

## Chukkat – Regulation

### Numbers 19:1-22:1

In this parashah, we will cover the following chiasms and/or parallels:

- Ashes of a red heifer (C)
- Israel contends with YHVH (C), followed by thematic parallels of the 3 waters of contention.
- King of Edom refuses passage (P)
- Death of Aaron (P)
- Destruction of Arad (C)
- Fiery serpents (P)
- Traveling and gathering of the people (C)
- Wars against Sihon and Og (C)

Ashes of a Red Heifer			
C	Numbers 19:1-16	Numbers 19:17-22	Comments
<b>A 1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 19:1-10a</p> <p>19 Now the Lord spoke to <b>Moses and Aaron</b>, saying, 2 "This is the ordinance of the law which the Lord has commanded, saying: 'Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a <b>red heifer</b> (פָּרָה אֲדָמָה) without blemish, in which there is no defect and on which a yoke has never come. 3 You shall give it to Eleazar the priest, that he may take it outside the camp, and it shall be slaughtered before him; 4 and Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger,</p>	<p>Num 19:21b-22</p> <p>and he who touches the <b>water of purification</b> shall be unclean until evening.</p> <p>22 Whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the person who touches it shall be unclean until evening."</p>	<p>Yeshua was without sin (2 Corinthians 5:21)</p> <p>The soldiers took Yeshua's garments and crucified Him <b>near the city of Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>Yeshua's blood was shed before, during, and after his death.</p> <p>People watched Yeshua die on a wooden cross.</p>

<p>and sprinkle some of its blood seven times directly in front of the tabernacle of meeting. 5 Then the heifer shall be burned in his sight: its hide, its flesh, its blood, and its offal shall be burned.</p> <p>6 And the priest shall take cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet, and cast them into the midst of the fire burning the heifer.</p> <p>7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, he shall bathe in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp; <b>the priest shall be unclean until evening.</b></p> <p>8 And the one who burns it shall wash his clothes in water, bathe in water, and <b>shall be unclean until evening.</b></p> <p><b>9 Then a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and store them outside the camp in a clean place;</b> and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for <b>the water of purification; it is for purifying from sin.</b></p> <p>10 And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until evening.</p>		<p>Yeshua's asked His Father to "<i>forgive them...</i>" (Luke 23:34)</p> <p>Yeshua said He was thirsty so a sponge filled with sour wine was put on <i>hyssop</i> and put to His mouth.</p> <p>After that, Yeshua said, "It is finished" and gave up His spirit.</p> <p><b>A soldier [<i>unclean</i> man]</b> pierced Yeshua's side with a spear causing blood and water to come out at the base of the cross.</p> <p><b>Ritually <i>clean</i> men:</b> Joseph of Arimathea got permission to take the body of Jesus for burial.</p> <p>Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes. Then they took the body of Yeshua, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices according to Jewish custom and buried Yeshua in a new unused tomb.</p> <p><b>They became <i>unclean</i></b> because of their contact with a dead body. (Num. 19:11-13)</p> <p>Hebrews 9:13-15</p>
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<b>B1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 19:10</p> <p>It shall be a statute forever to the children of Israel and to the stranger who dwells among them.</p>	<p>Numbers 19:21a</p> <p>21 It shall be a perpetual statute for them. He who sprinkles the water of purification shall wash his clothes;</p>	<p>It is perpetual.</p> <p>Hebrews 10:14 <i>For by one offering He (Yeshua) has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.</i></p> <p>Yeshua is our red heifer.</p>
<b>C</b>	<p>Numbers 19:11-13</p> <p>11 'He who touches the dead body of anyone shall be <b>unclean seven days</b>.</p> <p>12 He shall purify himself with the water on the <b>third day</b> and on the <b>seventh day</b>;</p>	<p>Numbers 19:17-20</p> <p>17 'And for an unclean person they shall take some of the ashes of the heifer burnt for purification from sin, and running water shall be put on them in a vessel.</p>	<p>Seven days is a time of complete uncleanness.</p> <p>Yeshua rose from the dead on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.</p> <p>It is believed Yeshua will return for the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium.</p>

