

~KADESH (699)

(Ka'desh) [Holy Place, Kadesh-barnea, Ka'desh-bar'ne-a, Holy Place of Barnea]

- An Israelite wilderness encampment situated at the extremity of Edomite territory near the way to Shur, perhaps the modern Darb el-Shur extending from Hebron to Egypt.
- Later Yehowah's angel found her at a fountain of waters in the wilderness, at the fountain on the way to Shur. ([Genesis 16:7](#))
- That is why the well was called Beerlahairoi. Here it is between **Kadesh** and Bered. ([Genesis 16:14](#))
- Subsequently Moses sent messengers from **Kadesh** to the king of Edom; This is what your brother Israel has said; You yourself well know all the hardship that has overtaken us. ([Numbers 20:14](#))
- And our fathers proceeded to go down to Egypt, and we continued to dwell in Egypt many days, and the Egyptians began doing harm to us and our fathers. ([Numbers 20:15](#))
- Finally we cried out to Yehowah and he heard our voice and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt, and here we are in **Kadesh**, a city at the extremity of your territory. ([Numbers 20:16](#))
- **Hebrew, 'ir, city at;**
- Finally we cried out to Yehowah and he heard our voice and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt, and here we are in **Kadesh**, a city at the extremity of your territory. ([Numbers 20:16](#))
- May simply mean encampment;
- And what the land is in which they are dwelling, whether it is good or bad, and what the cities are in which they are dwelling, whether it is in encampments or in fortifications. ([Numbers 13:19](#))
- Apparently 11 days travel distance by way of Mount Seir separated **Kadesh-barnea** from Horeb.

- It being eleven days from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to **Kadesh-barnea**. (**Deuteronomy 1:2**)
- **Kadesh** is spoken of as being located in both the Wilderness of Paran and the Wilderness of Zin. Possibly Zin and Paran were adjoining wildernesses that met at **Kadesh**, and therefore, the site could be referred to as lying in either one. Or, the Wilderness of Zin may have been part of the larger Wilderness of Paran.
- So they walked and came to Moses and Aaron and all the assembly of the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at **Kadesh**. And they came bringing back word to them and all the assembly and showing them the fruitage of the land. (**Numbers 13:26**)
- And the sons of Israel, the entire assembly, proceeded to come into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people took up dwelling in **Kadesh**. It was there that Miriam died and there that she was buried. (**Numbers 20:1**)
- In Abraham's time the place was known both as En-mishpat and as **Kadesh**.
- Then they turned about and came to Enmishpat, that is, **Kadesh**, and defeated the whole field of the Amalekites and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazontamar. (**Genesis 14:7**)
- Now Abraham moved camp from there to the land of the Negeb and took up dwelling between **Kadesh** and Shur and residing as an alien at Gerar. (**Genesis 20:1**)
- It is perhaps the same site as **Kedesh**.
- And the cities at the extremity of the tribe of the sons of Judah toward the boundary of Edom in the south came to be **Kabzeel** and Eder and Jagur. (**Joshua 15:21**)
- And **Kedesh** and Hazor and Ithnan. (**Joshua 15:23**)
- `Ain Qedeis, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) South-Southwest of Beer-sheba, has been suggested as a possible identification for **Kadesh**. In the midst of a desolate wilderness

