

The Reason for Israel's Troubles Today

Numbers 32; 33

Deuteronomy 9:1-6;

Joshua 11:21-23

Numbers 32:1-2a

Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of livestock; and when they saw the land of Jāzer and the land of Gilēad, that indeed the region *was* a place for livestock, ^{2a}the children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke to Moses, to Elēāzar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation.

Numbers 32:14

“And look! You have risen in your fathers’ place, a brood of sinful men, to increase still more the fierce anger of the LORD against Israel.”

Numbers 32:17-19

¹⁷“but we ourselves will be armed, ready *to go* before the children of Israel until we have brought them to their place; and our little ones will dwell in fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁸We will not return to our homes until every one of the children of Israel has received his inheritance. ¹⁹For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this eastern side of the Jordan.”

Numbers 32:32-33

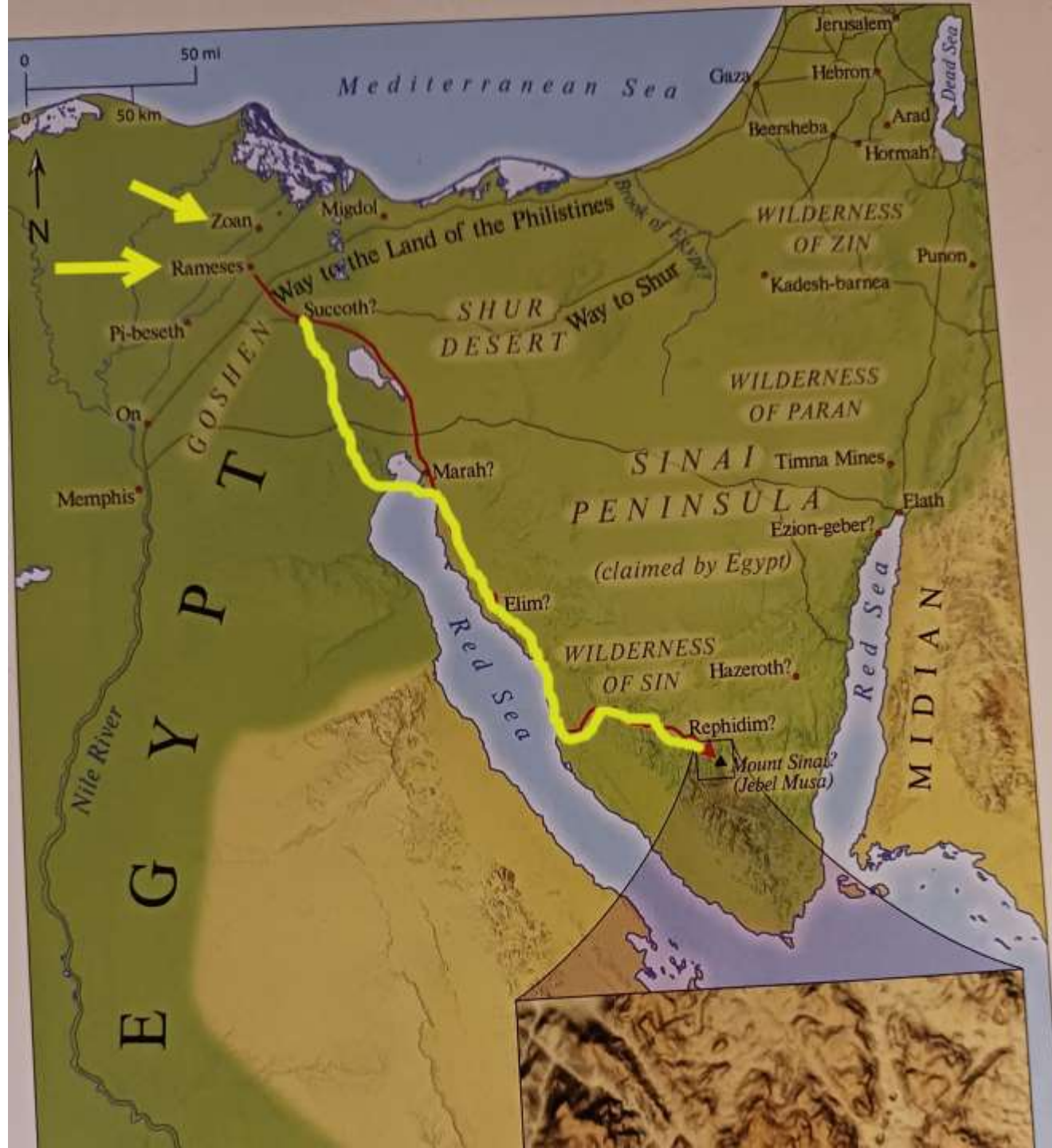
³²“We will cross over armed before the LORD into the land of Cānaan, but the possession of our inheritance *shall remain* with us on this side of the Jordan.” ³³So Moses gave to the children of Gad, to the children of Reuben, and to half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom Og Sīhon king of the Amorītes and the kingdom of Og king of Bāshan, the land with its cities within the borders, the cities of the surrounding country.

