

Num	9	1-10	Journey
★ Num	11	11-12	Provision
Num	13	13	The Land
Num	14	14-19	Rebellion & Judgment
Num	20	20-21	Lack of Trust
Num	22	22-30	God's Plan
Num	33-34	31-36	Instructions Given
Deut	4	1-4	Remember
Deut	6	5-11	Love
Deut	12	12-26	Undivided Worship
Deut	28	27-29	Covenant
Deut	30	30	Committed
Deut	33	31-34	God's Power

September 14, 2025



Numbers 12:8

**With Moses I speak
face to face, clearly and
not in riddles; he sees
the form of the Lord..**



**Moses, 1513-15
by Michelangelo**
Church of San Pietro
in Vincoli, Rome

View of Mt. Nebo
east of Dead Sea

MOSES!
Talks to God
Worries for His People



Tabernacle in Wilderness

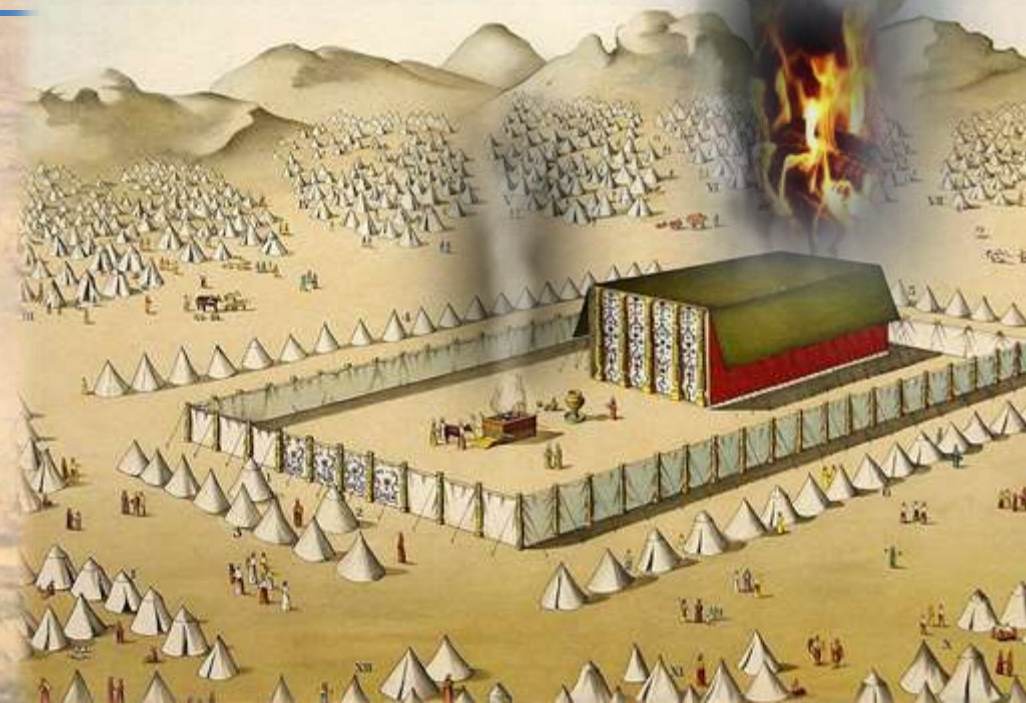
Numbers

Num	1–6	First Census & Consecration of Israel at Sinai
Num	7–10	Preparation for Departure to the Promised Land
Num	11–15	Feeding w Quail then from Mount Sinai to Kadesh
Num	16–19	Rebellion Against Aaron's Priesthood
Num	20–25	From Kadesh to the Plains of Moab
Num	26–30	Second Census & Preparation of the New Generation
Num	31–36	Preparation for Entering the Promised Land

**Today
11 & 12**

Deuteronomy

Deut	1–4	1st Address of Moses
Deut	5–26	2nd Address of Moses
Deut	27–30	3rd Address of Moses
Deut	31–34	Final Days of Moses



First of all

TWO Mistakes

ONE, Israel spent
2 years travelling & then
camping in Exodus
at Mt Sinai – **THEN!**

38 years in Numbers &
ending at Mt. Nebo

TWO, thanks to Karen
I had *totally* forgotten

Deuteronomy 8:4:

"Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years". [🔗](#)

Deuteronomy 29:5:

"For forty years I led you through the wilderness, yet your clothes and sandals did not wear out". [🔗](#)

Nehemiah 9:21:

"Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell". [🔗](#)



Numbers 10:11-12 – *from last week*

11 On the 20th day of the 2nd month of the 2nd year, the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle of the Covenant Law.

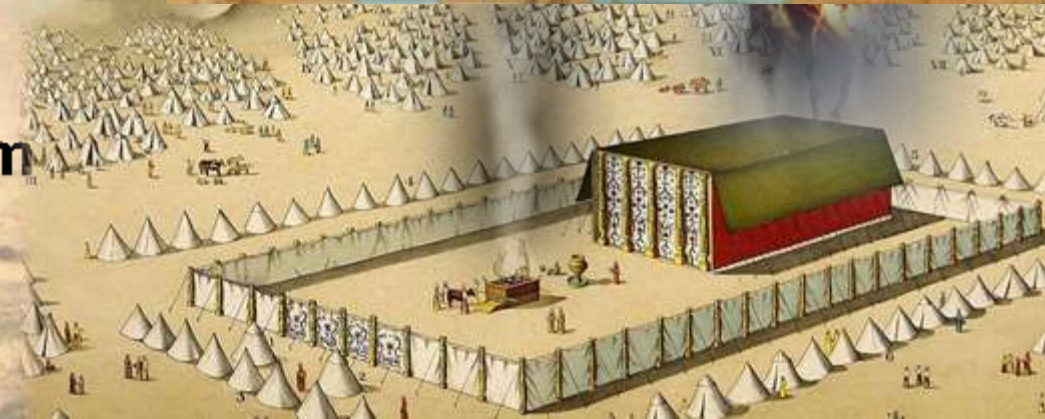
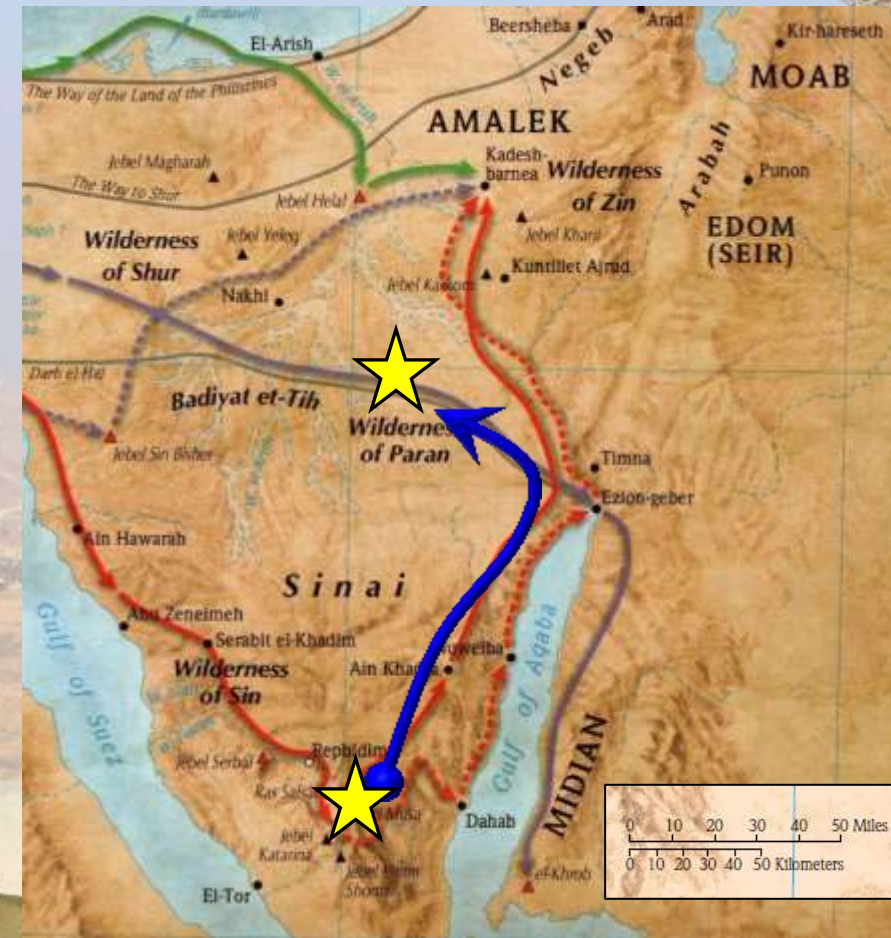
12 Then the Israelites set out from the Desert of Sinai and traveled from place to place until the cloud came to rest in the