- Then we pulled away from Horeb and went marching through all that great and fear-inspiring wilderness, which you have seen, by the way of the mountainous region of the Amorites, just as Yehowah our God had commanded us, and we eventually came to **Kadesh-barnea**. (**Deuteronomy 1:19**)
- The pure and sweet water of the spring at Qedeis supports an oasis of grass, shrubs, and trees. There are also two other springs in the vicinity, **`Ain el-Qudeirat** and **`Ain el-Qeseimeh**.
- Today the largest of the three springs is **`Ain el-Qudeirat**, and for this reason some favor identifying it with **Kadesh-barnea**. However, **`Ain Qedeis** is the most easterly spring.
- Consequently, the identification of **`Ain Qedeis** with Kadesh-barnea seems to be more in line with the description of the East-West course of Canaan's southern boundary, **Kadesh-barnea**, **`Ain Qedeis**, **Hazar-addar**, **`Ain el-Qudeirat**, and **Azmon**, **`Ain el-Qeseimeh**.
- And your south side must prove to be from the wilderness of Zin alongside Edom, and your south boundary must prove to be from the extremity of the Salt Sea on the east. (**Numbers 34:3**)
- And your boundary must change direction from the south of the ascent of Akrabbim and cross over to Zin, and its termination must prove to be on the south of **Kadesh-barnea**, and it must go out to Hazar-addar and pass over to Azmon. (**Numbers 34:4**)
- And the boundary must change direction at Azmon to the torrent valley of Egypt, and its termination must prove to be at the Sea. (**Numbers 34:5**)
- If the Israelites did encamp in this area, because of the vast multitude they doubtless used all three springs. For example, the encampment just before crossing the Jordan spread out from Beth-jeshimoth to Abel-shittim.
- And they continued camping by the Jordan from Beth-jeshimoth to Abel-shittim on the desert plains of Moab. (**Numbers 33:49**)
- That was a distance of about 8 kilometers (5 miles), according to the suggested sites for those places. The distance from **Kadesh-barnea**, **`Ain Qedeis** to **Azmon**, **`Ain el-Qeseimeh** is about 14 kilometers (8.5 miles), and to **Hazar-addar**, **`Ain el-Qudeirat** is 9 kilometers (5.5

miles). So, for them to have used all three springs is not an unreasonable possibility.

- It is also possible that the whole area was called **Kadesh-barnea** with the name preserved in the Southeast spring.

See Also ADDAR 2

See Also AZMON

- In the second year after their Exodus from Egypt, the Israelites pulled away from Hazeroth and encamped at **Kadesh-barnea**.
- Now it came about that in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day in the month, the cloud lifted itself from over the tabernacle of the Testimony. (**Numbers 10:11**)
- And the sons of Israel began to pull away in the manner of their departures from the wilderness of Sinai, and the cloud proceeded to reside in the wilderness of Paran. (**Numbers 10:12**)
- 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**)
- And Yehowah's cloud was over them by day at their marching out from the encampment. (**Numbers 10:34**)
- And afterward the people pulled away from Hazeroth and took up camping in the wilderness of Paran. (**Numbers 12:16**)
- So they walked and came to Moses and Aaron and all the assembly of the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at **Kadesh**. And they came bringing back word to them and all the assembly and showing them the fruitage of the land. (**Numbers 13:26**)
- Moses then sent 12 men to spy out the Promised Land. Ten of these spies brought back a bad report, resulting in rebellious murmurings among the Israelites.
- Yehowah, therefore, sentenced the nation to wander in the wilderness. Israel's subsequent attempt to take Canaan without divine approval and direction brought humiliating defeat.

- **Yehowah now spoke to Moses, saying; (Numbers 13:1)**
- **Send out for yourself men that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel. You will send out one man for each tribe of his fathers, each one a chieftain among them. (Numbers 13:2)**
- **So Moses sent them out from the wilderness of Paran at the order of Yehowah. All the men were heads of the sons of Israel. (Numbers 13:3)**
- **And these are their names: Of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur. (Numbers 13:4)**
- **Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. (Numbers 13:5)**
- **Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. (Numbers 13:6)**
- **Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. (Numbers 13:7)**
- **Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun. (Numbers 13:8)**
- **Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. (Numbers 13:9)**
- **Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. (Numbers 13:10)**
- **Of the tribe of Joseph, for the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi. (Numbers 13:11)**
- **Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. (Numbers 13:12)**
- **Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. (Numbers 13:13)**
- **Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. (Numbers 13:14)**
- **Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. (Numbers 13:15)**
- **These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses continued to call Hoshea the son of Nun Jehoshua. (Numbers 13:16)**

