
-2 Sam 23:3

CAMP 33: Mountain of mountains

- NUMBERS 27:18-21 So YHWH said to Moshe, *“Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before YHWH. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”*



THE DEATH OF AARON

- *Moshe did as YHWH commanded: They went up Mount Hor in the sight of the whole community. Moshe removed Aaron's garments and put them on his son Eleazar. And Aaron died there on top of the mountain. Then Moshe and Eleazar came down from the mountain, and when the whole community learned that Aaron had died, all the Israelites mourned for him thirty days. Aaron was three years older than Moshe.*

BURIAL PLACE OF AARON ON MOUNT HOR



The Bronze Snake

- They travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against YHWH and against Moshe, and said, ***“Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”***
- Then YHWH sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moshe and said, ***“We sinned when we spoke against YHWH and against you. Pray that Yah will take the snakes away from us.”*** So Moshe prayed for the people.
- ***Then YHWH said to Moshe, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. (Numbers 21:8-9)***



YAHSHUA ALSO WAS HUNG UP

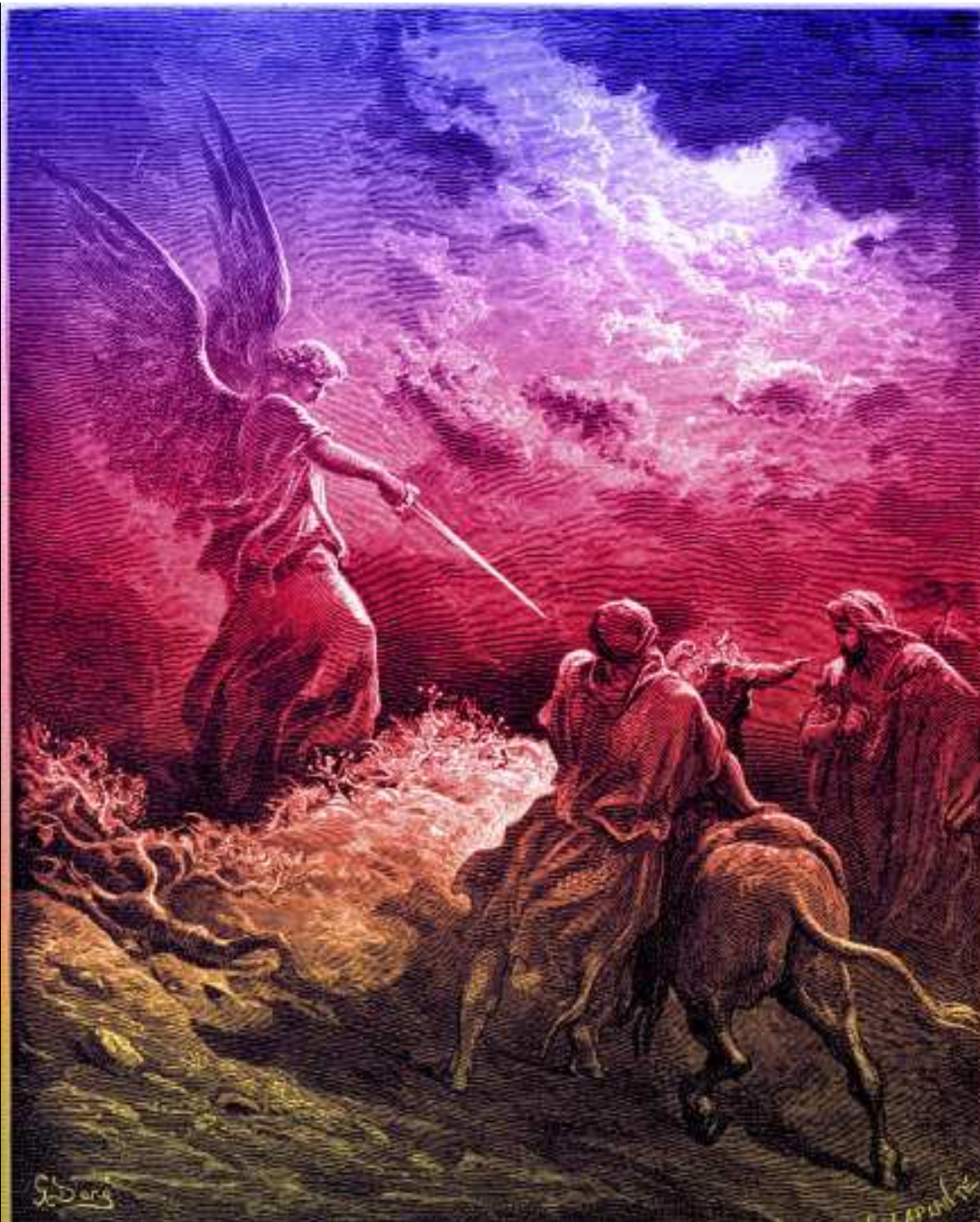
- It seems strange that YHWH would have Moshe make an image of the very thing that the people were dying from, in order to cure them. The snakes were what were killing the people, and yet Yah told Moshe to raise up an image of these very snakes as an antidote. But, like all of YHWH's solutions, it worked: whoever looked at the snake on the pole survived.
- This, of course, leads us to the New Testament, written some 1500 years after the book of Numbers. Here we see Yah's ultimate solution to man's fundamental problem:
- ***"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must Yahshua be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:14,15)***
- So we see that YHWH had arranged the lesson of the fiery serpents to provide yet another foreshadow of Yahshua. Just as the bronze serpent was hung up on a pole for all to see, so also was Yahshua was hung on the cross for all to look at, repent of their sins, get absolution from the curse, and receive eternal life.