Desert of Paran

Num 10 outlines camp divisions and the rear guard

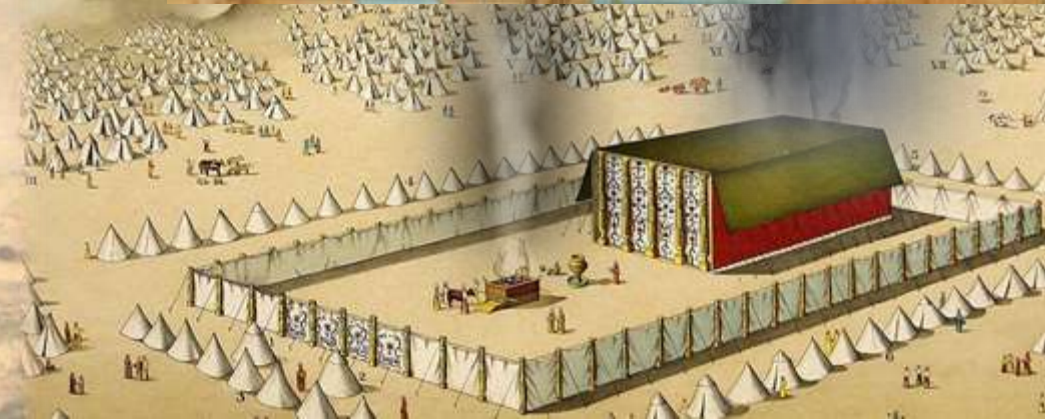
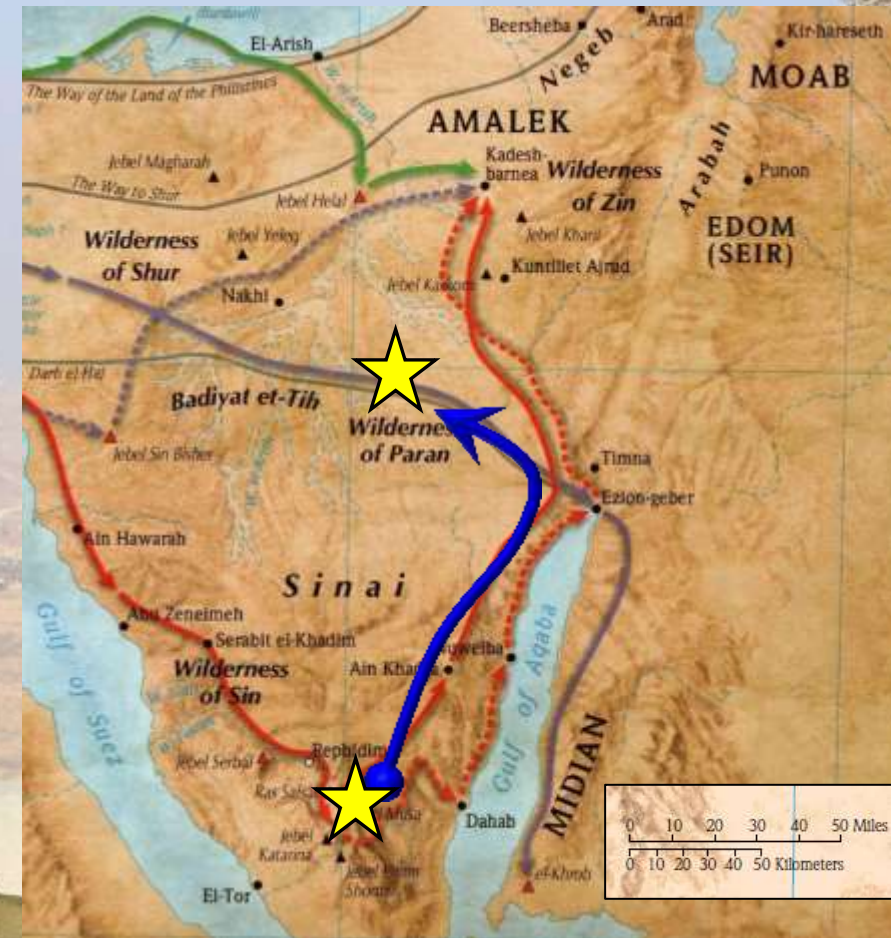
Moses' Father-in-Law Hobab wants to return home

Moses talks Hobab into staying with them



Numbers 11:1-3

- ¹ Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the Lord
God's *ANGER* was aroused
Fire from the Lord burned ... consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.
 - ² When the people cried out to Moses,
Moses prayed ... fire died down.
 - ³ So that place was called Taberah,
because fire from the Lord had
burned among them.
- Not wise to ANGER God Almighty**
TEDIOUS – HARD – Moses might sing



