

~BEER 1 (56)
(Be'er) [Well]

- The **Hebrew** word *be'er* usually refers to a well in contrast to a natural spring **Hebrew**, *'a'yin*. It commonly occurs in compound place-names.

See Also BEER-ELIM

See Also BEER-SHEBA

- After passing the Arnon on their approach to the Promised Land, the Israelites came to Beer.
- From there they pulled away and went camping in the region of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Amorites, for the Arnon is the boundary of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. (**Numbers 21:13**)
- That is why it is said in the book of the Wars of Yehowah. Vaheb in Suphah and the torrent valleys of Arnon. (**Numbers 21:14**)
- And the mouth of the torrent valleys, which has bent itself toward the seat of Ar and has leaned against the border of Moab. (**Numbers 21:15**)
- Next from there on to **Beer**. This is the well about which Yehowah said to Moses; Gather the people, and let me give them water. (**Numbers 21:16**)
- Here a well was dug, apparently by the princely heads of the tribes, using their own staffs, and water sprang up. This event was cause for the poetic song set forth in verses;
- At that time Israel proceeded to sing this song; Spring up, O well! Respond to it, you people! (**Numbers 21:17**)
- A well, princes dug it. The nobles of the people excavated it, with a commander's staff, with their own staffs. Then from the wilderness on to Mattanah. (**Numbers 21:18**)

- Due to the part played by the princes in the digging of the well, some suggest that this is the same place as **Beer-elim** meaning **Well of the Big Trees**.
- For the outcry has gone around the territory of Moab. The howling thereof is clear to Eglaim. The howling thereof is clear to **Beer-elim**. (**Isaiah 15:8**)
- The location is uncertain, but it is considered likely to have been in the torrent valley called the **Wadi Thamad**, North of the Arnon and some 56 kilometers (35 miles) East of the Dead Sea. Water is often found here quite easily by scooping out the soil.