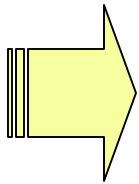


# Numbers Outline (by Census)

- I. **The experiences of the 1<sup>st</sup> generation in the wilderness** (1:1 – 25:18)
  - A. The Census of the 1<sup>st</sup> generation, the Levites (1:1 – 4:49)
  - B. Instructions and Laws in preparation for the march to the land of promise (5:1 – 10:32)
  - C. Rebellion and judgment of an unbelieving people (10:33 – 25:18)
    - 1. Rebellion, atonement and death (11:1 – 20:29)
    - 2. Hope, final rebellion, and an end of their dying (21:1 – 25:18)
- II. **The preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation for entry into the Land of Promise** (26:1 – 36:13)
  - A. The 2<sup>nd</sup> census and instructions for their entry (26:1 – 30:16)
  - B. Vengeance on the Midianites (31:1 – 54)
  - C. Settlement of the tribes east of the Jordan (32:1 – 42)
  - D. Final instructions and preparations (33:1 – 36:13)



## Numbers by Chapter 11-25



- 11 The people and Moses complain, 70 elders, quail and judgment
- 12 The opposition of Miriam and Aaron
- 13 The 12 spies and the mixed report
- 14 Israel's rebellion and defeat
- 15 Laws on offerings, sin, the Sabbath, tassels
- 16 Korah's rebellion
- 17 Vindication of the true priesthood, the budding of Aaron's rod
- 18 Duties of the priests and Levites
- 19. Laws of purification – the red heifer
- 20. Moses' disobedience
- 21. The bronze serpent
- 22-24 Balaam and Balak
- 25 Israel's final rebellion

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# Chapter 20 Outline

- 1           Death of Miriam
- 2-13       Moses' disobedience
  - 2-5       the peoples' complaint (see also Ex. 17:1ff)
  - 6-8       God's instructions
  - 9-11      Moses' actions
  - 12-13    **God's judgment on Moses and Aaron**
- 14-21      Edom refuses passage
- 22-29      Death of Aaron

# The Flight of Time in Numbers



1:1 1<sup>st</sup> day, 2<sup>nd</sup> month 2<sup>nd</sup> year - Census

10:11 20<sup>th</sup> day, 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 2<sup>nd</sup> year:

The cloud moved and the camp followed.

Ch-12 Miriam

Ch-13 Spies

Ch-14 Israel refuses to go in

Ch-16 Korah's rebellion

Ch-17 Then... Aaron's Rod

Ch-18 So... Priesthood reaffirmed

Ch-19 Then... The Red Heifer

20:1 Then... 1<sup>st</sup> month

20:28 Aaron dies (in the 40<sup>th</sup> year- see Num. 33:38)

**Connected**

# Miriam



- Older sister of Moses
- Watched from a distance when Moses was put into the basket and into the river. (Ex. 2:4)
- Arranged for Moses' mother to nurse him. (Ex. 2:7)  
(She had the courage to speak with Pharaoh's daughter.)
- A prophetess (Ex. 15:20)
- "Song of Miriam" after the Red Sea crossing – led all of the women (Ex. 15:20)
- Sent by God to Israel as part of the leadership team (Mic. 6:4)
- She was a woman highly regarded in the community.

Why did she do what she did:

1. Aspirations to leadership?
2. Jealous of Moses' relationship with God?
3. Thought of herself more highly than she ought to have thought?

# What was he thinking?

- Moses was tested to his limits by the people.
- Was he disappointed because God came in mercy and not judgment?
- His words, attitude, actions speak of vengeance. (v. 10)
- His statement: “Shall **we** bring forth water?” - is he usurping God’s glory?
- Moses actions were in disobedience to the clear command of God (i.e. “Speak to the rock.”)
- As the leader, he had a higher accountability to God.  
Jesus’ example: “I can only do what I see the Father do.”

# “Treat Me as Holy”

- That which is holy is sacred/set apart for holy purposes.
- It is not for common use or consideration.
- God is holy. Therefore:
  - His words are to be trusted and obeyed.
  - His decisions to punish or not to punish are to be trusted implicitly as being absolutely the right thing to do.

Moses regarded His words as being subject to change.