- Finally at the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. (**Numbers 13:25**)
- So they walked and came to Moses and Aaron and all the assembly of the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at **Kadesh**. And they came bringing back word to them and all the assembly and showing them the fruitage of the land. (**Numbers 13:26**)
- And they went on to report to him and say; We entered into the land to which you sent us out, and it is indeed flowing with milk and honey, and this is its fruitage. (**Numbers 13:27**)
- Nevertheless, the facts are that the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the fortified cities are very great, and, too, those born of Anak we saw there. (**Numbers 13:28**)
- The Amalekites are dwelling in the land of the Negeb, and the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Amorites are dwelling in the mountainous region, and the Canaanites are dwelling by the sea and by the side of the Jordan. (**Numbers 13:29**)
- Then all the assembly raised their voice, and the people continued giving vent to their voice and weeping all through that night. (**Numbers 14:1**)
- And all the sons of Israel began to murmur against Moses and Aaron, and all the assembly began to say against them; If only we had died in the land of Egypt, or if only we had died in this wilderness! (**Numbers 14:2**)
- And why is Yehowah bringing us to this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder. Is it not better for us to return to Egypt? (**Numbers 14:3**)
- They even went to saying to one another; Let us appoint a head, and let us return to Egypt! (**Numbers 14:4**)
- At this Moses and Aaron fell upon their faces before all the congregation of the assembly of the sons of Israel. (**Numbers 14:5**)
- And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were of those who spied out the land, ripped their garments

apart. (**Numbers 14:6**)

- And they proceeded to say this to all the assembly of the sons of Israel; The land that we passed through to spy it out is a very, very good land. (**Numbers 14:7**)
- If Yehowah has found delight in us, then he will certainly bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that is flowing with milk and honey. (**Numbers 14:8**)
- Only against Yehowah do not rebel, and you, do not you fear the people of the land, for they are bread to us. Their shelter has turned away from over them, and Yehowah is with us. Do not fear them. (**Numbers 14:9**)
- And Yehowah went on to speak to Moses and Aaron, saying; (**Numbers 14:26**)
- How long will this evil assembly have this murmuring that they are carrying on against me? I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel that they are murmuring against me. (**Numbers 14:27**)
- Say to them; As I live, is the utterance of Yehowah, if I shall not do to you just that way as you have spoken in my ears! (**Numbers 14:28**)
- In this wilderness your carcasses will fall, yes, all your registered ones of all your number from twenty years old upward, you who have murmured against me. (**Numbers 14:29**)
- As for you, you will not enter into the land in which I lifted up my hand in oath to reside with you, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. (**Numbers 14:30**)
- And your little ones who you said would become plunder, these also I shall certainly bring in, and they will indeed know the land that you have rejected. (**Numbers 14:31**)
- But the carcasses of you yourselves will fall in this wilderness. (**Numbers 14:32**)
- And your sons will become shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and they will have to answer for your acts of fornication,

until your carcasses come to their end in the wilderness.
(Numbers 14:33)

- By the number of the days that you spied out the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year, you will answer for your errors forty years, as you must know what my being estranged means. (Numbers 14:34)
- However, they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain, but the ark of Yehowah's covenant and Moses did not move away from the midst of the camp. (Numbers 14:44)
- Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who were dwelling in that mountain came on down and began striking them and went scattering them as far as Hormah. (Numbers 14:45)
- And why should you dishearten the sons of Israel from crossing into the land that Yehowah will certainly give them? (Numbers 32:7)
- That is the way your fathers did when I sent them from **Kadesh-barnea** to see the land. (Numbers 32:8)
- When they went up to the torrent valley of Eshcol and saw the land, then they disheartened the sons of Israel, so as not to go into the land that Yehowah was certain to give them. (Numbers 32:9)
- Consequently Yehowah's anger blazed on that day so that he swore, saying; (Numbers 32:10)
- The men who came up out of Egypt from twenty years old upward will not see the soil of which I have sworn to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, because they have not followed me wholly. (Numbers 32:11)
- Except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, because they have followed Yehowah wholly. (Numbers 32:12)
- So Yehowah's anger blazed against Israel and he made them wander about in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that was doing evil in the eyes of Yehowah came to their end. (Numbers 32:13)