CAMP 36: Oboth - אבת Necromancer

- *Balaam stands in infamy as the paragon of apostasy. His worldly lusts lured him into the power of Baal and brought upon him the ultimate symbol of pastoral asininity, a reprimand from his donkey. Through his counseling Israel fell for the bait of Baal, the alluring Midianite women, and brought upon Israel a national curse.*
- Scholars surmise soothsaying to be Balaam's "family business" from his wide reputation as well as the meaning of his and his father's names. *Balaam* means "devourer of the people" or simply "devourer" or "destroyer," a fitting name for someone whose livelihood depends on cursing various people(s). His father's name, *Beor*, means "burning," another allusion to destruction.

YHWH TOLD BALAAM NOT TO CURSE THE ISRAELITES

- Balaam, son of Beor, was a prophet from Penthor, on the Euphrates River, and Balak, son of Zippor, was a king of Moab. When Balak realized how many Israelites were camped east of the Jordan River, and how they had conquered the Amorites, he sent messengers to Balaam to come and put a curse of the Israelites, so he could drive them out of his land. Balaam saddled his donkey and started off with the messengers. But YHWH, who had already told Balaam not to curse the Israelites, was angry with Balaam's eager attitude, so he sent an angel to stand in the road to stop him. The donkey could see the angel (Balaam could not) and shied away. After Balaam beat the donkey, the YHWH caused the donkey to speak, rebuking Balaam for beating him. Yah then allowed Balaam to see the angel.



Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stay here beside your offering while I go aside. Perhaps YHWH will come to meet with me. Whatever he reveals to me I will tell you." Then he went off to a barren height. YHWH met with him, and Balaam said, "I have prepared seven altars, and on each altar I have offered a bull and a ram."

YHWH put a message in Balaam's mouth and said, "Go back to Balak and give him this message." So he went back to him and found him standing beside his offering, with all the princes of Moab. Then Balaam uttered his oracle:

"Balak brought me from Aram, the king of Moab from the eastern mountains.

'Come,' he said, 'curse Jacob for me; come, denounce Israel.'

