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1ST & 2ND
SAMUEL

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

ISRAEL'S REBELLIOUSNESS

1 SAMUEL 12:14–25



SEA

10 20 Miles
20 Kilometers

Megiddo Shunem
Taanach Jezreel Beth-shan

Ramoth-gilead

Mt. Gilboa

Jabesh-gilead

Socoh

Bezek

Tirzah

Jabbok

Mahanaim River

Shechem

G i l e a d

A M M O N

Aphek

Shiloh

Rabbah (Amman)

Bethel

Mizpah

Shittim

Heshbon

Aijalon

Ramah

Gilgal

Ashdod

Ekron

Gibeah

Jebus

P H I L I S T I A

Wilderness of Judah

DEAD SEA

M O A B

S t e r n

Ziklag

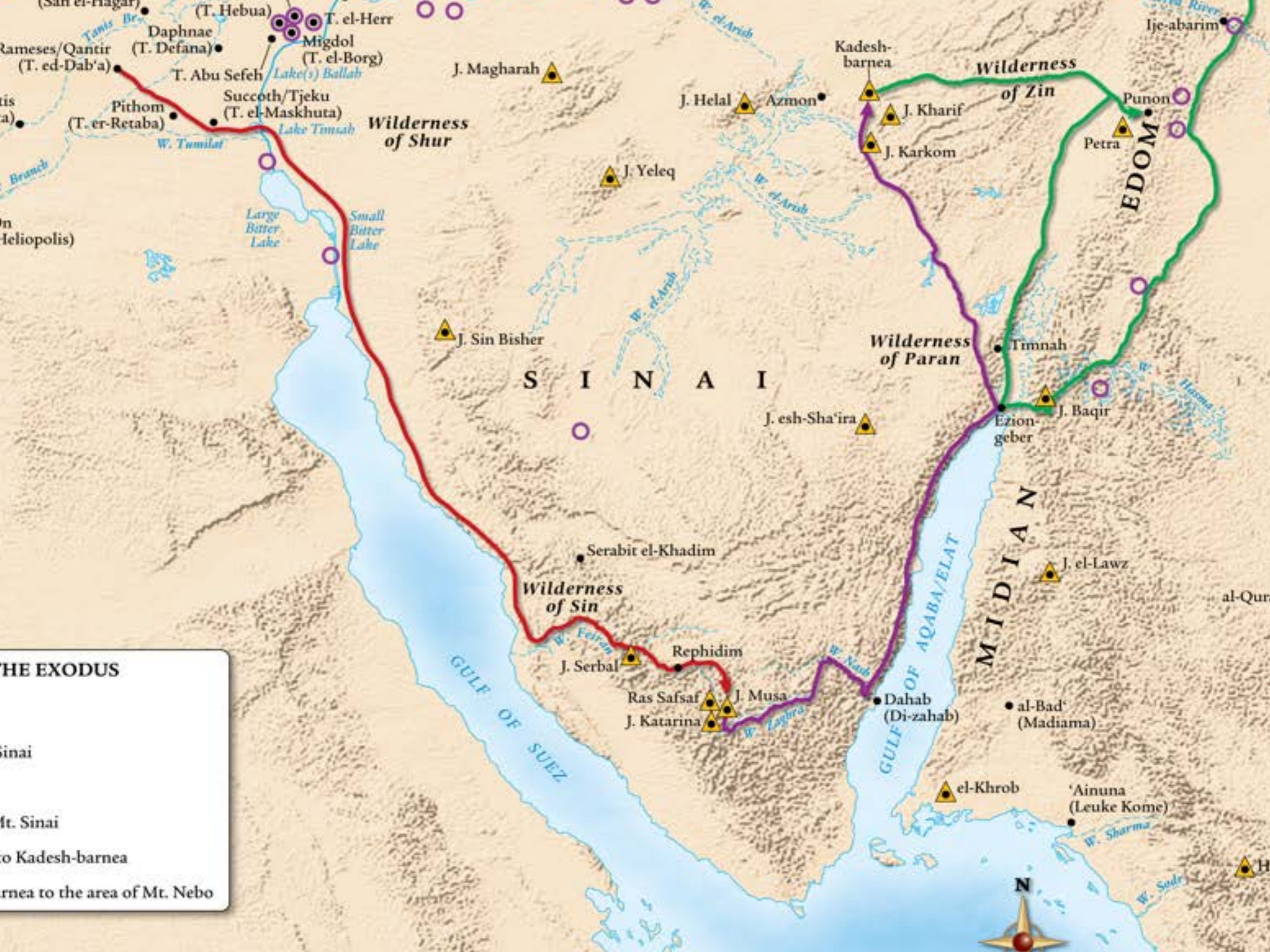
Dibon

Arnon River

Engedi

1 Sam. 12:14, “If you fear the LORD and serve Him and obey His voice, and do not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then both you and the king who reigns over you will continue following the LORD your God.

1 Sam. 12:15, “However, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you, as it was against your fathers.”



THE EXODUS

Sinai
 Mt. Sinai
 to Kadesh-barnea
 barnea to the area of Mt. Nebo



Rebelliousness: From Egypt to Sinai

- 1. Complained against Moses because of the bitter water at Marah; Solution: God instructed Moses to put a tree in the water. Exodus 15:22–25;**
- 2. Complaining about the lack of bread and meat; Solution: Manna in the morning, quail meat in the evening. Exodus 16:2–3;**
- 3. Complaining at Rephidim: no water, called the place *Massah* (tempted) and *Meribah* (contention). Exodus 17;**

Rebelliousness: **At Sinai**

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Deut. 9:7, “Remember! Do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day that you departed from the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.

