

~ISRAEL; WILDERNESS WANDERINGS OF (933)

- After their deliverance from Egypt, Israel wandered for 40 years in the Wilderness of Sinai, much of the time far away from well-traveled trade routes. It was a great and fear-inspiring wilderness, with poisonous serpents and scorpions and with thirsty ground that has no water.
- Who caused you to walk through the great and fear-inspiring **wilderness**, with poisonous serpents and scorpions and with thirsty ground that has no water, who brought forth water for you out of the flinty rock. (**Deuteronomy 8:15**)
- Why were they made to undergo this ordeal?
- At Mount Sinai, the likely location of which is shown below, Yehowah assembled the **Israelites** after their departure from Egypt, gave them his laws through Moses, and organized them into a nation.
- After that they could have entered the Promised Land within a short time, but they did not. Why? Despite all that Yehowah had done for them, they failed to exercise faith and they rebelled against Moses, whom God had appointed to lead them. Choosing to believe a bad report about Canaan, the Israelites longed to be taken back to Egypt!
- 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**)

- This brought Yehowah's swift judgment. Forty years would pass before the nation would enter the Promised Land. By then, the faithless members of that generation would have died off.
- The **wilderness** experience of **Israel** is a powerful warning to Christians today to avoid the snare of lack of faith.
- For this reason, just as the Holy Spirit says; Today if you people listen to his own voice. (**Hebrews 3:7**)
- Do not harden your hearts as on the occasion of causing bitter anger, as in the day of making the test in the **wilderness**. (**Hebrews 3:8**)
- In which your forefathers made a test of me with a trial, and yet they had seen my works for forty years. (**Hebrews 3:9**)
- For this reason I became disgusted with this generation and said; They always go astray in their hearts, and they themselves have not come to know my ways. (**Hebrews 3:10**)
- So I swore in my anger, They shall not enter into my rest. (**Hebrews 3:11**)
- Beware, brothers, for fear there should ever develop in any one of you a wicked heart lacking faith by drawing away from the living God. (**Hebrews 3:12**)

Route Followed by Israelites Principal Trade Routes

Great Sea
Way to the Land of the Philistines
Jordan River
Plains of Moab
Mount Nebo
Almon-diblathaim
Dibon-gad
Arad
Iye-abarim
Zalmonah
Punon
Mount Hor
Salt Sea
Wilderness of Zin

**Bene-jaakan
Kadesh
King's Road
Way to Shur
Wilderness of Paran
Hor-haggidgad
Rissah
Jotbathah
Abronah
Ezion-geber
El Haj Route
Rimmon-perez
Wilderness of Etham
Marah
Elim
Wilderness of Sin
Dophkah
Hezeroth
Kibroth-hattaavah
Rephidim
Mount Sinai
Red Sea**

PRINCIPAL LOCATIONS With Related Scriptures

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- **And they kept saying; Is it just by Moses alone that Yehowah has spoken? Is it not by us also that he has spoken? And Yehowah was listening. (Numbers 12:2)**
- **And the man Moses was by far the meekest of all the men who were upon the surface of the ground. (Numbers 12:3)**
- **Then Yehowah suddenly said to Moses and Aaron and Miriam; Go out, the three of you, to the tent of meeting. So the three of them went out. (Numbers 12:4)**
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- **Mouth to mouth I speak to him, thus showing him, and not by riddles, and the appearance of Yehowah is what he beholds. Why, then, did you not fear to speak against my servant, against Moses? (Numbers 12:8)**
- **And Yehowah's anger got to be hot against them, and he went his way. (Numbers 12:9)**
- **And the cloud turned away from over the tent, and, look! Miriam was struck with leprosy as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and, look! She was struck with leprosy. (Numbers 12:10)**
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- **Please, do not let her continue like someone dead, whose flesh at the time of his coming out of his mother's womb is half eaten off! (Numbers 12:12)**
- **And Moses began to cry out to Yehowah, saying; O God, please! Heal her, please! (Numbers 12:13)**
- **Then Yehowah said to Moses; Were her father to spit directly in her face, would she not be humiliated seven days? Let her be quarantined seven days outside the camp, and afterward let her be received in. (Numbers 12:14)**
- **Accordingly Miriam was quarantined outside the camp seven days, and the people did not pull away until Miriam was received in. (Numbers 12:15)**
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- **Kadesh**
- **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 kings road we shall march. We shall not bend toward the right or the left, until we shall pass through your territory. (**Numbers 20:17**)
- 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**)
- In turn the sons of **Israel** said to him; By the highway we shall go up, and if I and my livestock should drink your water, I shall also certainly give the value of it. I want nothing more than to pass through on my feet. (**Numbers 20:19**)
- Still he said; You must not pass through. With that Edom came on out to encounter him with a great many people and a strong hand. (**Numbers 20:20**)
- So Edom refused to grant **Israel** to pass through his territory. Hence Israel turned away from him. (**Numbers 20:21**)
- **Kibroth-hattaavah**
- And the mixed crowd that was in the midst of them expressed selfish longing, and the sons of **Israel** too began to weep again and say; Who will give us meat to eat? (**Numbers 11:4**)
- How we remember the fish that we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers and the watermelons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic! (**Numbers 11:5**)