	<p>then he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself on the <b>third day</b> and on the <b>seventh</b> day, he will not be clean.</p> <p>13 Whoever <b>touches the body</b> of anyone who has died, and does not purify himself, <b>defiles the tabernacle of the Lord.</b></p> <p>That person shall be cut off from Israel. He shall be unclean, because the water of purification was not sprinkled on him; his uncleanness is still on him.</p>	<p>18 A <b>clean person</b> shall take hyssop and dip it in the water, <b>sprinkle it on the tent, on all the vessels, on the persons who were there, or on the one who touched a bone, the slain, the dead, or a grave.</b></p> <p>19 The <b>clean person</b> shall sprinkle the unclean on the <b>third day</b> and on the <b>seventh day</b>; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, wash his clothes, and bathe in water; and at evening he shall be clean.</p> <p>20 'But the man who is <b>unclean</b> and does not purify himself, that person shall be <b>cut off</b> from among the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the Lord. <b>The water of purification has not been sprinkled on him; he is unclean.</b></p>	<p>1 Corinthians 6:11 <i>And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus (Yeshua) and by the Spirit of our God.</i></p> <p>Hebrews 10:19-22 <i>19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus (Yeshua), 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.</i></p> <p>Revelation 1:5-6 <i>To Him who loved us and <b>washed us</b> from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.</i></p>
<b>D</b>	<p>Numbers 19:14-16</p> <p>14 'This is the law when a man dies in a tent: <b>All who come into the tent and all who are in the tent shall be unclean seven days;</b></p>		<p><b>Those who have become unclean by contact with the dead (or the other things listed) who do not use the water of purification will not receive the benefit of the cleansing of the water of purification.</b></p>

	<p><b>15 and every open vessel, which has no cover fastened on it, is unclean.</b></p> <p><b>16 Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain by a sword or who has died, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.</b></p>		
<p>Some have suggested that they making a form of lye. I'm not sure that was the case.</p> <p>These ashes were stored dry in a clean place outside the camp. Later, they were stored in the Temple. When they were needed, a portion of the ashes was mixed with living water so they could be used for purification.</p>			

Israel Contends with YHVH			
C	Numbers 20:1-11	Numbers 20:12-13	Comments
A1-2	<p>Numbers 20:1-5</p> <p>20 Then the children of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the Wilderness of Zin in the first month, and <b>the people stayed in Kadesh</b>; and <b>Miriam died</b> there and was buried there.</p> <p>2 Now there was <b>no water</b> for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron.</p> <p>3 And the people <b>contended</b> with Moses and spoke, saying: "If only we had died when our brethren died before the Lord!</p>	<p>Numbers 20:13</p> <p>13 This was the <b>water of Meribah (מְרִיבָה)</b>, because the children of Israel <b>contended</b> with the Lord, and <b>He was hallowed</b> among them.</p>	<p>The people contend with YHVH as they had done in times past.</p> <p>They accused Him of bringing them into the wilderness to kill them.</p> <p>It was not the place He had promised to bring them.</p> <p>At this point, Moses' sister, Miriam, a prophetess, died.</p> <p>They had the opportunity to go to that land with the plenty of water, figs, pomegranates, grapes, etc.; but they refused to go in. Therefore, their</p>

	<p>4 Why have you brought up the assembly of the Lord into this wilderness, that we and our animals should die here? 5 And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates; nor is there any water to drink."</p>		<p>punishment was what they had accused YHWH of bringing them out of Egypt for.</p> <p>They eventually hallowed (sanctified) Him.</p>
<b>B1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 20:6-8</p> <p>6 So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And the glory of the Lord appeared to them.</p> <p>7 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 8 "<b>Take the rod</b>; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. <b>Speak to the rock</b> before their eyes, and it will yield its water; <b>thus you shall bring water for them</b> out of the rock, and <b>give drink</b> to the congregation and their animals."</p>	<p>Numbers 20:12</p> <p>12 Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, "<b>Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me</b> in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."</p>	<p>YHWH gave Moses and Aaron instructions, but their behavior showed a lack of belief which thereby did not hallow or sanctify Him in the sight of the congregation.</p> <p>They did not demonstrate eternal thematic God's plan before the people.</p> <p>See next chart below.</p>
<b>C1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 20:9-11</p> <p>9 So Moses took the rod from before the Lord as He commanded him.</p>		<p>Moses started off right by taking the rod in his hand and gathering the assembly together, but he didn't do what he was supposed to do with the rod.</p>

	<p>10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?" 11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.</p>		<p>YHVH, despite Moses' disobedience, kept His end of the instructions; He provided water for the people and their animals.</p>
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We have had other past instances of the people complaining of the lack of water that was necessary for life. When we combine these events, we see something that we may not have seen otherwise.