Written by Bob Russell & Bobby Scott
in 1969 for The Hollies

He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother

1969 – world-wide hit with the Hollies

1970 – hit for Neil Diamond

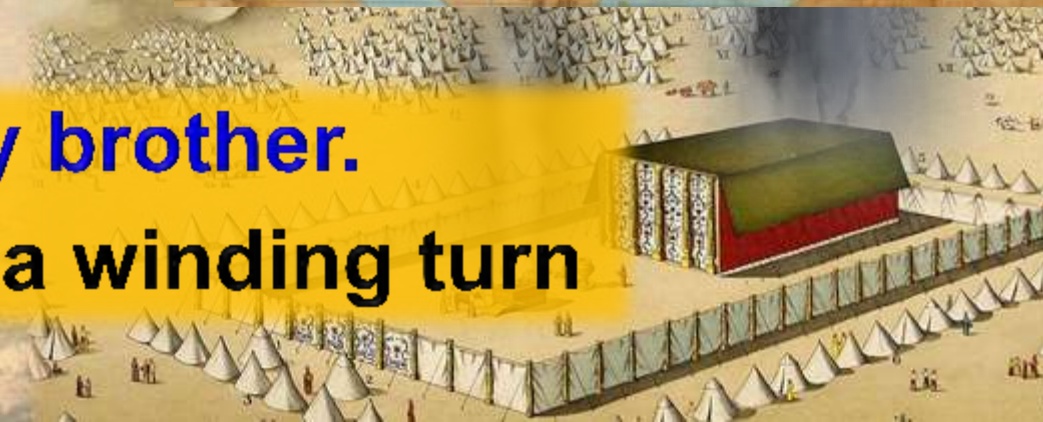
TITLE of the song came from James Wells'
1884 book *The Parables of Jesus*

James Wells, Moderator of the United
Free Church of Scotland, told a story:

Little girl carried a big baby boy on her back
Seeing her struggling, someone
asked if she wasn't TIRED

"No, he's not heavy; he's my brother.

The road is long ... with many a winding turn



Bob Russell & Bobby Scott wrote a song in 1969
for The Hollies – **He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother**

Moses could very sing:

Road is long ... many a winding turn

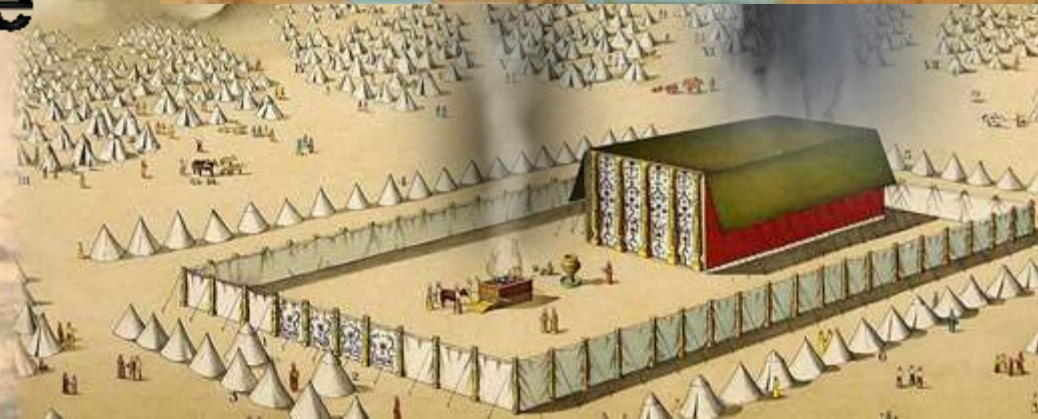
Moses is **CARRYING** all of Israel

EVER been at **YOUR LIMIT?**

Yet you **REFUSE** to give up?

**That leads us to who knows where,
who knows where**

Moses—he loves his people



Numbers 11

4-9 Israelites complain about Manna

10-15 Moses weary of their whining

12 Did I conceive all these people?
Did I give them birth?

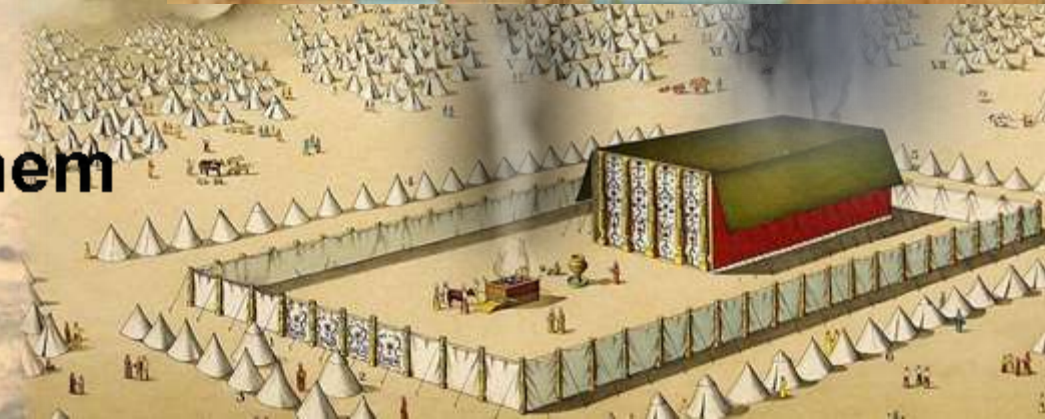
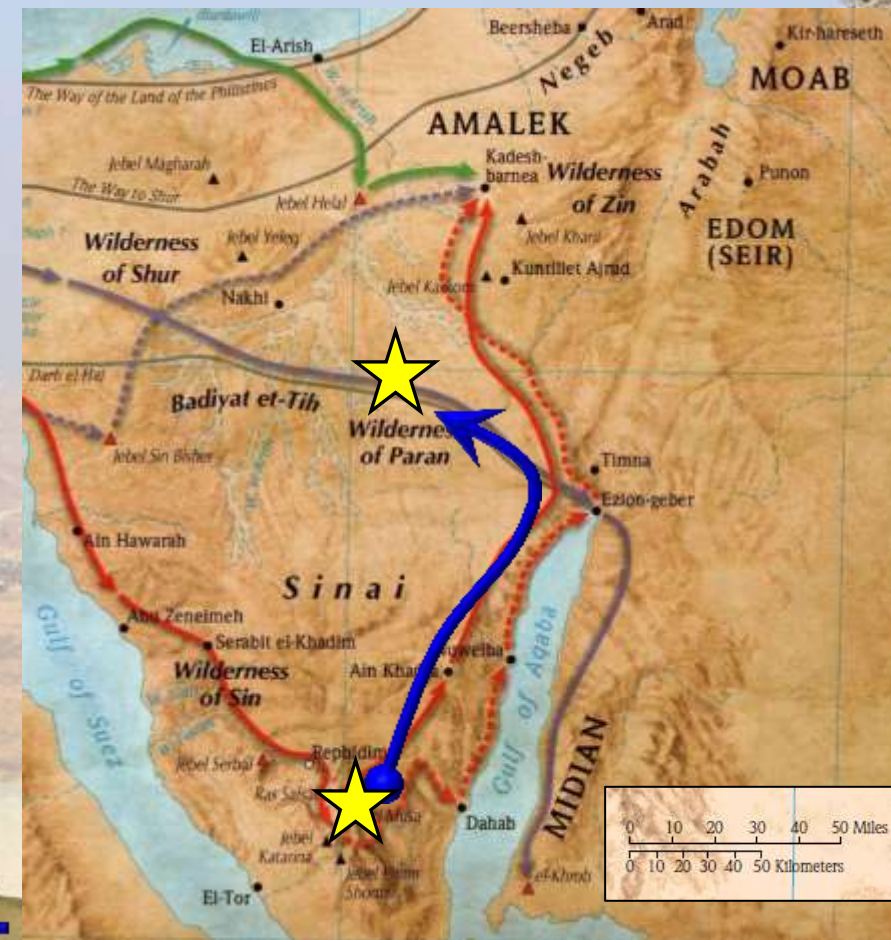
Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms,
as a nurse carries an infant,
to the land you promised ... ?