Numbers 33:1-3

These *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, who went out of the land of Egypt by their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. ²Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of the LORD. And these *are* their journeys according to their starting points: ³They departed from Ramesēs in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after Passover.



Map 15
Ramesēs in NE Egypt, Red Sea, Sinai Peninsula, Mount Sinai



Map 25
Crossing Red Sea, Beginning of the Journey

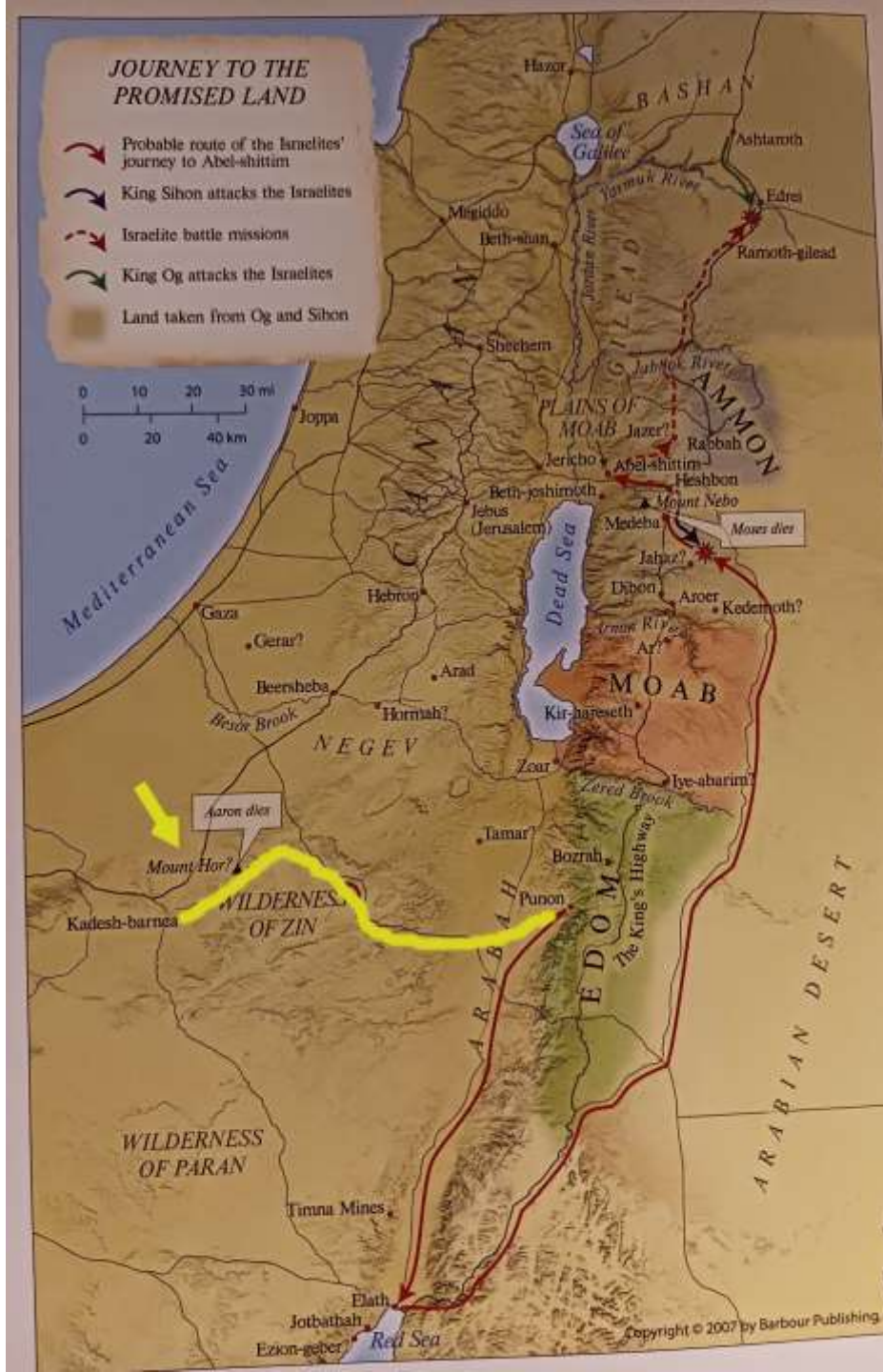
Numbers 33:38-39

³⁸Then Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor at the command of the LORD, and died there in the fortieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, on the first day of the fifth month.

³⁹Aaron *was* one hundred and twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

Numbers 33:40-43

⁴⁰Now the king of Arad, the Cānaanīte, who dwelt in the South in the land of Cānaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel. ⁴¹So they departed from Mount Hor and camped at Zalmōnah. ⁴²Then they departed from Zalmōnah and camped at Pūnon. ⁴³They departed from Pūnon and camped at Ō'both.