Waters of Contention		
Exodus 15:22-27 Numbers 33:1-8	Exodus 17:1-7 Numbers 33:9-14	Numbers 33:15-49
<p><b>Route:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rameses</li> <li>• Succoth</li> <li>• Etham</li> <li>• Pi Hahiroth – east of Baal Zephon, camped near Migdol</li> <li>• Red/Reed Sea (יָם סוּף)</li> <li>• Wilderness of Shur (מִדְבַּר שׁוּר)</li> <li>• Wilderness of Etham (מִדְבַּר אֶתָם) – they went 3 days without finding water.</li> <li>• Marah (מָרָה) – bitter water was made sweet</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p><b>Route:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elim (אֵילָן ; palm trees; strong ones)– camped where there were 12 wells of water and 70 palm trees.</li> <li>• Red Sea</li> <li>• Wilderness of Sin (מִדְבַּר סִינַי) -between Elim and Sinai (arrived 15<sup>th</sup> day of 2<sup>nd</sup> month since leaving Egypt) – received manna.</li> <li>• Dophkah</li> <li>• Alush</li> <li>• Rephidim (רַפִּידִים ; railings) – camped there, but there was no water.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Route (Numbers 33:15-49):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wilderness of Sinai, camped before the mountain (3<sup>rd</sup> months since leaving Egypt)</li> <li>• Kibroth Hattaavah – place where they buried the people who had yielded to the craving for the quail (Numbers 11:31-34).</li> <li>• Hazeroth</li> <li>• Rithmah</li> <li>• Rimmon Perez</li> <li>• Libnah</li> <li>• Rissah</li> <li>• Kehelathah</li> <li>• Mount Shepher</li> <li>• Haradah</li> </ul>

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		See Numbers 21:12--22:1 – locations mentioned differ a bit between Ije Abarim and the plains of Moab.
<b>Remember, the people are in the wilderness.</b>		
<p>At Marah, the people complained against Moses because of the bitter water so he cried out to YHVH. <b>He showed Moses a tree (עֵץ ; wood). When he cast it into the waters; it made the waters sweet (healed, 2 Kings 2:21-22).</b></p> <p>YHVH made a statute and an ordinance for them, and He tested them there. If they would diligently hear the voice of YHVH and do what is right in his sight (give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes), YHVH promised to not put the diseases on them which He brought on the Egyptians.</p>	<p>The people contended with Moses by demanding water to drink, and tested God by asking if YHVH was among them or not.</p> <p>Moses cried out to YHVH. He asked YHVH what to do since the people were ready to stone him. YHVH told him to take some of the elders and his rod, and go. <b>YHVH told Moses to stand on the rock in Horeb; Moses was to strike it, and water would come out of it so the people could drink.</b></p> <p>Moses obeyed, and the people drank.</p> <p>Moses called the place Massah (מַסָּה ; testing) and Meribah (מִרְיָבָה ; quarrel, contention).</p> <p>Amalek fought with Israel in Rephadim. Aaron and Hur held up Moses' arms until they attained victory.</p>	<p>Miriam died in the Wilderness of Zin and was buried.</p> <p>There was no water. The people contended with Moses. Moses and Aaron consulted with YHVH at the door of the tabernacle. <b>YHVH told Moses to take the rod and gather the congregation and speak to the rock in order to bring forth water. Instead of speaking to the rock, Moses struck it twice and water came out.</b> In doing so, Moses did not believe YHVH and hallow Him in the eyes of the people. As a result, Moses was not permitted to bring the people into the land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This was the water of Meribah, even though they were in Kadesh, because the children of Israel contended with YHVH, and He was hallowed among them.</li> </ul> <p>See also Deuteronomy 32:51.</p>
<p>Water was something that was necessary for life. That's why Yeshua indicated he was the source of living water or the water of life (John 7:37-38; Revelation 21:6, 22:1, 17).</p> <p><b>Notice how these three columns reveal a story to us:</b></p> <p>1A - Moses was to <b>lay the wood/tree of life on</b> the bitter water to heal it.</p> <p>2 - Moses <b>struck</b> the rock once so that water would flow out. Note that the battle with Amalek took place afterwards.</p> <p>1B- Moses was supposed to <b>speak</b> to the rock to bring forth water.</p> <p><b>Now, go fast-forward in time:</b></p>		

1A – Yeshua, the **Tree of Life**, often **laid His hands** on the sick for their healing.