- **But now our soul is dried away. Our eyes are on nothing at all except the manna. (Numbers 11:6)**
- **Incidentally, the manna was like coriander seed, and its look was like the look of bdellium gum. (Numbers 11:7)**
- **The people spread out and picked it up and ground it in hand mills or pounded it in a mortar, and they boiled it in cooking pots or made it into round cakes, and its taste proved to be like the taste of an oiled sweet cake. (Numbers 11:8)**
- **And when the dew descended upon the camp by night, the manna would descend upon it. (Numbers 11:9)**
- **And Moses got to hear the people weeping in their families, each man at the entrance of his tent. And Yehowah's anger began growing very hot, and in the eyes of Moses it was bad. (Numbers 11:10)**
- **Then Moses said to Yehowah; Why have you caused evil to your servant, and why have I not found favor in your eyes, in placing the load of all this people upon me? (Numbers 11:11)**
- **Have I myself conceived all this people? Is it I who have given them birth, so that you should say to me, Carry them in your bosom, just as the male nurse carries the suckling, to the soil about which you swore to their forefathers? (Numbers 11:12)**
- **From where do I have meat to give to all this people? For they keep weeping toward me, saying; Do give us meat, and let us eat! (Numbers 11:13)**
- **I am not able, I by myself, to carry all this people, because they are too heavy for me. (Numbers 11:14)**
- **So if this is the way you are doing to me, please kill me off altogether, if I have found favor in your eyes, and let me not look upon my calamity. (Numbers 11:15)**
- **In turn Yehowah said to Moses; Gather for me seventy men of the older men of **Israel**, whom you do know that they are older men of the people and officers of theirs, and you must take them to the tent of meeting, and they must station themselves there with you. (Numbers 11:16)**

- **And I shall have to come down and speak with you there, and I shall have to take away some of the spirit that is upon you and place it upon them, and they will have to help you in carrying the load of the people that you may not carry it, just you alone. (Numbers 11:17)**
- **And to the people you should say; Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, as you will certainly eat meat, because you have wept in the ears of Yehowah, saying; Who will give us meat to eat, for it was well with us in Egypt? And Yehowah will certainly give you meat, and you will indeed eat. (Numbers 11:18)**
- **You will eat, not one day nor two days nor five days nor ten days nor twenty days. (Numbers 11:19)**
- **But up to a month of days, until it comes out of your nostrils and it has become a loathing to you, just because you rejected Yehowah, who is in your midst, and you went weeping before him, saying; Why is it that we have come out of Egypt? (Numbers 11:20)**
- **Then Moses said; The people in the midst of whom I am are six hundred thousand men on foot, and yet you, you have said; Meat I shall give them, and they will certainly eat for a month of days! (Numbers 11:21)**
- **Will flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, for it to be adequate for them? Or will all the fish of the sea be caught for them, for it to be adequate for them? (Numbers 11:22)**
- **At this Yehowah said to Moses; The hand of Yehowah is cut short, is it? Now you will see whether what I say befalls you or not. (Numbers 11:23)**
- **After that Moses went out and spoke to the people the words of Yehowah. And he went gathering seventy men from the older men of the people and proceeded to have them stand round about the tent. (Numbers 11:24)**
- **Then Yehowah came down in a cloud and spoke to him and took away some of the spirit that was upon him and put it upon each of the seventy older men. And it came about that as soon as the spirit settled down upon them, then they proceeded to act as**

prophets, but they did not do it again. (**Numbers 11:25**)