13 Where can I get meat for all these....

14 I cannot carry all these people by myself;
the burden is too heavy for me.

BURDEN?!? – honest answer

All the while, Moses PRAYED for them



Numbers 11

Then an extraordinary verse on the inner workings of the Cosmos & Humankind

God tells Moses to bring 70 leaders together

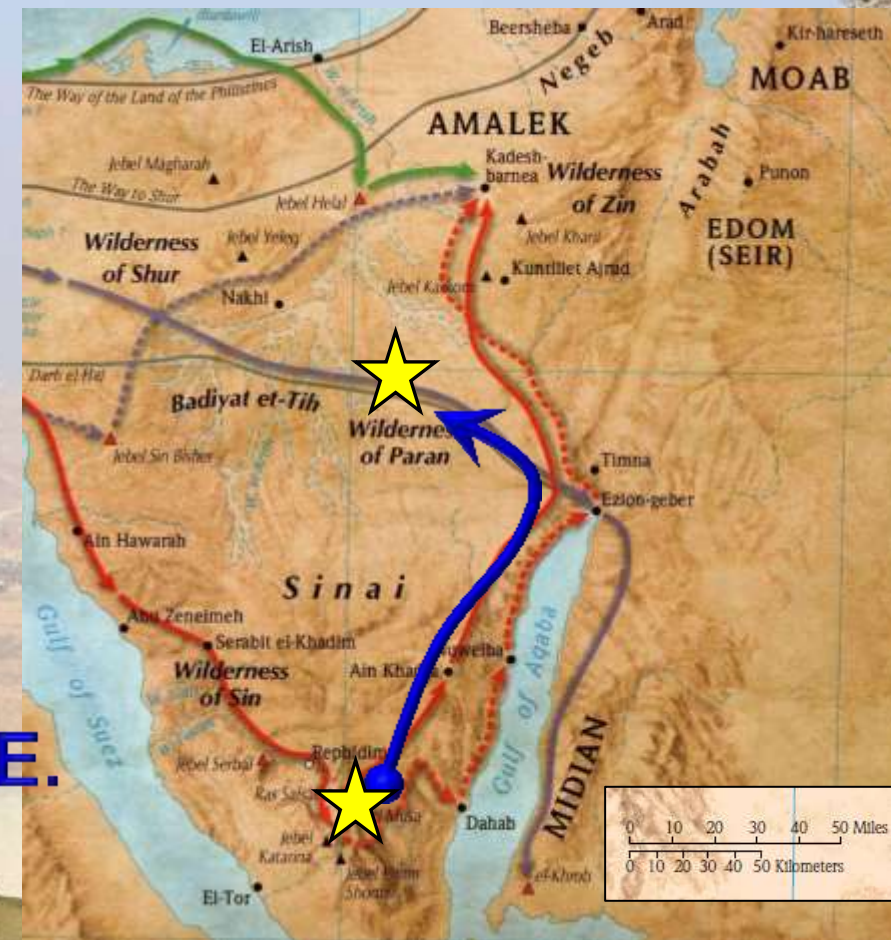
17 I WILL COME DOWN & speak with you
I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them.

They will share the BURDEN of the people
so you will NOT have to carry it ALONE.

SHARE the BURDEN? – **Did God say that?**

WHAT? REALLY?

So Moses will NOT have to carry ALONE



Numbers 11

AFTER telling Moses about the 70
BEFORE God sends the Spirit

18-24 God to Moses to consecrate the people ...

11:23 Lord answered Moses,

**“Is the Lord’s arm too short?
Now you will see whether or not
what I say will come true for you.”**

MEAT is comin’

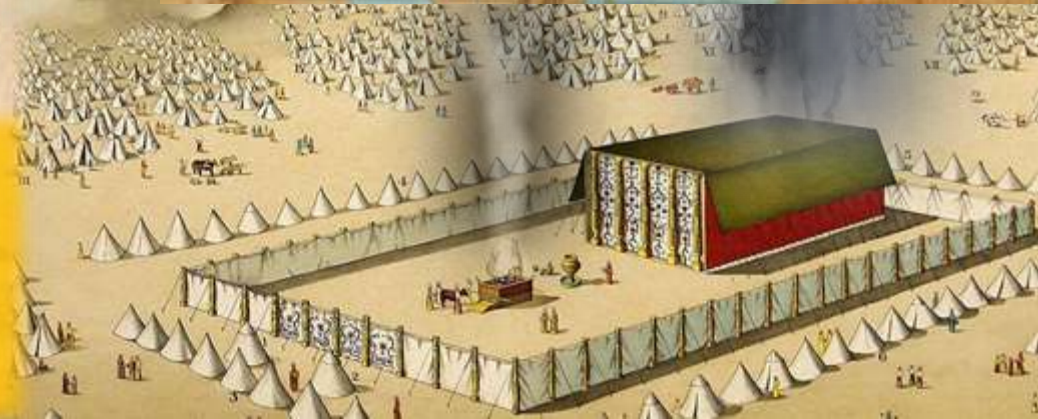
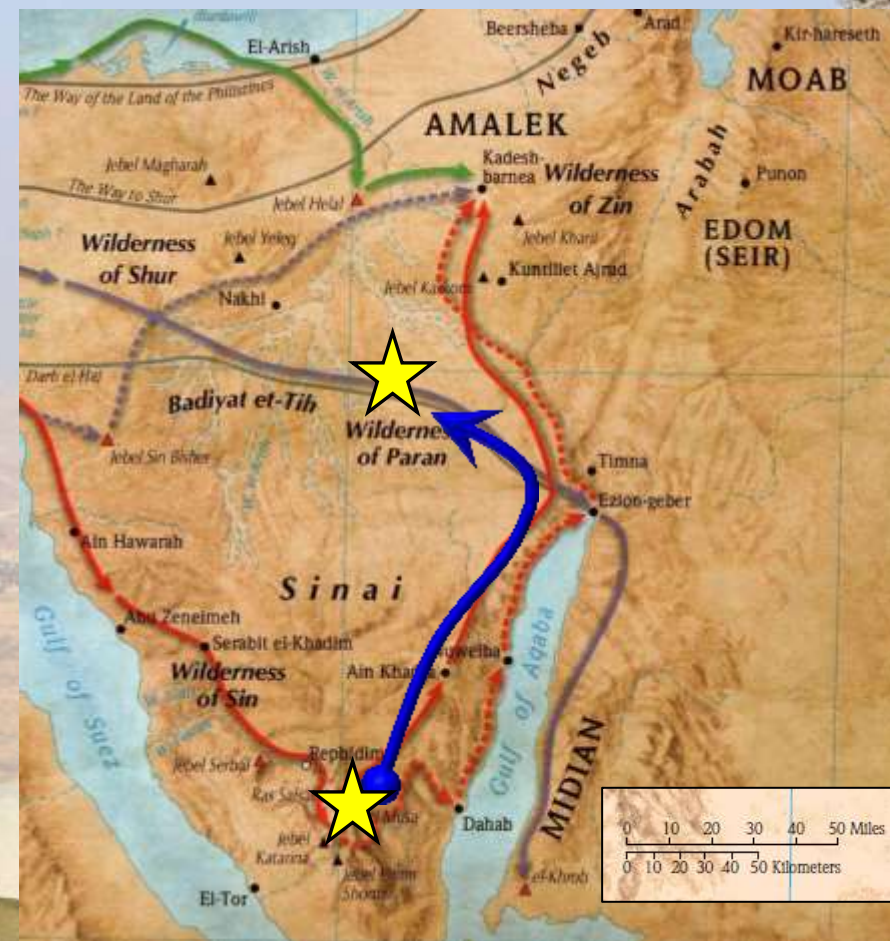
Moses **STILL** worried – HOW? – they should