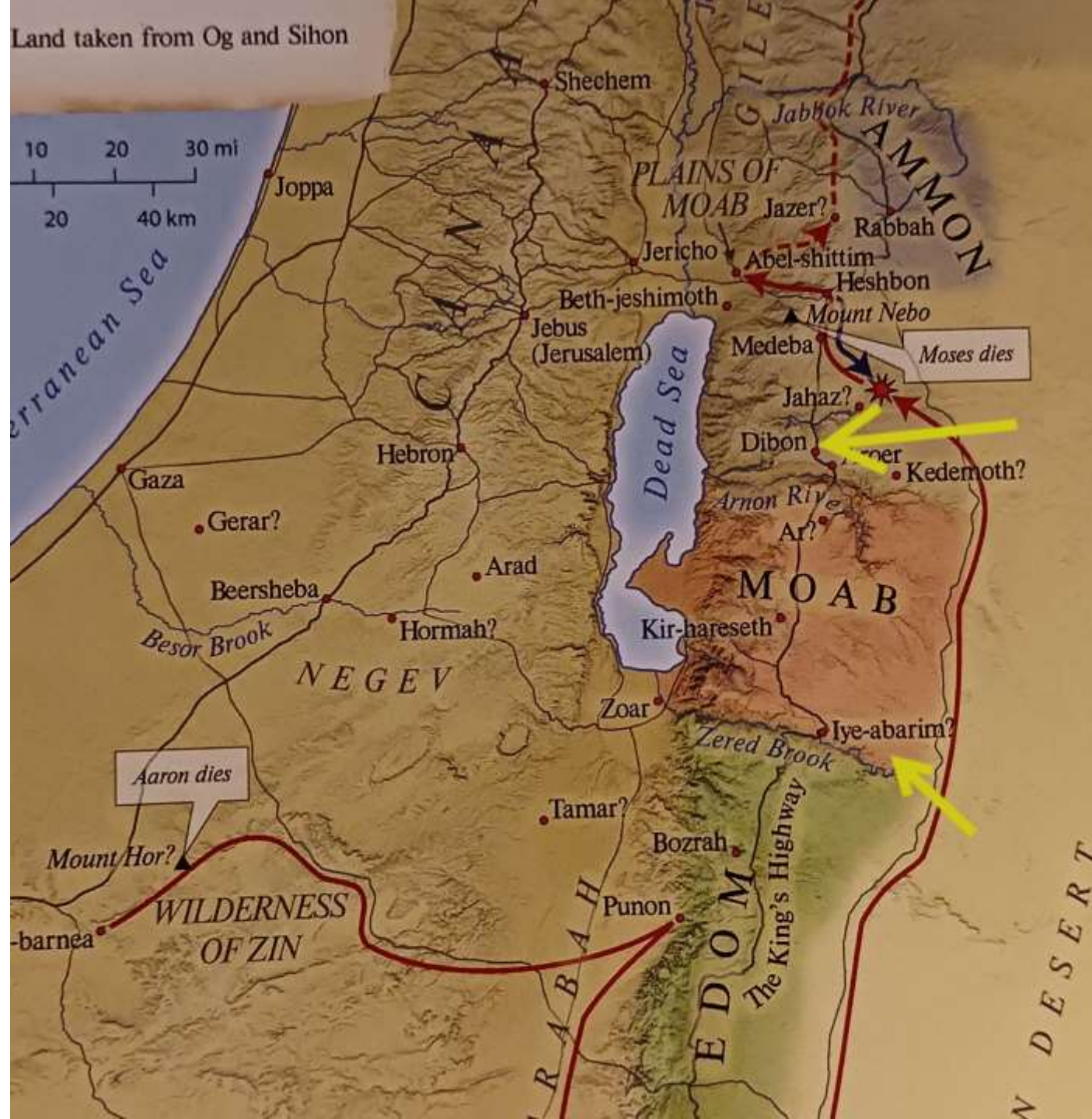


Map 29

Mt Hor, Zalmōnah E of Mt Hor?
 Pūnon border of Edom, Ō'both SE of Moab?

Numbers 33:44-46

⁴⁴They departed from Ō'both and camped at Ī'jim Abarim, at the border of Moab. ⁴⁵They departed from Ī'je and camped at Dībon Gad. ⁴⁶They moved from Dībon Gad and camped at Al'mon Diblathāim.



Map 29

Ī'jim Abarim at S border of Moab,
 Dībon N of Moab, Al'mon
 Diblathāim?

Numbers 33:47-49

⁴⁷They moved from Al'mon Diblathāim and camped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nēbō. ⁴⁸They departed from the mountains of Abarim and camped at the plains of Mōab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho.

⁴⁹They camped by the Jordan, from Beth Jesimoth as far as the Abel Acacia Grove in the plains of Mōab.



Map 31

Beth Jesimoth, Plains of Moab, Abel-shittim,
Jordan River, Jericho

Numbers 33:50-53

⁵⁰Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Mōab by the Jordan, *across from* Jericho, saying, ⁵¹“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Cānaan, ⁵²then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places; ⁵³you shall dispossess the *inhabitants* of the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.’”

Numbers 33:54

⁵⁴““And you shall divide the land by lot as an inheritance among your families; to the larger you shall give a larger inheritance, and to the smaller you shall give a smaller inheritance; there everyone’s *inheritance* shall be whatever falls to him by lot. You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.””

Deuteronomy 9:1-3

