

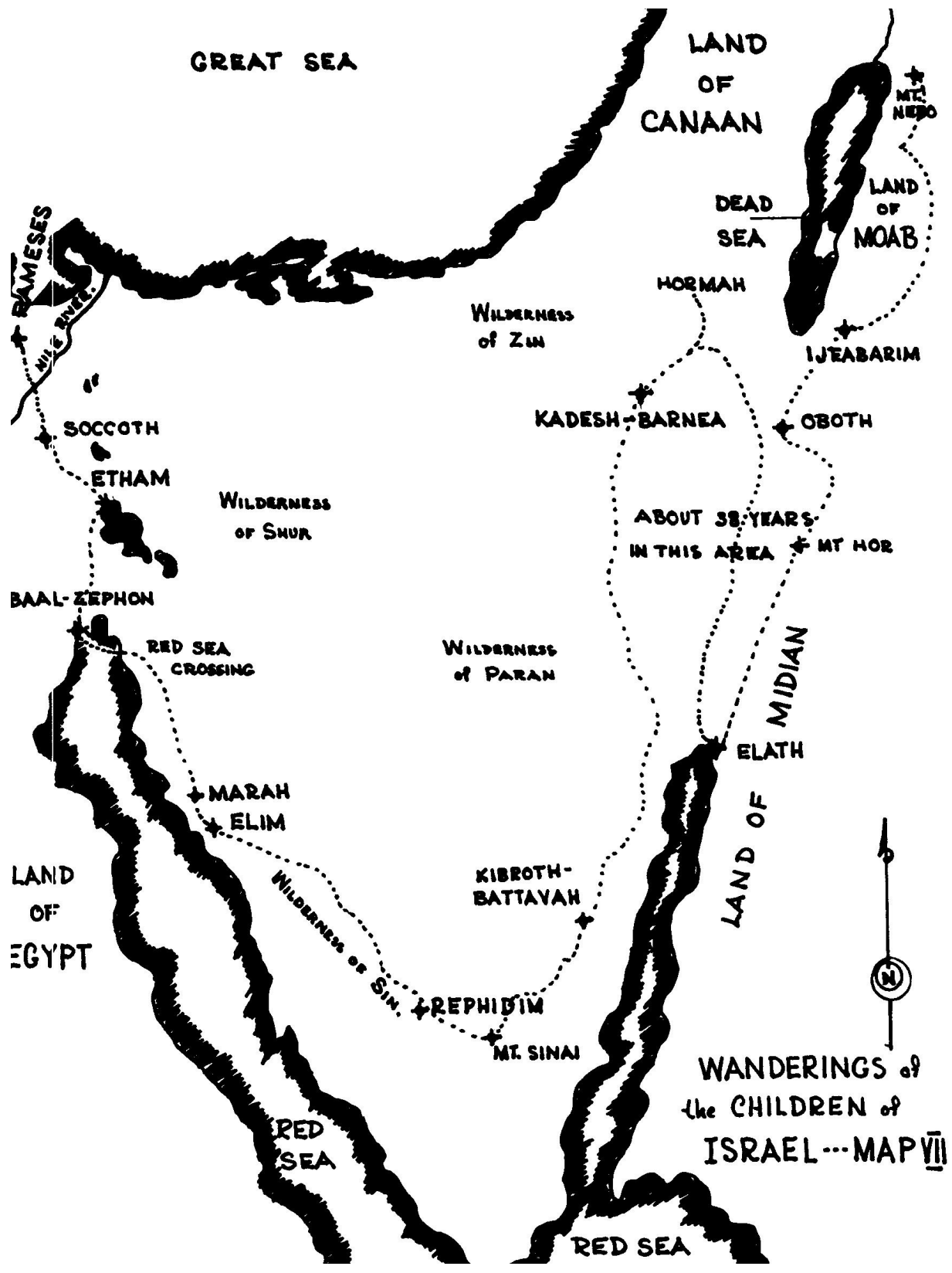
# OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

## PERIOD THREE

### THE HEBREW NATION - PREPARING TO TAKE THE LAND

#### LESSON 16

Time	PERIOD THREE					THE HEBREW NATION					
Main thought	MAKING A NATION AND TAKING LAND										
Books that tell of each part	EXODUS	LEVITICUS	NUMBERS	DEUTERONOMY	JOSHUA						
What this part tells about											



WANDERINGS of  
the CHILDREN of  
ISRAEL... MAP VII

## **1. THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL PREPARED TO GO INTO CANAAN, Numbers 26 - 36.**

### **A. The people counted, Numbers 26.**

The people had been counted at Mount Sinai, (Numbers 1:18,19). There were 603,550 men, (Numbers 1:46). These all died in the wilderness except for Moses, Joshua and Caleb. The people of Israel wandered in the wilderness for about forty years. After this God told Moses to count the men again. This time there were 601,730 men. Only Moses, Caleb and Joshua were more than 60 years old.

### **B. A new leader chosen.**

READ NUMBERS 27.

Moses knew he had sinned when he hit the rock the second time. He knew that God was not going to let him go into Canaan. The people of Israel needed another leader.

Whom did the Lord choose to be the leader (Numbers 27:18)?

### **C. War with the people of Midian, Numbers 31, 32.**

Why did the Lord want the people of Midian killed (Numbers 31:1,2,16,17)?