How can I curse those whom YHWH has not cursed? How can I denounce those whom YHWH has not denounced? From the rocky peaks I see them, from the heights I view them. I see a people who live apart and do not consider themselves one of the nations. Who can count the dust of Jacob or number the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and may my end be like theirs!"

- The literal fulfillment of this prophecy has been obvious during the more than thirty-four centuries since it was spoken. The Jews have always been separate as a nation from other peoples. Though conquered many times, they have never been absorbed by their conquerors or lost their identity. The prophecy had to become true, for "YHWH put [it]... in Balaam's mouth" (Num. 23:5).

- However, this did not end the determination of Balaam to find a way to earn his fee, and he and Balak remained friends. Balaam soon hit upon the idea of a diplomatic initiative, or Peace Plan. He convinced Balak that the thing to do was to send a delegation of Moabite women, who were Baal worshippers, on a good-will visit to the Camp of Israel. When the men of Israel saw the alluring Moabite women, they fell for the bait. Israeli men were lured into Moab and became involved in the worship of Baal, which involved fornication and dining on the meat offered in sacrifices to Baal.
- Israel, thus came under the influence of demonism under the power of Baal. The Nation which could not be destroyed from an outside military power, was undermined by transgression from within. YHWH cursed Israel with a plague and 24,000 Israelites died due to involvement in demonism. Balaam, thus earned his fee - not by directly cursing Israel, but by counseling Balaam in the art of diplomatic duplicity.
- In aiding the enemies of Israel, Balaam had succumbed to the most vile form of reversionism, anti-Semitism. For such activity, the Abrahamic Covenant pronounced the curse of YHWH:
- **I will bless those who bless you,
And the one who curses you I will curse. (Genesis 12:3a)**

BAALAM WAS A GENTILE

PROPHET

- Balaam was a Gentile prophet, whose prophecies are recorded in scripture. He even predicted the Star of Bethlehem. However, his love of the world became the source of his infamy. Balaam loved money, prostitution, and worldly fame. He was famous as a soothsayer, who would pronounce a curse for money. The Mosaic Law strictly prohibited these practices, but then, Balaam wasn't a Jew. He was a Gentile. Balaam was a dichotomy who spoke with the authority of YHWH at times and used the power of demonism at other times.
- Balaam was the classic case of the worldly prophet. He was so overcome by worldliness that his values reflected not the Righteousness of YHWH but the corruption of the lusts of the flesh. When the lusts of the flesh replace the love of G-d, the believer travels down the path of reversionism. Balaam was the epitome of the reversionist. He is the classic example of a person who knew the right way, but rejected it to pursue the Frantic Search for Happiness of worldly lusts. Larry Wood

THE CORRUPT PROPHET

- When prophets or Church Age pastors enter into reversionism, they are doubly destructive. Not only do they hurt themselves, but they lead others astray. Balaam was responsible for the death of 24,000 Jews. He was the pawn of Baal. He was the friend of anti-Semitism, the unfaithful servant, and corrupt prophet. His reversionism was so perverse, that his own donkey was used to preach him a sermon in an attempt to restrain his anti-semitic insanity. His infamy was so great that throughout history the mere mention of the name Balaam was a cause for insult. In the epistles to the Church, Peter uses him as an example of the reversionist, and Yahshua uses him as an example of the apostasy in the Church at Pergammon (Revelation 2:14). Larry Wood

WHY STUDY BAALAM?

- Because the story of Balaam is as relevant today as any other time in history. Just as prophets like Balaam existed in Moses' day, pastors exist in the Church Age with a striking similarity. Today the apostasy of Balaam is everywhere. It fills the pulpits of apostate churches all over the world. Unlike Balaam, however, the pastors of today do not have the luxury of a talking donkey to awaken them from their own apostasy. Unless they have a near-death experience or some other shock to wake them up, most of them continue to operate as Balaam in the power of the Cosmic System. They don't know the meaning of grace. They have no concept of experiential sanctification, and they slaves to devil's world.