“Hear, O Israel: You *are* to crossover the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven, ²a people great and tall, the descendants of the Anakim [giants], whom you know, and *of whom* you heard *it said*, ‘Who can stand before the descendants of Ānak?’ ³Therefore understand today that the LORD God *is* He who goes over before you *as* a consuming fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the LORD has said to you.

Deuteronomy 9:4-6

⁴Do not think in your heart after the LORD your God has cast them out before you, saying, ‘Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land’; but *it is* because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out from before you.” ⁵*It is* not because of your righteousness or of the uprightness of your heart *that* you go in to possess their land; but because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ⁶Therefore understand that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you *are* a stiff-necked people.”

Joshua 11:21-23

²¹And at that time Joshua came and cut off the Anakim from the mountains: from Hēbron, from Dēbir, from Ānab, from all the mountains of Judah [but what about the lower Land to the Mediterranean coast???]; Joshua utterly destroyed them [mountain cities] with their cities. ²²None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of Israel; they remained only in Gāza, in Gath, and in Ashod. ²³So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Then the land rested from war.



Map 41 Gāza, Gath, Ashdod

Numbers 33:55

⁵⁵““But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell.””

Numbers 33:56

⁵⁶“Moreover it shall be *that* I will do to you as I thought to do to them.””

Proverbs 12:15b

he who heeds counsel *is* wise.

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