- **At this you answered and said to me; We have sinned against Yehowah. We, we shall go up and fight in accord with all that Yehowah our God has commanded us! So you girded on, each one, his weapons of war and regarded it as easy to go up into the mountain. (Deuteronomy 1:41)**
- **But Yehowah said to me, Say to them; You must not go up and fight, because I am not in your midst, that you may not be defeated before your enemies. (Deuteronomy 1:42)**
- **So I spoke to you, and you did not listen but began to behave rebelliously against Yehowah's order and to get all heated up, and you tried to go up into the mountain. (Deuteronomy 1:43)**
- **Then the Amorites who were dwelling in that mountain came out to meet you and went chasing you, just as bees do, and scattering you in Seir as far as Hormah. (Deuteronomy 1:44)**
- **After that you returned and began to weep before Yehowah, but Yehowah did not listen to your voice, neither did he give ear to you. (Deuteronomy 1:45)**
- **For some time thereafter the Israelites stayed at **Kadesh**-barnea.**
- **So you kept dwelling in **Kadesh** many days, as many days as you did dwell there. (Deuteronomy 1:46)**
- **But it was not Yehowah's purpose for them to remain there. Earlier he had said to them; While the Amalekites and the Canaanites are dwelling in the low plain, you people make a turn tomorrow a Hebrew idiom meaning, later on, as at;**
- **And it must occur that in case your son should inquire of you later on, saying; What does this mean? Then you must say to him, By strength of hand Yehowah brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slaves. (Exodus 13:14)**
- **And pull away to march to the wilderness by way of the Red Sea.**
- **While the Amalekites and the Canaanites are dwelling in the low plain, you people make a turn tomorrow and pull away to march to the wilderness by way of the Red Sea. (Numbers 14:25)**

- Accordingly, the Israelites left **Kadesh-barnea** and walked about in the wilderness for 38 years.
- Then we turned and pulled away for the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea, just as Yehowah had spoken to me, and we were many days in going around Mount Seir. (**Deuteronomy 2:1**)
- And the days that we walked from **Kadesh-barnea** until we crossed the torrent valley of Zered were thirty-eight years, until all the generation of the men of war had come to their end from the midst of the camp, just as Yehowah had sworn to them. (**Deuteronomy 2:14**)
- It seems that during these years they spent time at some 18 different places, this being the number of camp stages listed after the Israelites left Hazeroth.
- And afterward the people pulled away from Hazeroth and took up camping in the wilderness of Paran. (**Numbers 12:16**)
- So Moses sent them out from the wilderness of Paran at the order of Yehowah. All the men were heads of the sons of Israel. (**Numbers 13:3**)
- Finally at the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. (**Numbers 13:25**)
- So they walked and came to Moses and Aaron and all the assembly of the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at **Kadesh**. And they came bringing back word to them and all the assembly and showing them the fruitage of the land. (**Numbers 13:26**)
- Subsequently they pulled away from the wilderness of Sinai and went camping at Kibroth-hattaavah. (**Numbers 33:16**)
- Then they pulled away from Kibroth-hattaavah and went camping in Hazeroth. (**Numbers 33:17**)
- After that they pulled away from Hazeroth and went camping in Rithmah. (**Numbers 33:18**)
- Next they pulled away from Rithmah and took up camping in Rimmon-perez. (**Numbers 33:19**)