Moses put aside God’s words of instruction for his own idea.  
(I’ll do what worked for me before.)

Moses (and Aaron) touched the glory (took it for themselves.)

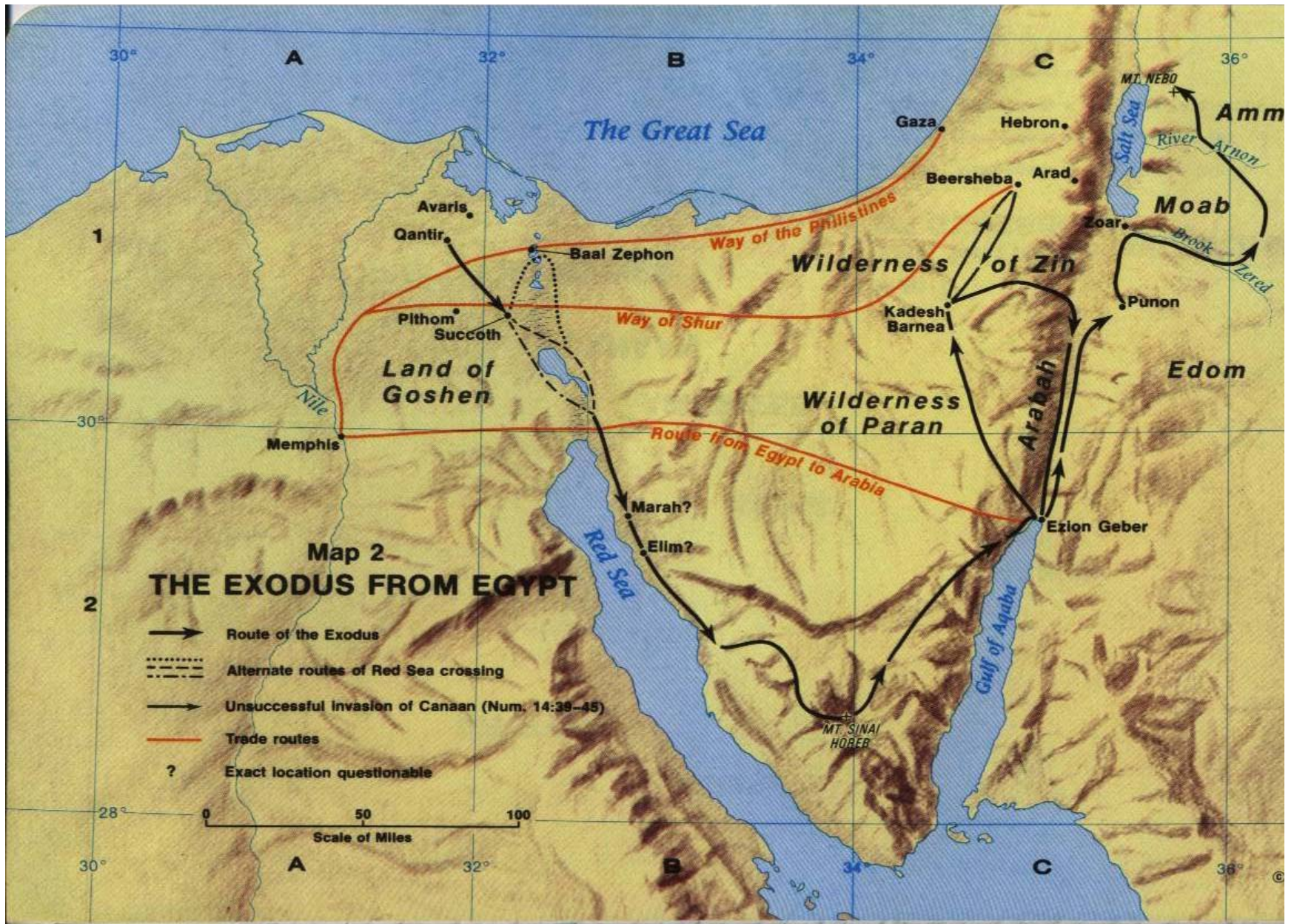
Moses did not believe Him. (*trust and obey His words*) (v.12)