- Now there were two of the men remaining in the camp. The name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. And the spirit began to settle down upon them, as they were among those written down, but they had not gone out to the tent. So they proceeded to act as prophets in the camp. (**Numbers 11:26**)
- And a young man went running and reporting to Moses and saying; Eldad and Medad are acting as prophets in the camp! (**Numbers 11:27**)
- Then Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses from his young manhood on, responded and said; My lord Moses, restrain them! (**Numbers 11:28**)
- However, Moses said to him; Are you feeling jealous for me? No, I wish that all of Yehowah's people were prophets, because Yehowah would put his spirit upon them! (**Numbers 11:29**)
- Later Moses withdrew to the camp, he and the older men of **Israel**. (**Numbers 11:30**)
- And a wind burst forth from Yehowah and began driving quails from the sea and letting them fall above the camp about a day's journey this way and about a day's journey that way, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the earth. (**Numbers 11:31**)
- Then the people got up all that day and all night and all the next day and kept gathering the quail. The one collecting least gathered ten homers, and they kept spreading them extensively all around the camp for themselves. (**Numbers 11:32**)
- The meat was yet between their teeth, before it could be chewed, when Yehowah's anger blazed against the people, and Yehowah began striking at the people with a very great slaughter. (**Numbers 11:33**)
- The name of that place came to be called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who showed selfish craving. (**Numbers 11:34**)

- **Marah**
- In time they came to Marah, but they were not able to drink the water from Marah because it was bitter. That is why he called its name Marah. (**Exodus 15:23**)
- And the people began to murmur against Moses, saying; What are we to drink? (**Exodus 15:24**)
- Then he cried out to Yehowah. So Yehowah directed him to a tree, and he threw it into the water and the water became sweet. There He established for them a regulation and a case for judgment and there he put them to the test. (**Exodus 15:25**)
- And he went on to say; If you will strictly listen to the voice of Yehowah your God and will do what is right in his eyes and will indeed give ear to his commandments and keep all his regulations, I shall put none of the maladies upon you that I put upon the Egyptians, because I am Yehowah who is healing you. (**Exodus 15:26**)
- **Mount Hor**
- 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 all the assembly got to see that Aaron had expired, and all the house of **Israel** continued weeping for Aaron thirty days. (**Numbers 20:29**)
- All that Yehowah has commanded you by means of Moses from the day that Yehowah commanded and onward for your generations. (**Numbers 15:23**)
- It must then occur that if it has been done far from the eyes of the assembly by mistake, the whole assembly must then render up one young bull as a burnt offering for a restful odor to Yehowah, and its grain offering and its drink offering according to the regular procedure, and one kid of the goats as a sin offering. (**Numbers 15:24**)
- And the priest must make atonement for the whole assembly of the sons of **Israel**, and it must be forgiven them, because it was a mistake, and they, for their part, brought as their offering an offering made by fire to Yehowah and their sin offering before Yehowah for their mistake. (**Numbers 15:25**)
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- **Mount Hor**
- 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**)
- **Mount Nebo**
- Then Moses proceeded to go up from the desert plains of Moab into Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which fronts toward Jericho. And Yehowah went showing him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan. (**Deuteronomy 34:1**)
- And all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh and all the land of Judah as far as the western sea. (**Deuteronomy 34:2**)
- And the Negeb and the District, the valley plain of Jericho, the city of the palm trees, as far as Zoar. (**Deuteronomy 34:3**)
- And Yehowah went on to say to him; This is the land about which I have sworn to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying; To your seed I shall give it. I have caused you to see it with your own eyes, as you will not cross over there. (**Deuteronomy 34:4**)
- **Mount Sinai**

- So Jethro, Moses father-in-law, and his sons and his wife came to Moses into the **wilderness** where he was camping, at the mountain of the true God. (**Exodus 18:5**)
- For Yehowah's cloud was over the tabernacle by day, and a fire continued upon it by night in the sight of all the house of **Israel** during all their stages of journey. (**Exodus 40:38**)
- And Yehowah proceeded to call Moses and speak to him out of the tent of meeting, saying; (**Leviticus 1:1**)
- These are the commandments that Yehowah gave Moses as commands to the sons of **Israel** in Mount Sinai. (**Leviticus 27:34**)
- And Yehowah proceeded to speak to Moses in the **wilderness** of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month in the second year of their coming out of the land of Egypt, and he said. (**Numbers 1:1**)
- And it must occur that in case you should come with us, yes, it must occur that with what goodness Yehowah will do good with us, we, in turn, will do good to you. (**Numbers 10:32**)
- **Plains of Moab**
- Then the sons of **Israel** pulled away and encamped on the desert plains of Moab across the Jordan from Jericho. (**Numbers 22:1**)
- These are the commandments and the judicial decisions that Yehowah commanded by means of Moses to the sons of **Israel** on the desert plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. (**Numbers 36:13**)
- These are the words that Moses spoke to all **Israel** in the region of the Jordan in the **wilderness**, on the desert plains in front of Suph, between Paran and Tophel and Laban and Hazeroth and Dizahab. (**Deuteronomy 1:1**)
- Happy you are, O **Israel!** Who is there like you, a people enjoying salvation in Yehowah, the shield of your help, and the One who is your eminent sword? So your enemies will cringe before you, and you, upon their high places you will tread. (**Deuteronomy 33:29**)