NOT KILL ALL of the livestock

Moses is **STILL** worried

Logistics of maybe 2 Million

Moses **TALKING** to GOD



Bob Russell & Bobby Scott wrote a song in 1969
for The Hollies – **He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother**

Moses is trying, trying so hard

He **QUESTIONS** God Almighty

Cause **MOSES** is **NOT** giving up

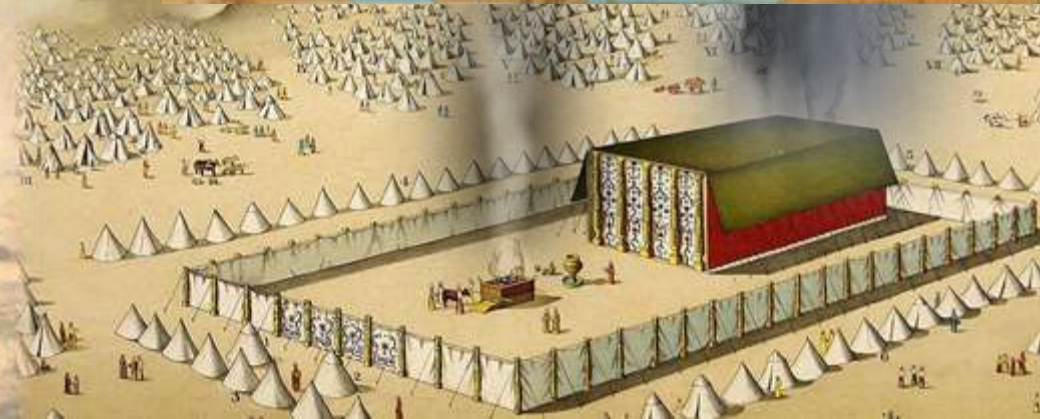
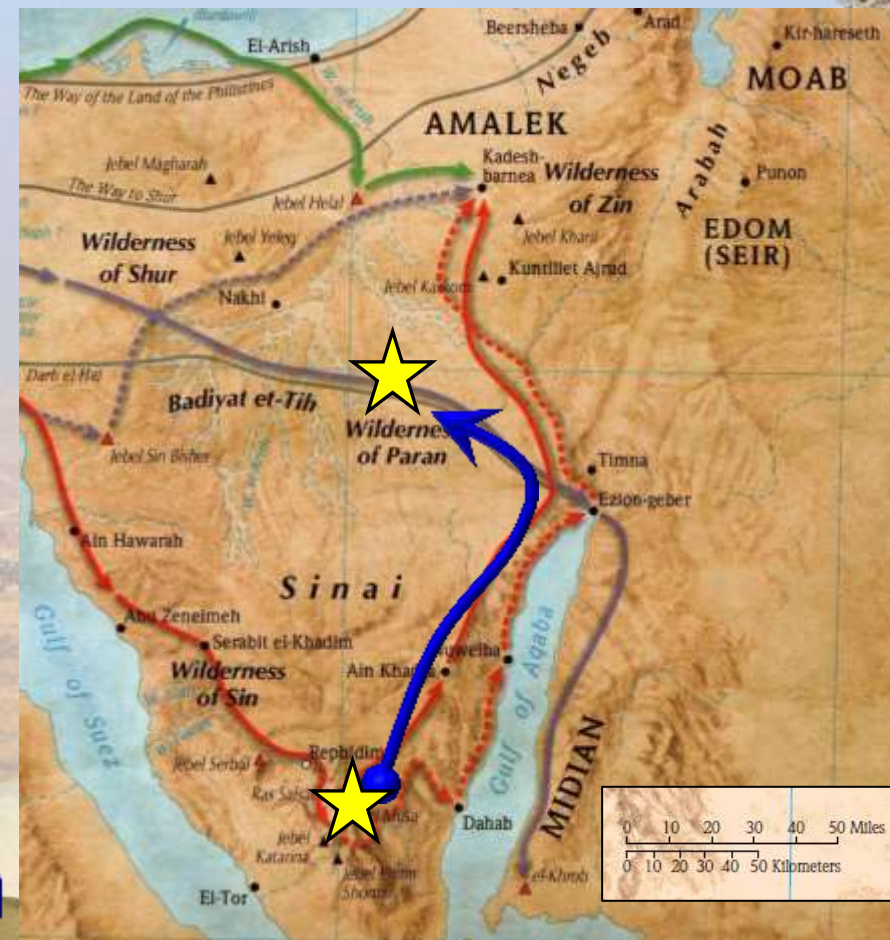
But I'm strong

