

## Reasons why we should Study this Book

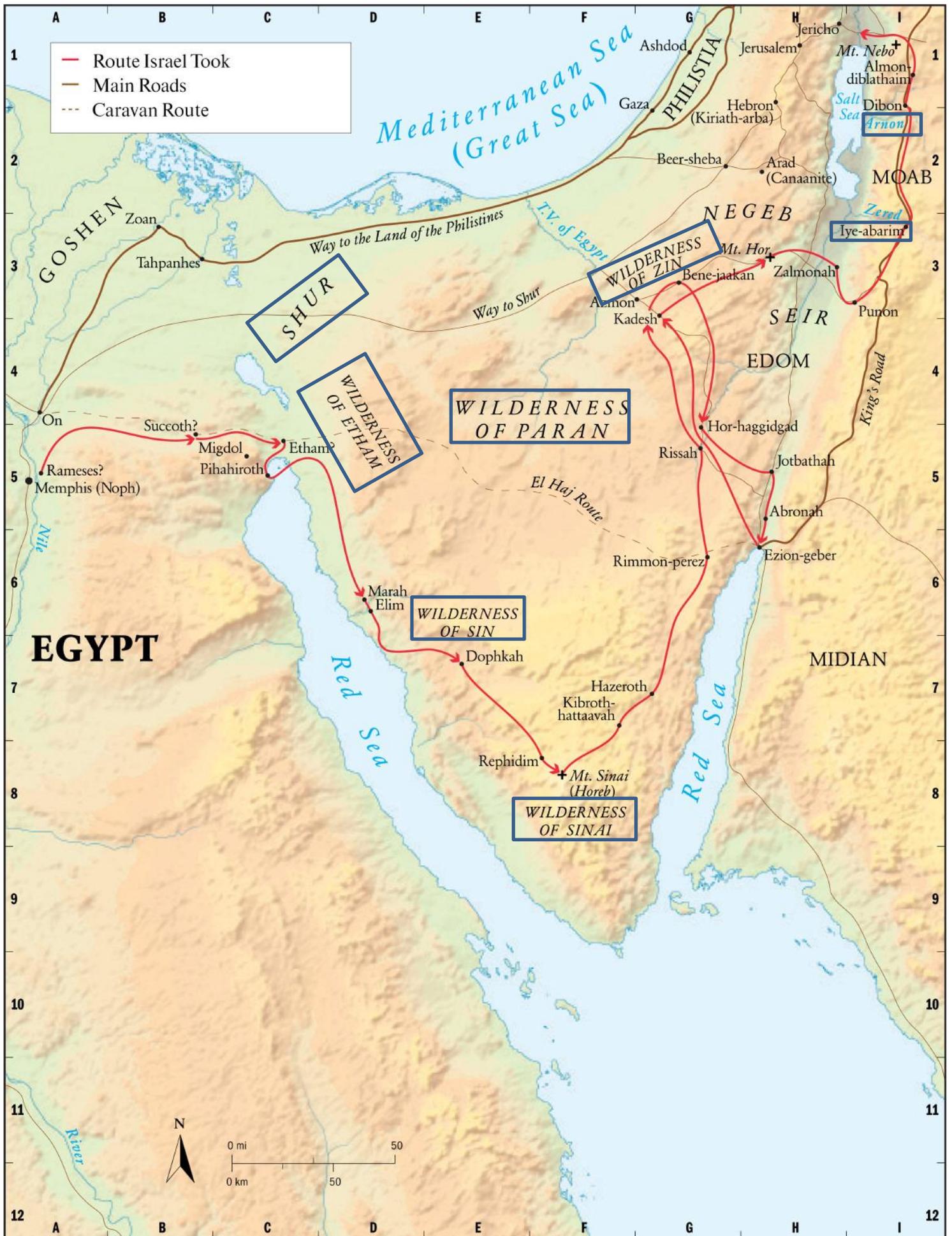
### NUMBERS DESCRIBES ISRAEL'S JOURNEY TOWARD THE PROMISED LAND.

**Num 33:1** These *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

**Num 33:2** And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these *are* their journeys according to their goings out.

**Num 33:3** And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.





## IN THE WILDERNESS

Num 1:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

Num 1:19 As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

Num 3:4 And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.