- Then they pulled away from Rimmon-perez and went camping in Libnah. (**Numbers 33:20**)
- Later they pulled away from Libnah and went camping in Rissah. (**Numbers 33:21**)
- Next they pulled away from Rissah and went camping in Kehelathah. (**Numbers 33:22**)
- Then they pulled away from Kehelathah and went camping in Mount Shepher. (**Numbers 33:23**)
- After that they pulled away from Mount Shepher and went camping in Haradah. (**Numbers 33:24**)
- Then they pulled away from Haradah and went camping in Makheloth. (**Numbers 33:25**)
- Next they pulled away from Makheloth and went camping in Tahath. (**Numbers 33:26**)
- After that they pulled away from Tahath and went camping in Terah. (**Numbers 33:27**)
- Then they pulled away from Terah and went camping in Mithkah. (**Numbers 33:28**)
- Later they pulled away from Mithkah and went camping in Hashmonah. (**Numbers 33:29**)
- Next they pulled away from Hashmonah and went camping in Moseroth. (**Numbers 33:30**)
- Then they pulled away from Moseroth and went camping in Bene-jaakan. (**Numbers 33:31**)
- After that they pulled away from Bene-jaakan and went camping in Hor-haggidgad. (**Numbers 33:32**)
- Next they pulled away from Hor-haggidgad and went camping in Jotbathah. (**Numbers 33:33**)
- Later they pulled away from Jotbathah and went camping in

- Abronah. (Numbers 33:34)**
- **Then they pulled away from Abronah and went camping in Ezion-geber. (Numbers 33:35)**
 - **After that they pulled away from Ezion-geber and went camping in the wilderness of Zin, that is to say; **Kadesh**. (Numbers 33:36)**
 - **Although Israel encamped at **Kadesh** after departing from Hazeroth.**
 - **After that they pulled away from Hazeroth and went camping in Rithmah. (Numbers 33:18)**
 - **Does not mention **Kadesh** after Hazeroth. This may have been an intentional omission or perhaps, as some have suggested in the past, Kadesh may be the same as Rithmah.**
 - **Finally the Israelites appear to have returned to **Kadesh** in the first month of the 40th year after the Exodus.**
 - **And the sons of Israel, the entire assembly, proceeded to come into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people took up dwelling in **Kadesh**. It was there that Miriam died and there that she was buried. (Numbers 20:1)**
 - **After that they pulled away from Ezion-geber and went camping in the wilderness of Zin, that is to say; **Kadesh**. (Numbers 33:36)**
 - **Later they pulled away from **Kadesh** and went camping in Mount Hor, on the frontier of the land of Edom. (Numbers 33:37)**
 - **And Aaron the priest proceeded to go up into Mount Hor at the order of Yehowah and to die there in the fortieth year of the going out of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first of the month. (Numbers 33:38)**
 - **And Aaron was a hundred and twenty-three years old at his death on Mount Hor. (Numbers 33:39)**
 - **Moses sister Miriam died there. Later, Moses and Aaron lost the privilege of entering the Promised Land for failing to sanctify Yehowah in connection with the miraculous provision of water for the Israelites**

encamped at **Kadesh**. From there Moses subsequently asked Edom's permission to pass through its territory.

- And the sons of Israel, the entire assembly, proceeded to come into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people took up dwelling in **Kadesh**. It was there that Miriam died and there that she was buried. (**Numbers 20:1**)
- Now there proved to be no water for the assembly, and they began to congregate themselves against Moses and Aaron. (**Numbers 20:2**)
- And the people went quarreling with Moses and saying; If only we had expired when our brothers expired before Yehowah! (**Numbers 20:3**)
- And why have you men brought Yehowah's congregation into this wilderness for us and our beasts of burden to die there? (**Numbers 20:4**)
- And why have you conducted us up out of Egypt to bring us into this evil place? It is no place of seed and figs and vines and pomegranates, and there is no water to drink. (**Numbers 20:5**)
- Then Moses and Aaron came from before the congregation to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell upon their faces, and Yehowah's glory began to appear to them. (**Numbers 20:6**)
- Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; (**Numbers 20:7**)
- Take the rod and call the assembly together, you and Aaron your brother, and you must speak to the crag before their eyes that it may indeed give its water, and you must bring out water for them from the crag and give the assembly and their beasts of burden drink. (**Numbers 20:8**)
- So Moses took the rod from before Yehowah, just as he had commanded him. (**Numbers 20:9**)
- After that Moses and Aaron called the congregation together before the crag, and he proceeded to say to them; Hear, now, you rebels! Is it from this crag that we shall bring out water for you? (**Numbers 20:10**)