2 – Yeshua's body was laid out on a cross. Nails pierced His hands and feet. He was lifted up with both arms outstretched. After His death, one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. (John 19:34-35) Yeshua, the Shepherd, **was struck**, and His disciples were scattered (Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27). He, Himself, bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24-25)

1B – Yeshua often **spoke** and people were healed. He **preached** repentance to the people, as well as the gospel of the kingdom of God.

**How else does this pattern play out in the life of others?**

1A - Yeshua's disciples, the elders of the church, and those with the gift of healing were/are to **lay hands on** the sick for their healing.

2- Yeshua's disciples are often "struck" by being **persecuted, tortured, and martyred** for their faith in Yeshua Messiah.

1B – The disciples began **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom of God so that people repented, **were saved**, and were filled with the Holy Spirit.

**By not doing as YHVH commanded, he was not demonstrating this pattern before the people.**

King of Edom Refuses Passage			
P	Numbers 20:14-18	Numbers 19	Comments
A1-2	Numbers 20:14-17  14 Now Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom. "Thus says your brother Israel: 'You know all the hardship that has befallen us, 15 how our fathers went down to Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians afflicted us and our fathers. 16 When we cried out to the Lord, He heard our voice and sent the Angel and brought us up out of Egypt;	Numbers 20:19  19 So the children of Israel said to him, "We will go by the Highway, and if I or my livestock drink any of your water, then I will pay for it; let me only pass through on foot, nothing more."	Moses wanted his people to pass through the territory of Edom. He promised they were not going to ingest their food and water. They intended to go along the King's Highway.

	<p>now here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your border.</p> <p>17 Please <b>let us pass through your country</b>. We will not pass through fields or vineyards, nor will we drink water from wells; <b>we will go along the King's Highway</b>; we will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed through your territory."</p>		
<b>B1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 20:18</p> <p>18 Then Edom said to him, "<b>You shall not pass through my land, lest I come out against you with the sword.</b>"</p>	<p>Numbers 20:20-21</p> <p>20 Then he said, "<b>You shall not pass through.</b>" <b>So Edom came out against them with many men and with a strong hand.</b> 21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory; so Israel turned away from him.</p>	<p>The king of Edom refused to let them pass through and showed force so that they turned away to go another way. This caused them to go another way. Becoming discouraged, they complained again about how they felt God brought them out of Egypt to die in the wilderness. This would result in another deadly punishment. See Numbers 21:4-6</p>

Death of Aaron			
P	Numbers 20:22-26	Numbers 20:27-29	Comments
<b>A1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 20:22</p> <p>22 Now the children of Israel, the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh and came to Mount Hor.</p>	<p>Numbers 20:27</p> <p>27 So Moses did just as the Lord commanded, and they went up to</p>	<p>The people are still in Kadesh after <b>Miriam's death</b> and after the 3<sup>rd</sup> incident of complaining there was no water.</p>

		Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.	They'd been refused passage through the territory of Edom, so they took another route and came to Mount Hor.
<b>B1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 20:23-26</p> <p>23 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor by the border of the land of Edom, saying: 24 <b>"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.</b></p> <p>25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor; 26 and strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son;</p> <p><b>for Aaron shall be gathered to his people and die there."</b></p>	<p>Numbers 20:28-29</p> <p>28 Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son;</p> <p><b>and Aaron died there on the top of the mountain.</b></p> <p>Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain.</p> <p>29 Now when all the congregation saw that <b>Aaron was dead, all the house of Israel mourned for Aaron thirty days.</b></p>	<p>It is now time for <b>Aaron's death</b>. The reason is because Moses rebelled against YHVH's word at the water of Meribah.</p> <p>It was time to pass the priesthood on to Aaron's son, Eleazar. Recall that Eleazar had already been anointed in the past. He just needed to be clothed with the priestly garments.</p> <p>Despite everything that has happened, the people still mourn Aaron's death.</p>