Num 3:14 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

Num 9:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

Num 9:5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

## WILDERNESS OF PARAN

Num 10:12 And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

Num 10:31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.

Num 12:16 And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

Num 13:3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men *were* heads of the children of Israel.

## WILDERNESS OF ZIN

Num 13:21 So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

Num 13:26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

Num 14:2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

Num 14:16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

Num 14:22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

Num 14:25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

Num 14:29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

Num 14:32 But *as for* you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

Num 14:33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

Num 14:35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

Num 15:32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

Num 16:13 Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?

Num 20:4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

Num 21:5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

### WILDERNESS OF IJEABARIM

Num 21:11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at Ijeabarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sunrising.

- Numbers 33:44 And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in Ijeabarim, in the border of Moab.

### WILDERNESS OF ARNON

Num 21:13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites: for Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

Num 21:18 The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by the direction of the lawgiver, with their staves. And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah:

Num 21:23 And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

Num 24:1 And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

Num 26:64 But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

Num 26:65 For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

Num 27:3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

Num 27:14 For ye rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes: that is the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

Num 32:13 And the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed.

Num 32:15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people.

## WILDERNESS OF ETHAM

[Num 33:6](#) And they departed from **Succoth**, and pitched in Etham, which *is* in the edge of the wilderness.

[Num 33:8](#) And they departed from before Pihahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the **wilderness of Etham**, and pitched in Marah.

## WILDERNESS OF SIN

[Num 33:11](#) And they removed from the Red sea, and encamped in the **wilderness of Sin**.

[Num 33:12](#) And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in **Dophkah**.

[Num 33:15](#) And they departed from **Rephidim**, and pitched in the **wilderness of Sinai**.

[Num 33:36](#) And they removed from **Eziongaber**, and pitched in the **wilderness of Zin**, which *is* **Kadesh**.

## WHY WILDERNESS?

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3** And keep in mind the way by which the Lord your God has taken you through the **wilderness** these forty years, so that he might make low your pride and put you to the test, to see what was in your heart and if you would keep his orders or not. 3 And he made low your pride and let you be without food and gave you manna for your food, a thing new to you, which your fathers never saw; so that he might make it clear to you that bread is not man's only need, but his life is in every word which comes out of the mouth of the Lord.

## IT'S FULL OF GOD'S THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS

**Genesis 17:7-8** And I will establish **My covenant** between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. And **I will give** to you and to your descendants after you the land where you live as a stranger, **all the land of Canaan**, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

## IT'S OFTEN REFERENCED IN THE REST OF THE BIBLE

**John 3:14-16** And as **Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness**, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 For **God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

[2Pe 2:15](#) Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of **Balaam** *the son* of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

[Jud 1:11](#) Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of **Balaam** for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

[Rev 2:14](#) **But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.**

## IT'S GIVEN TO US AS A WORD OF WARNING

**1 Corinthians 10:1-12** Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that

all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

5 But with many of them **God was not well pleased**: for **they were overthrown in the wilderness**.

6 **Now these things were our examples**, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

7 **Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them**; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 **Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed**, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 **Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted**, and were destroyed of serpents.

10 **Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured**, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

11 **Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples**: and they are **written for our admonition (WARNING)**, upon whom the ends of the Ages have come.

12 So then let him who thinks he is standing securely **beware of falling**.

- Verse 7 is a reference to Exodus 32.
- Verse 8 is a reference to Numbers 25.
- Verse 9 is a reference to Numbers 21.
- Verse 10 is a reference to Numbers 16.

## THERE ARE CONSEQUENCE FOR DISOBEDIENCE AND DISBELIEF

**Hebrews 3:7-19** Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, **as in the provocation, in the day of testing in the wilderness**: 9 When your fathers tested me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. 10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. 11 So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of **unbelief**, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; 15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. 16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. 17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, **whose carcasses fell in the wilderness**? 18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that **believed not**? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of **unbelief**.

**Hebrews 4:1-2** **Let us therefore fear**, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of **you** should seem to **come short of it**. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith in them that heard it**.

FAITH IS AN ACTION!

**Deuteronomy 1:1-3** These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab. 2 (There are **eleven days' journey** from **Horeb** (*same as Mount Sinai where God gave Moses the 10 commandments*) by the way of mount Seir unto Kadeshbarnea.) 3 And it came to pass in the **fortieth year**, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;