- With that Moses lifted his hand up and struck the crag with his rod twice, and much water began to come out, and the assembly and their beasts of burden began to drink. (**Numbers 20:11**)
- Later Yehowah said to Moses and Aaron; Because you did not show faith in me to sanctify me before the eyes of the sons of Israel, therefore you will not bring this congregation into the land that I shall certainly give them. (**Numbers 20:12**)
- These are the waters of Meribah, because the sons of Israel quarreled with Yehowah, so that he was sanctified among them. (**Numbers 20:13**)
- Subsequently Moses sent messengers from **Kadesh** to the king of Edom; This is what your brother Israel has said; You yourself well know all the hardship that has overtaken us. (**Numbers 20:14**)
- And our fathers proceeded to go down to Egypt, and we continued to dwell in Egypt many days, and the Egyptians began doing harm to us and our fathers. (**Numbers 20:15**)
- Finally we cried out to Yehowah and he heard our voice and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt, and here we are in **Kadesh**, a city at the extremity of your territory. (**Numbers 20:16**)
- Let us pass, please, through your land. We shall not pass through a field or a vineyard, and we shall not drink the water of a well. On the king's road we shall march. We shall not bend toward the right or the left, until we shall pass through your territory. (**Numbers 20:17**)
- This request was denied, and seemingly the Israelites remained a while longer at **Kadesh**
- However, Edom said to him; You must not pass through me, for fear I may come out with the sword to meet you. (**Numbers 20:18**)
- For when they came up out of Egypt Israel went walking through the wilderness as far as the Red Sea and got to come to **Kadesh**. (**Judges 11:16**)
- Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying; Let me

pass, please, through your land, and the king of Edom did not listen. And also to the king of Moab they sent, and he did not consent. And Israel kept dwelling in **Kadesh**. (**Judges 11:17**)

- Before moving on toward the Promised Land by way of Mount Hor.
- And the sons of Israel, the entire assembly, proceeded to pull away from **Kadesh** and come to Mount Hor. (**Numbers 20:22**)
- Later they pulled away from **Kadesh** and went camping in Mount Hor, on the frontier of the land of Edom. (**Numbers 33:37**)
- When they reached the Plains of Moab, East of the Jordan, Yehowah designated **Kadesh-barnea** as a part of the southern border of the Promised Land.
- And Yehowah proceeded to speak to Moses on the desert plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying; (**Numbers 33:50**)
- And your boundary must change direction from the south of the ascent of Akrabbim and cross over to Zin, and its termination must prove to be on the south of **Kadesh-barnea**, and it must go out to Hazar-addar and pass over to Azmon. (**Numbers 34:4**)
- Later, the Israelites under Joshua conquered the area extending from **Kadesh-barnea** to Gaza.
- And Joshua went striking them from **Kadesh-barnea** to Gaza and all the land of Goshen and up to Gibeon. (**Joshua 10:41**)
- And **Kadesh-barnea** came to be on the southern boundary of Judah. (**Joshua (15:1-4)**)
- The voice of Yehowah itself makes the wilderness writhe, Yehowah makes the wilderness of **Kadesh** writhe. (**Psalms 29:8**)
- Speaks of Yehowah's voice as causing the Wilderness of **Kadesh** to writhe. The allusion may be to a violent storm that rushes from the mountains of the North to the region of **Kadesh** in the South and there blows about the sands in such a way as to give the appearance of a writhing wilderness.