Strong enough to carry him

He ain't heavy, he's my brother

... So on we go

His welfare is of my concern



Numbers 11

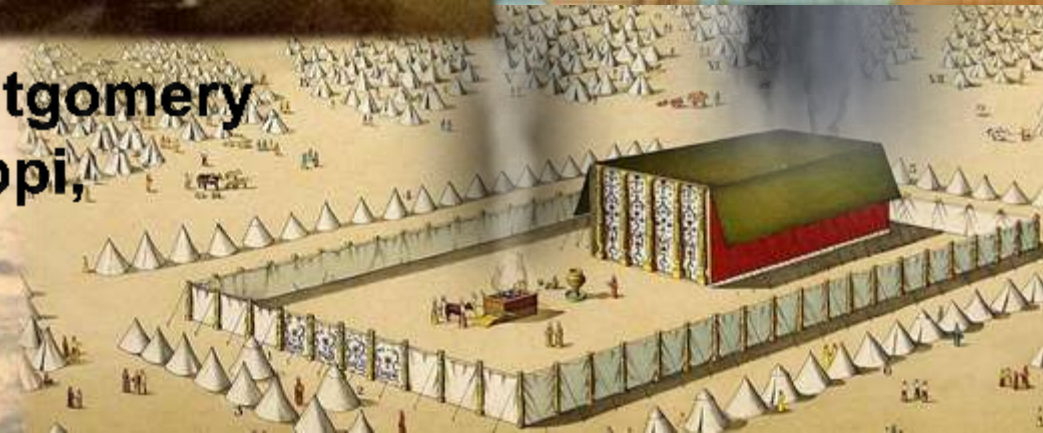
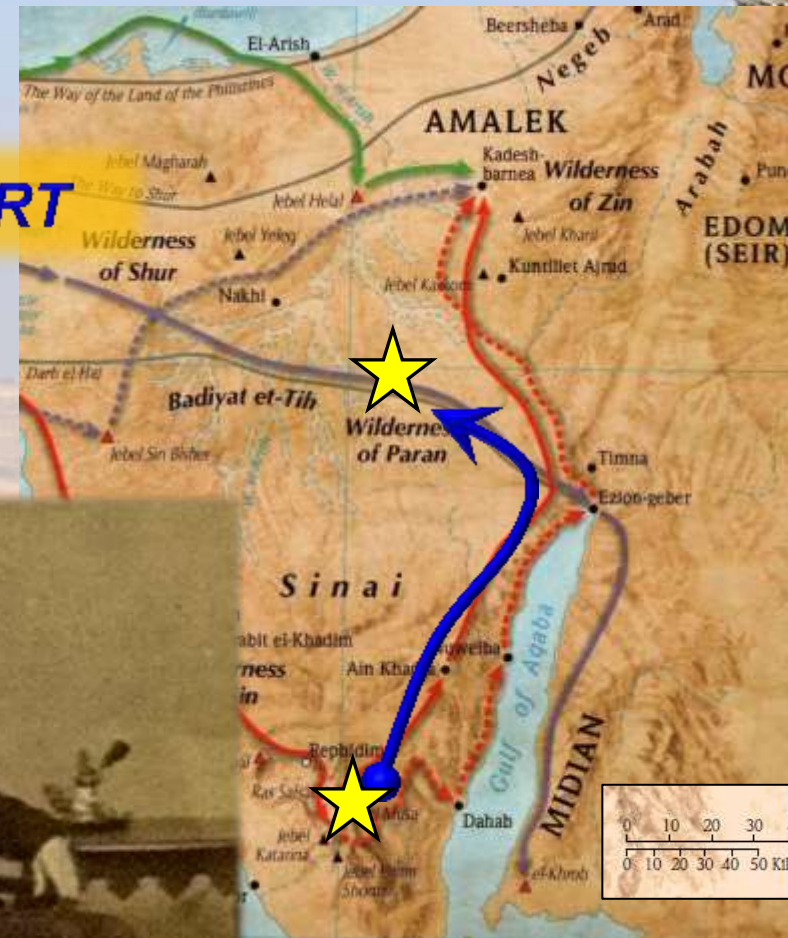
11:23 Lord answered Moses,
“Is the Lord’s arm too short? – KJV – **WAXED SHORT**
Now you will see whether or not
what I say will come true for you.”

C.H. Spurgeon spoke Sunday morn, Feb. 24, 1861

This photo of Lincoln was taken
on the **VERY SAME DAY**

Day before, Lincoln had arrived
in D.C. in disguise for fear of
his life for his Inaugural Address

On Feb. 4, 1861, delegates from
7 states formed the Confederacy in Montgomery
Alabama, with South Carolina, Mississippi,
Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas



Numbers 11

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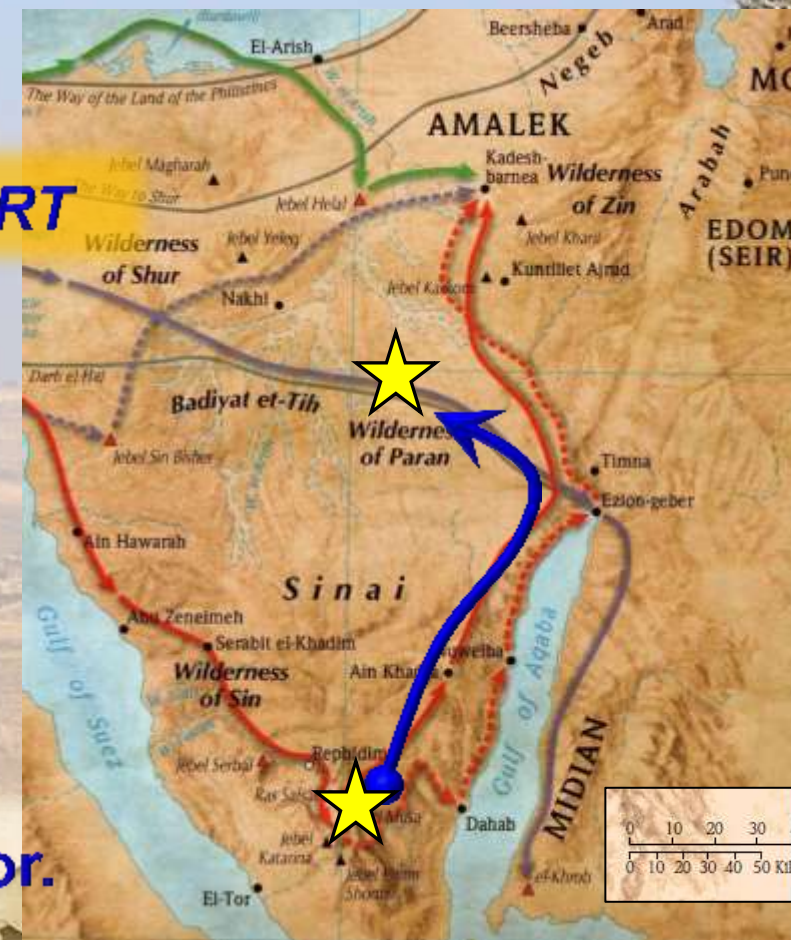
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Moses, being overtaken by a fit of unbelief,
looks to the outward means, —
calculates his commissariat, —
Lost to know how the promise can be fulfilled....
Moses looked to the creature instead of the Creator.
Doth the Creator expect the CREATURE
to fulfill his promise?

No—he that makes fulfils.

If he speaks, it is done — done by himself!



Numbers 11

11:23 Lord answered Moses,

“Is the Lord’s arm **TOO SHORT?** – KJV – **WAXED SHORT**

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Why look we to that quarter at all?