- **Rephidim**
- **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**)**
- **And the people fell to quarreling with Moses and saying; Give us water that we may drink. But Moses said to them; Why are you quarreling with me? Why do you keep putting Yehowah to the test? (**Exodus 17:2**)**
- **And the people went on thirsting there for water, and the people kept murmuring against Moses and saying; Why is it that you have brought us up out of Egypt to put us and our sons and our livestock to death by thirst? (**Exodus 17:3**)**
- **Finally Moses cried out to Yehowah, saying; What shall I do with this people? A little longer and they will stone me! (**Exodus 17:4**)**
- **Then Yehowah said to Moses; Pass in front of the people and take with you some of the older men of **Israel** and your rod with which you struck the Nile River. Take it in your hand and you must walk on. (**Exodus 17:5**)**
- **Look! I am standing before you there on the rock in Horeb. And you must strike on the rock, and water must come out of it, and the people must drink it. Subsequently Moses did so under the eyes of the older men of **Israel**. (**Exodus 17:6**)**
- **So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the sons of **Israel** and because of their putting Yehowah to the test, saying; Is Yehowah in our midst or not? (**Exodus 17:7**)**
- **And the Amalekites proceeded to come and fight against **Israel** in Rephidim. (**Exodus 17:8**)**
- **At this Moses said to Joshua; Choose men for us and go out, fight against the Amalekites. Tomorrow I am stationing myself upon the top of the hill, with the rod of the true God in my hand. (**Exodus 17:9**)**

- Then Joshua did just as Moses had said to him, in order to fight against the Amalekites, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. (**Exodus 17:10**)
- And it occurred that as soon as Moses would lift his hand up, the **Israelites** proved superior, but as soon as he would let down his hand, the Amalekites proved superior. (**Exodus 17:11**)
- When the hands of Moses were heavy, then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat upon it, and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on this side and the other on that side, so that his hands held steady until the sun set. (**Exodus 17:12**)
- Hence Joshua vanquished Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. (**Exodus 17:13**)
- Yehowah now said to Moses; Write this as a memorial in the book and propound it in Joshua's ears, I shall completely wipe out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens. (**Exodus 17:14**)
- And Moses proceeded to build an altar and to call its name Yehowah-nissi. (**Exodus 17:15**)
- Saying; Because a hand is against the throne of Yah, Yehowah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. (**Exodus 17:16**)
- **Wilderness of Sin**
- 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** began to murmur against Moses and Aaron in the **wilderness**. (**Exodus 16:2**)
- And the sons of **Israel** kept saying to them; If only we had died by Yehowah's hand in the land of Egypt while we were sitting by the pots of meat, while we were eating bread to satisfaction, because you have brought us out into this **wilderness** to put this whole congregation to death by famine. (**Exodus 16:3**)

- Then Yehowah said to Moses; Here I am raining down bread for you from the heavens, and the people must go out and pick up each his amount day for day, in order, that I may put them to the test as to whether they will walk in my Law or not. (**Exodus 16:4**)
- And it must occur on the sixth day that they must prepare what they will bring in, and it must prove double what they keep picking up day by day. (**Exodus 16:5**)
- So Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of **Israel**; At evening you will certainly know that it is Yehowah who has brought you out from the land of Egypt. (**Exodus 16:6**)
- And in the morning you will indeed see Yehowah's glory, because he has heard your murmurings against Yehowah. And what are we that you should murmur against us? (**Exodus 16:7**)
- And Moses continued; It will be when Yehowah gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to satisfaction, because Yehowah has heard your murmurings that you are murmuring against him. And what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against Yehowah. (**Exodus 16:8**)
- And Moses went on to say to Aaron; Say to the entire assembly of the sons of **Israel**, Come near before Yehowah, because he has heard your murmurings. (**Exodus 16:9**)
- Then it occurred that as soon as Aaron had spoken to the entire assembly of the sons of **Israel**, they turned and faced toward the **wilderness**, and, look! Yehowah's glory appeared in the cloud. (**Exodus 16:10**)
- And Yehowah spoke further to Moses, saying; (**Exodus 16:11**)
- I have heard the murmurings of the sons of **Israel**. Speak to them, saying; Between the two evenings you will eat meat and in the morning you will be satisfied with bread, and you will certainly know that I am Yehowah your God. (**Exodus 16:12**)
- Accordingly it occurred that in the evening the quails began to come up and cover the camp, and in the morning there had developed a layer of dew round about the camp. (**Exodus 16:13**)
- In time the layer of dew evaporated and here upon the surface of