Deut. 9:8, “Also in Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry enough with you to have destroyed you.”

Rebelliousness: **At Sinai**

- 1. Operation Golden Calf: The people demand that Aaron build a molded idol from gold for them to worship. 3,000 disobedient executed by the Levites; Exodus 32**
- 2. The rebellion of Nadab and Abihu; Lev. 10:1–3.**

Rebelliousness: From Sinai to Kadesh Barnea

1. ***Taberah:*** The people complained against the Lord. The Lord punished them with a fire which killed some in the outskirts of the camp. Num. 11:1–4.

Rebelliousness: From Sinai to Kadesh Barnea

2. Then, the mixed multitude among them complained about the lack of food; no wonderful cuisine like in Egypt. Num. 11:5–10. The people wept in their tents, it was a loud and obnoxious noise and Moses went to the Lord to complain about the people.

Num. 11:18, “Then you shall say to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, “Who will give us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Egypt.” Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat.

Num. 11:19, “ ‘You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,’ ”

Num. 11:20, “ ‘but for a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have despised the LORD who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, “Why did we ever come up out of Egypt?” ’ ”

Num. 11:31, “Now a wind went out from the LORD, and it brought quail from the sea and left them fluttering near the camp, about a day’s journey on this side and about a day’s journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the ground.

Num. 11:32, “And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers); and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.”

Num. 11:33, “But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague.

Num. 11:34, “So he called the name of that place *Kibroth Hattaavah* [the graves of greediness], because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving.”

Rebelliousness: From Sinai to Kadesh Barnea

- 3. The complaining of Miriam and Aaron against the authority of Moses. Miriam became leprous all over her body, but God healed her. Num. 12**

Rebelliousness: From Kadesh Barnea to the Jordan

- 1. At Kadesh the people send out the 12 spies, 10 return with negative reports and the people weep and complain against God. They tried to stone Caleb and Joshua for giving a good report. God punishes them by not allowing that generation to enter into the land.**



Deut. 1:26, “Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God;”

Deut. 1:43, “So I spoke to you; yet you would not listen, but rebelled against the command of the LORD, and presumptuously went up into the mountain.”

Deut. 9:7, “Remember! Do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day that you departed from the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.”

Rebelliousness: From Kadesh Barnea to the Jordan

- 2. Then they tried to attack the Canaanites in their own power and were driven back.
Num. 14:14–45**

Num. 14:29, “The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.”

Num. 14:32, “But as for you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness.

Num. 14:33, “And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness.”

Rebelliousness: From Kadesh Barnea to the Jordan

- 3. The rebellion of Korah and Dathan and Abiram against Aaron. 250 were destroyed. The next day another 14,700 were killed. Num. 16**
- 4. Miriam died outside of the land. Num. 20:1**

Rebelliousness: From Kadesh Barnea to the Jordan

5. The people contended with Moses at that time due to a lack of water, and Moses disobeyed God and *struck the rock* rather than speaking to it, Num. 20:8, 12–14. Also called *Meribah* because the people contended with God there. For this disobedience neither Aaron nor Moses will enter the land, Num. 20:24.

Num. 20:24 “Aaron shall be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land which I have given to the children of Israel, because you rebelled against My word at the water of Meribah.”

Num. 27:14, “For in the Wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My command to hallow Me at the waters before their eyes.” (These are the waters of Meribah, at Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.)

Rebelliousness: From Kadesh Barnea to the Jordan

6. The people spoke against the Lord saying God brought them into the wilderness to die. The punishment was the fiery serpents. Num. 21:1–7

7. The men of Israel were seduced by the woman of Moab and God brought another plague on them in Num. 25. This was an act of religious worship to join with Baal Peor. All of the offenders were to be hung, a total of 24,000 were killed. 23,000 in one day, a thousand later the next day.

Deut. 31:27, “for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. If today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD, then how much more after my death?”

1 Sam. 12:15, “However, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you, as it was against your fathers.”

Ex. 9:3, “behold, the hand of the LORD will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep—a very severe pestilence.”

Josh. 4:24, “that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

Deut. 2:15, “For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp until they were consumed.”

Judg. 2:15, “Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for calamity, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.”

1 Sam. 12:16, “Now therefore, stand and see this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes:

1 Sam. 12:17, “Is today not the wheat harvest? I will call to the LORD, and He will send thunder and rain, that you may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking a king for yourselves.”

1 Sam. 12:18, “So Samuel called to the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.”

Confession

1 Sam. 12:19, “And all the people said to Samuel, ‘Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of asking a king for ourselves.’ ”

Grace

1 Sam. 12:20, “Then Samuel said to the people, ‘Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart.

1 Sam. 12:21, “ ‘And do not turn aside; for then you would go after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are nothing.’ ”

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empty, chaos**

1 Sam. 12:22, “For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name’s sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people.

1 Sam. 12:23, “Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.”

1 Sam. 12:24, “Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.

1 Sam. 12:25, “But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king.”

Deut. 27:10, “You shall therefore obey the LORD your God, and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you today.”