

~JOURNEY (55)

- The word journey is often used in the Bible to designate a general distance covered.
- With that he took his brothers with him and went chasing after him for a distance of seven days **journey** and caught up with him in the mountainous region of Gilead. (**Genesis 31:23**)
- And they will certainly listen to your voice, and you must come, you and the older men of Israel, to the king of Egypt, and you men must say to him, Yehowah the God of the Hebrews has come in touch with us, and now we want to go, please, a **journey** of three days into the wilderness, and we want to sacrifice to Yehowah our God. (**Exodus 3:18**)
- So they went marching from the mountain of Yehowah for a **journey** of three days, and the ark of Yehowah's covenant was marching before them for a journey of three days to search out a resting-place for them. (**Numbers 10:33**)
- After that they pulled away from Pihahiroth and went passing through the midst of the sea to the wilderness and kept marching a three-day **journey** in the wilderness of Etham and took up camping at Marah. (**Numbers 33:8**)
- The distance covered in a day depended on the means of transport used and the conditions and terrain encountered by the traveler. An average day's **journey** on land was perhaps 32 kilometers (20 miles) or more. But a **Sabbath day's journey** was far less.
- Keep praying that your flight may not occur in wintertime, nor on the Sabbath day. (**Matthew 24:20**)
- Then they returned to Jerusalem from a mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, being a Sabbath day's **journey** away. (**Acts of Apostles 1:12**)
- Indicates that a **Sabbath day's journey** separated Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. Probably because of reckoning from two different starting points, Josephus gives this distance once as five furlongs (925

meters)(3,034 feet) and another time as six furlongs (1,110 meters)(3,640 feet). Rabbinic sources, on the basis of;

- Only let there prove to be a distance between you and it of about two thousand cubits by measure, do not get near to it, in order, that you may know the way by which you should go, for you have not passed over on that way before. (Joshua 3:4)
- Indicate a Sabbath day's journey to be 2,000 cubits (890 meters)(2,920 feet)