Destruction of Arad			
C	Numbers 21:1-2	Numbers 21:3	Comments
<b>A1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 21:1</p> <p>21 The king of Arad, the Canaanite, who dwelt in the South, heard that Israel was coming on the road to Atharim. Then he fought against</p>	<p>Numbers 21:3</p> <p>3 And the Lord listened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites, and they utterly destroyed them and</p>	<p>The king of Edom was not the only one who didn't want Israel to pass through his land.</p>

	Israel and took some of them prisoners.	their cities. So the name of that place was called Hormah.	<p>The king of Arad fought against them and took some of them prisoners once he heard they were on the road to Atharim.</p> <p>YHVH hears their vow to destroy the cities of Arad. YHVH utterly destroyed the Canaanites for them.</p>
<b>B</b>	<p>Numbers 21:2</p> <p>2 So Israel made a <b>vow</b> to the Lord, and said, "If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities."</p>		<p>This vow shows that the people are now serious about war in the future.</p> <p>Joshua 12:14 indicates that another king of Arad was one of the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel conquered later.</p>

Fiery Serpents			
P	Numbers 21:4-6	Numbers 21:7-9	Comments
<b>A1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 21:4-5</p> <p>4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "<b>Why have you brought us up out of</b></p>	<p>Numbers 21:7</p> <p>7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.</p>	<p>As mentioned earlier, the people began to complain as they became discouraged while going around the land of Edom.</p> <p>The same complaint arose among the people. They accused Moses of bringing them out of Egypt to have them die in the wilderness, they complained of the lack of food and water, and expressed dissatisfaction with YHVH's provision of manna. In other words, they have sinned against Moses and YHVH.</p>

	<p><b>Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread."</b></p>		<p>This has become a repetitive sin among the people. They tend to forget that until YHVH punishes them for it. The serious consequences of their actions cause them to repent.</p> <p>Moses, despite being frustrated with their sin, always finds sympathy for the people and intercedes for them.</p> <p>He is much like the man Yeshua who is the mediator between God and man, not only for the Jew, but also the Gentile. 1 Timothy 2:5-7.</p>
<b>B1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 21:6</p> <p>6 So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.</p>	<p>Numbers 21:8-9</p> <p>8 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live."</p> <p>9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.</p>	<p>YHVH teaches the people a painful lesson. He sent fiery serpents among them to bit the people, many of whom died.</p> <p>Having done this, YHVH has to stop the serpents from biting the people.</p> <p>He gives them another pictorial lesson. He instructs Moses to make a bronze serpent and set it on a pole so that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, will be healed and live.</p> <p>This is a picture of Yeshua who was lifted up on the cross so that everyone who trusts in Him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:14.</p> <p>This bronze serpent (נָחָשׁ הַנְּחֹשֶׁת; nechash ha-nechoshet) was around a long time. It was called Nehushtan (נְהֻשְׁטָן). At some point, the people had begun worshipping it. King Hezekiah removed the high places and broke down the sacred pillars, cut down the wooden image (Asherah), and</p>

			<p>broke this bronze serpent into pieces because they people had been offering incense to it. 2 Kings 18:1-5</p> <p>Just because God uses a picture of His salvation (Yeshua) that was/is to come in the future does not give us the right to worship it in an improper way.</p>
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Traveling and Gathering of the People			
C	Numbers 21:1-16	Numbers 21:17-20	Comments
<b>A1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 21:10-13</p> <p>10 Now the children of Israel moved on and camped in Oboth. 11 And they journeyed from Oboth and camped at Ije Abarim, in the wilderness which is east of Moab, toward the sunrise. 12 From there they moved and camped in the Valley of Zered. 13 From there they moved and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Amorites; for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.</p>	<p>Numbers 21:18b-20</p> <p>And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah, 19 from Mattanah to Nahaliel, from Nahaliel to Bamoth, 20 and from Bamoth, in the valley that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah which looks down on the wasteland.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oboth</li> <li>• Ije Abarim (Ijim), at the border of Moab</li> <li>• Valley of Zered</li> <li>• Other side of Arnon</li> <li>• Beer</li> <li>• Mattanah</li> <li>• Nahaliel</li> <li>• Barmoth</li> <li>• Pisgah</li> </ul> <p>See also Numbers 33:43-49</p>
<b>B1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 21:14-15</p> <p>14 Therefore it is said in the <b>Book of the Wars of the Lord</b>:</p>	<p>Numbers 21:17-18a</p> <p>17 Then Israel sang this song:</p>	<p>Quotes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From the Book of the Wars of YHVH</li> </ul>

