

**~MERIBAH 2 (190)**  
**(Mer'i-bah) [Quarreling]**

- The name, **Meribah** was later also given to a location near Kadesh, the reason for the name likewise being Israel's **quarreling** with Moses and Yehowah about the lack of water.
- 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**)
- Unlike the place near Rephidim, where the Israelites encamped less than two months after coming out of Egypt.
- Later they departed from Elim, and the entire assembly of the sons of Israel finally came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their coming out of the land of Egypt. (**Exodus 16:1**)
- And the entire assembly of the sons of Israel proceeded to depart from the wilderness of Sin by stages, which they took according to the order of Yehowah, and went camping at Rephidim. But there was no water for the people to drink. (**Exodus 17:1**)
- In the third month after the sons of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. (**Exodus 19:1**)
- This **Meribah** did not bear the name Massah. The Scriptures sometimes distinguish it from the other location by referring to the waters of **Meribah**.
- Further, they caused provocation at the waters of **Meribah**, so that it went badly with Moses by reason of them. (**Psalms 106:32**)

- Or **the waters of Meribah** at Kadesh.
- Inasmuch as you men rebelled against my order in the wilderness of Zin at the quarreling of the assembly, in relation to sanctifying me by the waters before their eyes. These are the waters of **Meribah** at Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin. (**Numbers 27:14**)
- For the reason that you men acted undutifully toward me in the middle of the sons of Israel at the waters of **Meribah** of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin, for the reason that you men did not sanctify me in the middle of the sons of Israel. (**Deuteronomy 32:51**)
- However, at;
- In distress you called, and I proceeded to rescue you. I began to answer you in the concealed place of thunder. I went examining you at the waters of **Meribah**. (**Psalms 81:7**)
- The reference to Yehowah's examining Israel by the waters of **Meribah** may allude to the incident at **Meribah** near Rephidim.
- And as to Levi he said; Your Thummim and your Urim belong to the man loyal to you, whom you put to the test at Massah. You began to contend with him by the waters of **Meribah**. (**Deuteronomy 33:8**)
- Moses and Aaron failed to sanctify Yehowah in connection with the miraculous provision of water at **Meribah** in the Kadesh area. Therefore they lost the privilege of entering the Promised Land. This event seems to have occurred in the 40th year of Israel's wilderness wanderings.
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- **And the sons of Israel, the entire assembly, proceeded to pull away from Kadesh and come to Mount Hor. (Numbers 20:22)**
- **Then Yehowah said this to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor by the border of the land of Edom. (Numbers 20:23)**
- **Aaron will be gathered to his people, for he will not enter into the land that I shall certainly give to the sons of Israel, on the ground that you men rebelled against my order respecting the waters of Meribah. (Numbers 20:24)**
- **Take Aaron and Eleazar his son and bring them up into Mount Hor. (Numbers 20:25)**
- **And strip Aaron of his garments, and you must clothe with them Eleazar his son, and Aaron will be gathered and must die there. (Numbers 20:26)**
- **So Moses did just as Yehowah had commanded, and before the eyes of all the assembly they went climbing Mount Hor. (Numbers 20:27)**
- **Then Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and clothed Eleazar his son with them, after which Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. And Moses and Eleazar came on down from the mountain. (Numbers 20:28)**
- **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)**