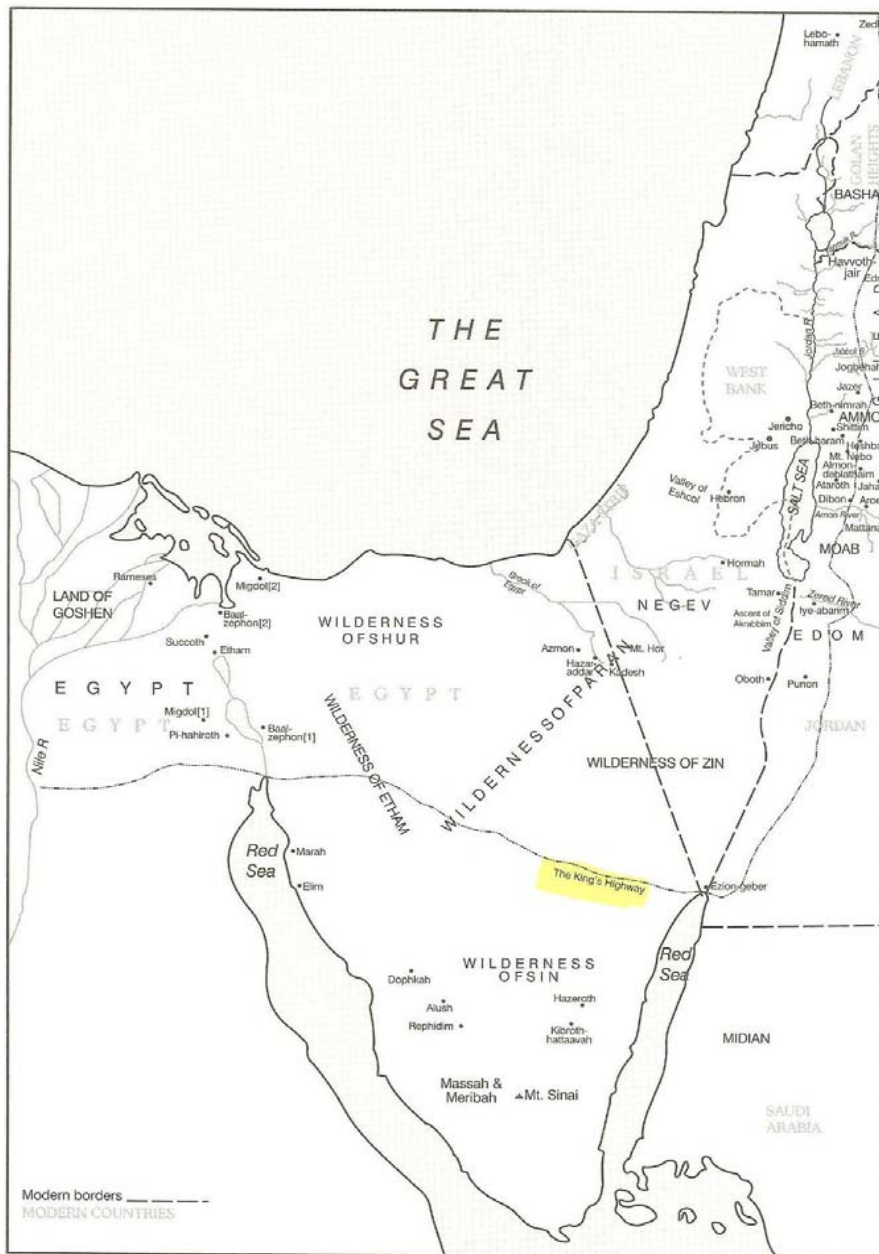
# Diplomacy in Edom

1. “Your brother” – appealed to family ties
2. Our hardship in Egypt. – appealed to compassion
3. “Our fathers went down into Egypt...” family ties
4. The Lord sent an angel – appealed to faith, miraculous
5. He asked permission.
6. Won’t go through vineyards or pastures, drink no water - appeal to resource issues
7. If we drink the water...we’ll pay. – resources/money

Why did Moab refuse?

1. Deut. 2:4 The descendants of Esau were afraid of them.
2. He knew their numbers and feared they would strip the land of its resources.





Chapters 20 and 21