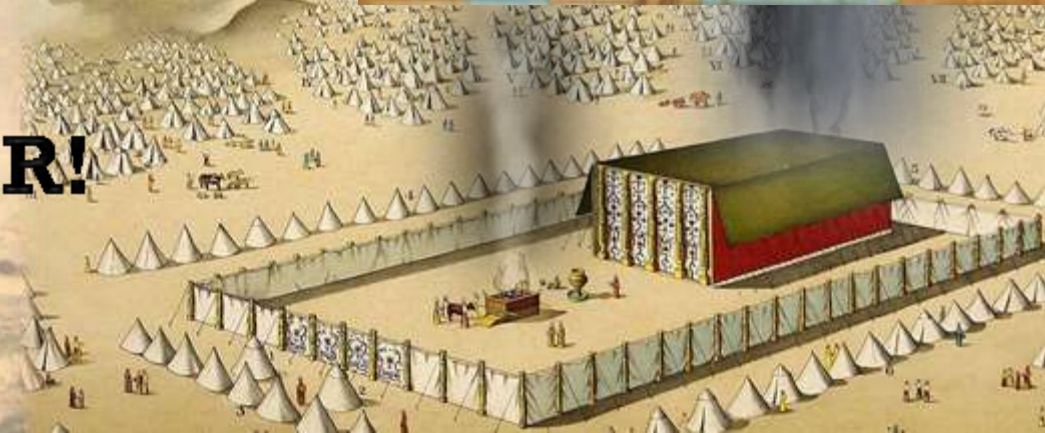
Will you look to the top of the Alps
for summer heat?

Will you journey to the north pole to
gather fruits ripened in the sun?

Or will you journey to the equator that your body
may be braced by cool invigorating breezes?

NO! Never!

Indeed, we all say, NO! NEVER!



Numbers 11

11:23 Lord answered Moses,

“Is the Lord’s arm too short? – KJV – **WAXED SHORT**

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WHO would ever ask such a question....

“If we look anywhere & everywhere ...
there is nothing to suggest the suspicion.

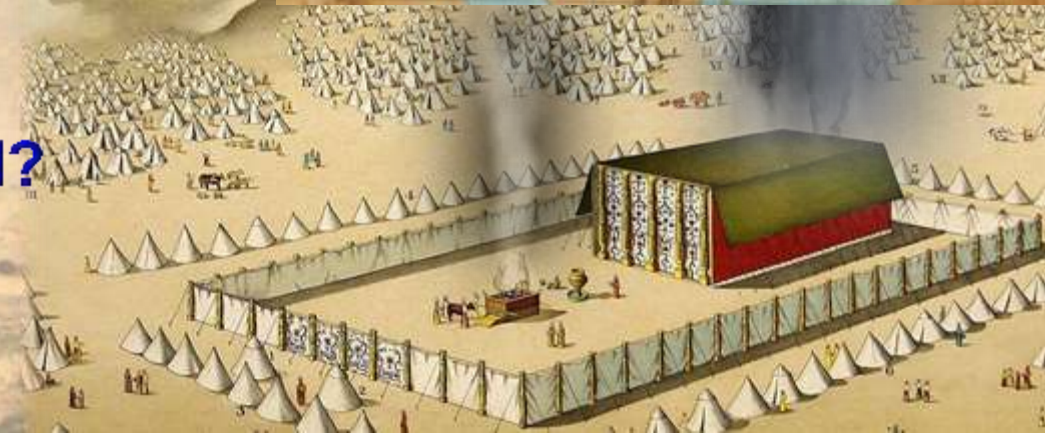
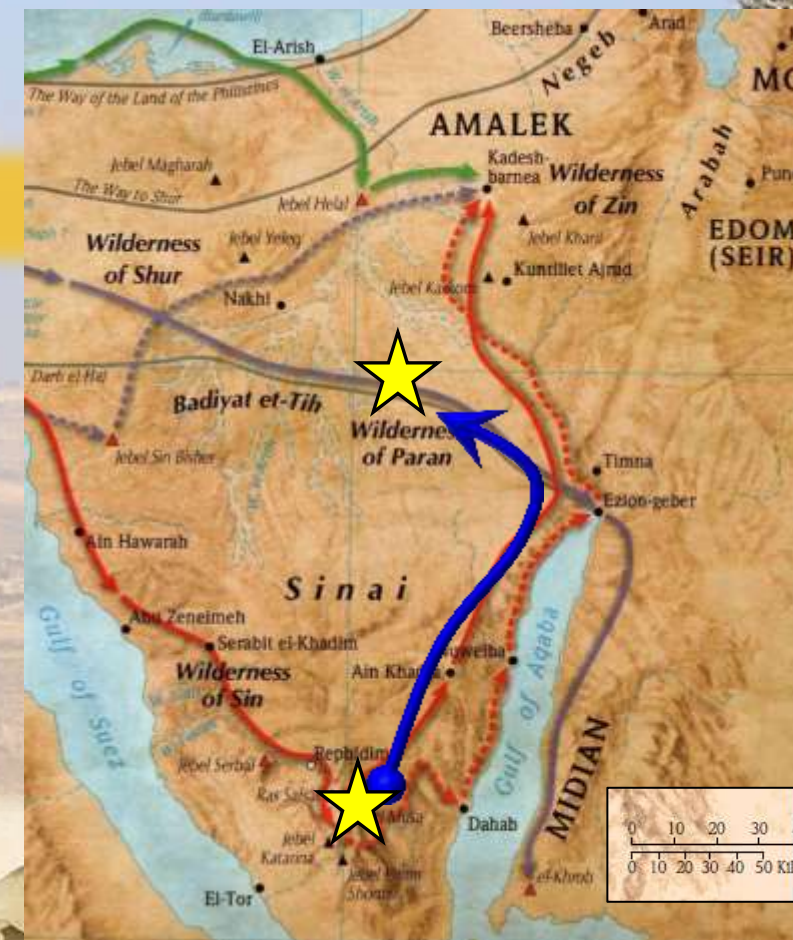
Look to God’s creation!

What could raise the question?

What pillar of the heavens hath begun to reel?

What curtain of the sky hath
been rent or moth-eaten?

Have the foundations of the earth faltered?