	<p>"Waheb (Vahev = What he did) in Suphah (be-suphah = in the Red Sea), The brooks of the Arnon,</p> <p>15 And the slope of the brooks That reaches to the dwelling of Ar, And lies on the border of Moab."</p>	<p>"Spring up, O well! All of you sing to it — 18 The well the leaders sank, Dug by the nation's nobles, By the lawgiver, with their staves."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Of a song sung to a well where YHVH told Moses to gather the people together to drink water. It was a well dug by someone else, but had been sunk. The lawgiver of the prior nation had the well dug by the nation's nobles, yet it was YHVH, Israel's Lawgiver, that gave them water from this well.</li> </ul>
<b>C1-2</b>	<p>Numbers 21:16</p> <p>16 From there they went to Beer, which is the well where the Lord said to Moses, "Gather the people together, and I will give them water."</p>		<p>This time, the people are finally not complaining of not having water. It is YHVH who tells Moses to gather the people so He can give them water to drink.</p>

Wars Against Sihon and Og			
C	Numbers 21:21-30	Numbers 31-35	Comments
	<p>Numbers 21:21-24</p> <p>21 Then Israel sent messengers to <b>Sihon king of the Amorites</b>, saying,</p> <p><b>22 "Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into fields or vineyards; we will not drink water from wells. We</b></p>	<p>Numbers 21:33-35</p> <p>33 And they turned and went up by the way to Bashan. So <b>Og king of Bashan</b> went out against them, he and all his people, to <b>battle at Edrei</b>.</p> <p>34 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Do not fear him, for <b>I have delivered him into your hand</b>, with all his people and his</p>	<p>Israel's passaged was continually being blocked.</p> <p>Israel's messengers sent the same message to Sihon that was sent to the king of Edom.</p> <p>He refused passage and went out against Israel in the wilderness.</p>

	<p><b>will go by the King's Highway until we have passed through your territory."</b></p> <p>23 But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together and went out against Israel in the wilderness, and he came to <b>Jahaz</b> and fought against Israel.</p> <p>24 Then Israel defeated him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the <b>Arnon to the Jabbok</b>, as far as the people of Ammon; for the border of the people of Ammon was fortified.</p>	<p>land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon."</p> <p>35 So they defeated him, his sons, and all his people, until there was no survivor left him; and they took possession of his land.</p>	<p>YHWH gave both kings into the hands of His people, Israel.</p> <p>Israel took possession of the land of the Amorites (Sihon's land) and of Bashan (Og's land).</p>
	<p>Numbers 21:25-27</p> <p>25 So <b>Israel took all these cities, and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites</b>, in Heshbon and in all its villages.</p> <p>26 For <b>Heshbon</b> was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and had taken all his land from his hand as far as the Arnon.</p>	<p>Numbers 21:31-32</p> <p>31 Thus <b>Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites</b>.</p> <p>32 Then Moses sent to spy out <b>Jazer</b>; and they took its villages and drove out the Amorites who were there.</p>	<p>The Israelites dwelt in all the cities of the land of the Amorites.</p>

	<p>Numbers 21:27-30</p> <p>27 Therefore those who speak in proverbs say:</p> <p>"Come to Heshbon, let it be built; Let the city of Sihon be repaired.</p> <p>28 "For fire went out from Heshbon, A flame from the city of Sihon;</p> <p>It consumed Ar of Moab, The lords of the heights of the Arnon.</p> <p>29 Woe to you, Moab! You have perished, O people of Chemosh! He has given his sons as fugitives, And his daughters into captivity, To Sihon king of the Amorites.</p> <p>30 "But we have shot at them; Heshbon has perished as far as Dibon. Then we laid waste as far as Nophah, Which reaches to Medeba."</p>		<p>The proverb:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is calling for the repair of Heshon, which had belonged to Sihon and which had formerly belonged to the Moabites.</li> <li>• Gloats in the fact the people of the god named Chemosh had perished.</li> <li>• Remembers that the children of Israel conquered this land and people.</li> </ul>
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Numbers 22:1

*Then the children of Israel moved, and camped in the plains of Moab on the side of the Jordan across from Jericho.*