- the **wilderness** there was a fine flaky thing, fine like hoarfrost upon the earth. (**Exodus 16:14**)
- When the sons of **Israel** got to see it, they began to say to one another; What is it? For they did not know what it was. Hence Moses said to them; It is the bread that Yehowah has given you for food. (**Exodus 16:15**)
 - This is the word that Yehowah has commanded, Pick up some of it, each one in proportion to his eating. You are to take an omer measure for each individual according to the number of the souls that each of you has in his tent. (**Exodus 16:16**)
 - And the sons of **Israel** began to do so, and they went picking it up, some gathering much and some gathering little. (**Exodus 16:17**)
 - When they would measure it by the omer, he that had gathered much had no surplus and he that had gathered little had no shortage. They picked it up each one in proportion to his eating. (**Exodus 16:18**)
 - Then Moses said to them; Let nobody leave any of it until the morning. (**Exodus 16:19**)
 - But they did not listen to Moses. When some men would leave some of it until the morning, it would breed worms and stink, so that Moses became indignant at them. (**Exodus 16:20**)
 - And they would pick it up morning by morning, each one in proportion to his eating. When the sun got hot, it melted. (**Exodus 16:21**)
 - And it came about on the sixth day that they picked up twice as much bread, two omer measures for one person. So all the chieftains of the assembly came and reported it to Moses. (**Exodus 16:22**)
 - At that he said to them; It is what Yehowah has spoken. Tomorrow there will be a Sabbath observance of a holy Sabbath to Yehowah. What you can bake, bake, and what you can boil, boil, and all the surplus that there is save it up for you as something to be kept until the morning. (**Exodus 16:23**)

- Accordingly they saved it up until the morning, just as Moses had commanded, and it did not stink nor did maggots develop in it. (**Exodus 16:24**)
- Then Moses said; Eat it today, because today is a Sabbath to Yehowah. Today you will not find it in the field. (**Exodus 16:25**)
- Six days you will pick it up, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath. On it none will form. (**Exodus 16:26**)
- However, it came about on the seventh day that some of the people did go out to pick it up, but they found none. (**Exodus 16:27**)
- Consequently Yehowah said to Moses; How long must you people refuse to keep my commandments and my Laws? (**Exodus 16:28**)
- Mark the fact that Yehowah has given you the Sabbath. That is why he is giving you on the sixth day the bread of two days. Keep sitting each one in his own place. Let nobody go out from his locality on the seventh day. (**Exodus 16:29**)
- And the people proceeded to observe the Sabbath on the seventh day. (**Exodus 16:30**)
- And the house of **Israel** began to call its name **manna**. And it was white like coriander seed, and its taste was like that of flat cakes with honey. (**Exodus 16:31**)
- Then Moses said; This is the word that Yehowah has commanded, Fill an omer measure of it as something to be kept throughout your generations, in order, that they may see the bread that I made you eat in the **wilderness** when I was bringing you out of the land of Egypt. (**Exodus 16:32**)
- So Moses said to Aaron; Take a jar and put in it an omerful of manna and deposit it before Yehowah as something to be kept throughout your generations. (**Exodus 16:33**)
- Just as Yehowah had commanded Moses, Aaron proceeded to deposit it before the Testimony as something to be kept. (**Exodus 16:34**)

- And the sons of **Israel** ate the manna forty years, until their coming to a land inhabited. The manna was what they ate until their coming to the frontier of the land of Canaan. (**Exodus 16:35**)
- Now an omer is a tenth of an ephah measure. (**Exodus 16:36**)
- Oases were few and far between in this land that was described as having no water.
- It was a great and fear-inspiring **wilderness** through which **Israel** wandered for 40 years
- The head of the Gulf of `Aqaba. The **Israelites** camped here after being denied permission to pass through Edom.