Who was killed with the people of Midian (Numbers 31:8)?

The people of Midian worshipped Baal. (Peor comes from Baal-Peor or the worship of Baal. William Smith, Smith's Bible Dictionary, p. 500, copyright 1948 by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., used by permission of Zondervan Publishing House.) **With the worship of Baal, they did sex sins.**

The people of Israel defeated the people of Midian. They took all their land. This land is on the east side of the Jordan River. Find it on your map.

Which two and one half tribes wanted to live in this land (Numbers 32:1,5,33)?

What were they to do before they were let to stay in this land (Numbers 32:20-22)?

### **D. The people told what to do in their new land, Numbers 33 - 36.**

READ NUMBERS 33 to 36.

In Numbers 33:1-49 Moses reminded the people of Israel how their fathers had travelled from Egypt to where they were now.

What were the people of Israel to do with the people in Canaan (Numbers 33:52)?

What would happen if they left some people in the land of Canaan (Numbers 33:55,56)?

Numbers 34 tells what land the people of Israel were to take.

Numbers 34:16-29 - the Lord tells Moses the names of the men who were to speak for the tribes. These men were to speak for the tribes when the land would be given to them.

The Levites were to be given some cities and the land around these cities (Numbers 35:1-5).

There were to be six cities of refuge. Anyone who killed a person by accident could be safe in these cities. The relatives of the dead person could not hurt the one who had killed someone by accident if he was in a city of refuge (Numbers 35:10-28)

What were they to do with those who had planned to kill a person (Numbers 35:30-34)?

Chapter 36 tells how each tribe was to keep the land given to them.

## **2. OUTLINE OF DEUTERONOMY**

### **A. Moses' last words** (Deuteronomy 1 - 30).

- He reminded the people of God's care for them (Deuteronomy 1 - 4).
  - He reminded the people of their disobedience (Deuteronomy 1:1 -3:29).
  - He encouraged the people to obey (Deuteronomy 4:1-40).
  - He chose the cities of refuge (Deuteronomy 4:41-49).
- He reminded the people of God's laws (Deuteronomy 5 - 26).
  - Commandments for special people (Deuteronomy 5:1 - 11:32).
  - The laws for living in Canaan (Deuteronomy 12:1 - 26:19).
- He told the people of things to come (Deuteronomy 27 - 30).
  - Blessings and curses (Deuteronomy 27:1 - 28:68).
  - The people of Israel chose between blessings and curses (Deuteronomy 29:1 - 30:30).

### **B. Moses' last days** (Deuteronomy 31 - 34).

- Moses made Joshua the leader (Deuteronomy 31:1-29).

- Moses' song and blessing (Deuteronomy 31:30 - 33:29).
- Moses' death (Deuteronomy 34:1-12).

### **3. MOSES SPOKE HIS LAST WORDS TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, Deuteronomy 1 - 30.**

#### **A. He reminded the people of God's care for them, Deuteronomy 1 - 4.**

Moses reminded the people of Israel of God's mercy and patience. The Lord gave the people the food and water they needed while they were in the wilderness. Yet, the people complained and turned against God. God was angry with them for their sin. Yet, God forgave the people. Moses told the people to obey God so that God could bless them.

#### **B. He reminded the people of God's commandments, Deuteronomy 5 - 11.**

Moses read the ten commandments to the people. He told them that they were a special people. Moses told the people, "Keep these laws because you belong to God. God chose you for Himself." God wanted to bless the people of Israel in a special way.

#### **C. He gave laws for the new land, Deuteronomy 12 - 26.**

Moses gave the people laws which would help them live in the new land. If they would obey these laws, they would be happy. Then God would bless them.

#### **D. He told the people of things to come, Deuteronomy 27 - 34.**

READ DEUTERONOMY 27 to 34.

Moses warned the people of Israel. Moses told the people that God would punish them if they would not obey God's laws. This kind of punishment is called a curse. The people of Israel disobeyed God's laws after Moses died. These curses came true. God punished the people of Israel when they did not obey God.

The curse in Deuteronomy 28:47-49 came true later. The ten northern tribes were taken to Assyria (2 Kings 17:6-18). After the death of Jesus Christ (AD 70) the people of Israel were scattered into all nations. That which was told in Deuteronomy 28:63-67 came true.

Now many people of Israel have gone back and are going back to their land.

Deuteronomy chapter 30 tells about the blessings the people of Israel would receive if they would obey God.

### **4. MOSES' LAST DAYS, Deuteronomy 31 - 34.**

READ DEUTERONOMY 31 to 34.

Joshua was made leader of the people of Israel. He was told to "be strong and courageous." Moses encouraged him often with these words.

Deuteronomy 32 is a song which Moses wrote. This song tells how great the Lord is. It tells how God took care of the people of Israel. The song also tells of the mercy of the Lord when the people sinned.

On what mountain did Moses die (Deuteronomy 32:49-50)?

What was he allowed to see before he died (Deuteronomy 32:52)?

Were these tribes in the land at that time?

Moses saw them there by faith.

Who buried Moses (Deuteronomy 34:6)?

Why do you think God would not let anyone find his grave?

## **WORDS TO LEARN**

1. encourage - to put heart into, to help someone to do what is right.
2. patience - willing to wait without giving up.
3. refuge - a place where a person is safe.