BAAL IS A POWERFUL DEMON SENT TO INFLUENCE WORLD LEADERS

- Baal is one of Satan's powerful demons who is sent to influence the rulers of some nations. The name, Baal, simply means lord and is synonymous with a cosmic king or queen in the organization Satan. (*Illustration: Spiritual [Warfare](#) of Sarah*) Baal, like Satan, has a dichotomous nature. He rules as both the god of war and the goddess of love. On the one hand he is a vicious fighter like the god of war, and on the other hand, he is the goddess of love, the sponsor of the Phallic Cult. The warlike side demands child sacrifice, while the love goddess lures into the Phallic Cult, sexual debauchery, and temple prostitution. Baal is symbolized by the bear. The bear is one of the symbols of Satan as the ruling power of an evil nation ([Daniel 7:5](#); [Revelation 13:2](#)). The dictator of the Revived Roman Empire during the Tribulation will be symbolized by a beast with feet like a bear ([Revelation 13:1-2](#)). Today, a nation that is symbolized by the bear and, therefore Baal, is Russia (called Gog, [Ezekiel 38:1-2](#); [Revelation 20:8](#)).

CAMP 38: Divon Gad - דיבון גד

Sorrowing Overcomers

- The 39th stop was in Dibungad, the capital of Moab in East Jordan. This is one of many stops that were made in Moab. The Moabites were the enemies of Israel and the enemies of YHWH. Why would YHWH allow them to camp here? Why spend so many nights in Moab? The Hebrew phrase “Moab” literally is “mo ab,” which means, “who is my father?” or “what is my origin?” Our journey to follow YHWH is all about knowing abba YHWH and walking in His ways. Of course we are also in search of the true origins of YHWH.
- Sadly, this is one campsite that many people never leave. They are happy with their “christian” religion and care little about origins, fossilized customs, pagan practices, and the like. We must choose to continually have our faith and mind renewed. In Moab the people asked “who is my father” we must do the same.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN

- YHWH does not call us or want us to only fellowship with like minded believers. We aren't to be reclusive or secret service saints. "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father who is in heaven,"
- ***Matthew 5:16. We must be like Y'shua and fellowship with sinners so that we can share Torah with the sinners. The end times will provide more opportunities for our light to brightly shine before the darkness of the world.***

CAMP 42 - Beth Jeshimoth - בית הישמת

House of The Desolations

- Finally the 42nd stop was in the plains of Moab near the Jordan River. The people were ready to cross over into the promised land.
- It was here that Moshe was taken up to be with YHWH. Even His body disappeared and was not allowed to be found. YHWH knew that if the people would have worshipped or honored his body and his memory.

MOSHE AND ELIJAH WERE TAKEN UP



WHICH STATION ARE YOU AT NOW?

- We have discussed many stations and areas along the path to perfection as an believer. Where are you now? Is your life different than you had once desired? Do you find yourself in an unfamiliar place with problems galore? The lessons we learn from these stations are part of our purification process. They are readying us for the Promised Land. Each part of the journey is to purify us!
- Dwell upon 1 Peter 4:12-13, ***"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Messiah, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation."***

ISRAELITES ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND



THE TORAH ISNT BORING – **IT'S OUR LIFE STORY**

- What happened to Israel happened for you. We need to learn from their example this powerful point – the wilderness was not their destination, it was only part of the journey. The Israelites didn't set out to wander around for forty long years. The nation of slaves didn't leave Egypt to get lost in the sand. No! They were set free to claim their inheritance in the Promised Land. We must understand and live this powerful message. We should view the journeys of Israel as applicable to today and prophetic for tomorrow. The Torah isn't boring – it's our life's story!

I WILL WRITE ON YOU THE NAME OF MY G D YAHWEH ELOHIM

- *“Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My G_d, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My G_d and the name of the city of My G_d, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My G_d. And I will write on him My new name” (Rev. 3:10–12).*