Numbers 11

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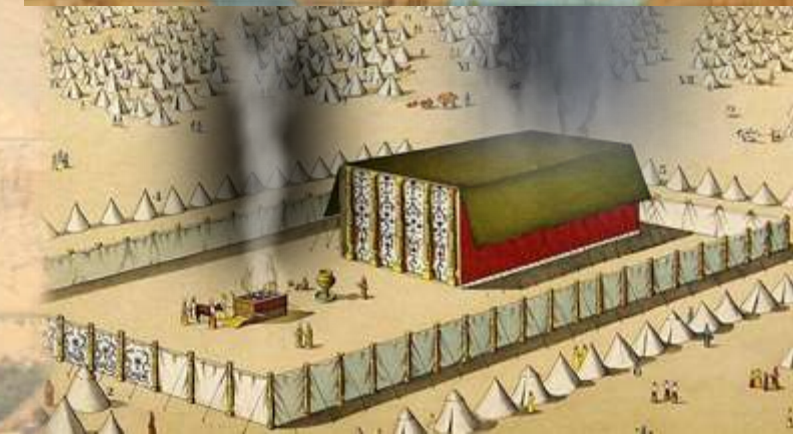
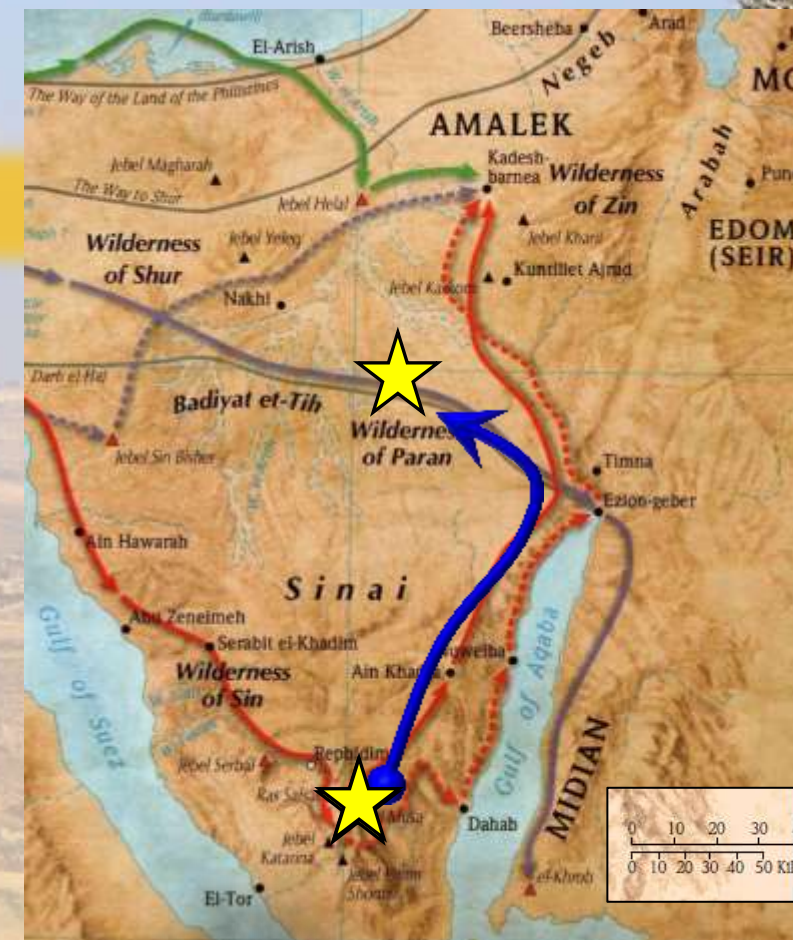
Hath the sun grown dim with age?

Have the starry lamps flickered or gone out?

Are there signs of decay today upon the
face of God’s creation?

Have not howling tempests, the yawning ocean,
and death-bearing hurricanes, asserted
but yesterday their undiminished might?

Say, is not the green earth as full of vitality,
as ready to yield us harvests now as ever?



Numbers 11

11:23 Lord answered Moses,

“Is the Lord’s arm too short? – KJV – **WAXED SHORT**

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Do the showers fall less frequently?

Hath the sun ceased to warm? ...

No, journey where you will, you will see

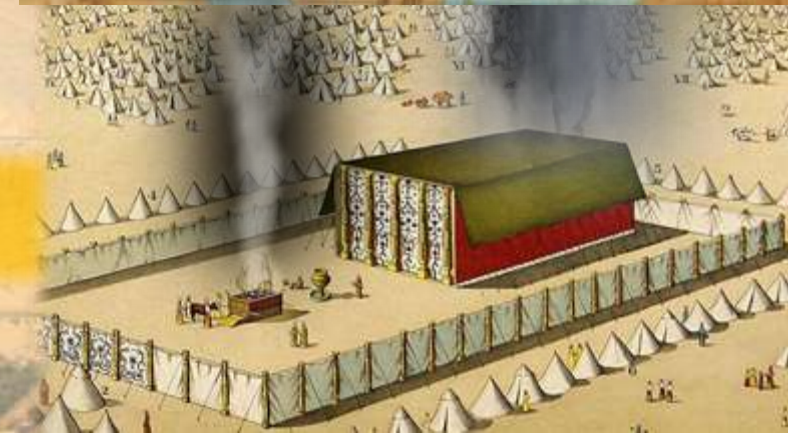
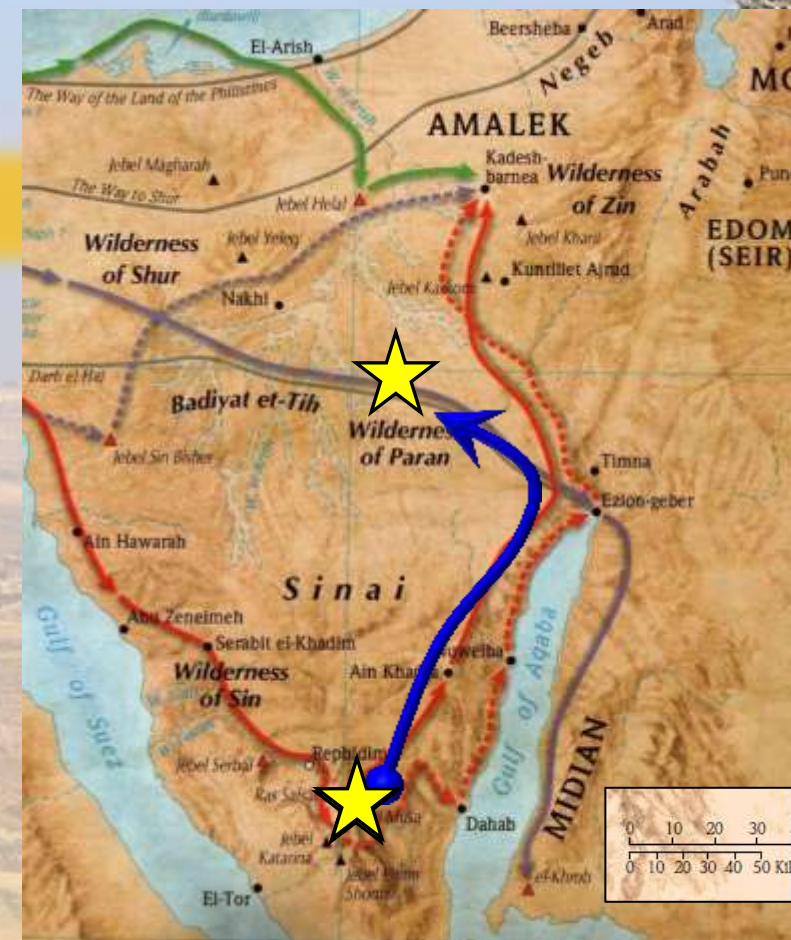
God as potent upon the face of the earth,
and in the very bowels of the globe as

He was when he first said,

“Let there be light & there was light.”

There is NOTHING which would tempt us
to the surmise or to the suspicion that the

Lord’s hand hath waxed short.



Numbers 11

Then God DOES this extraordinary gifting
from workings of the Cosmos & Humankind

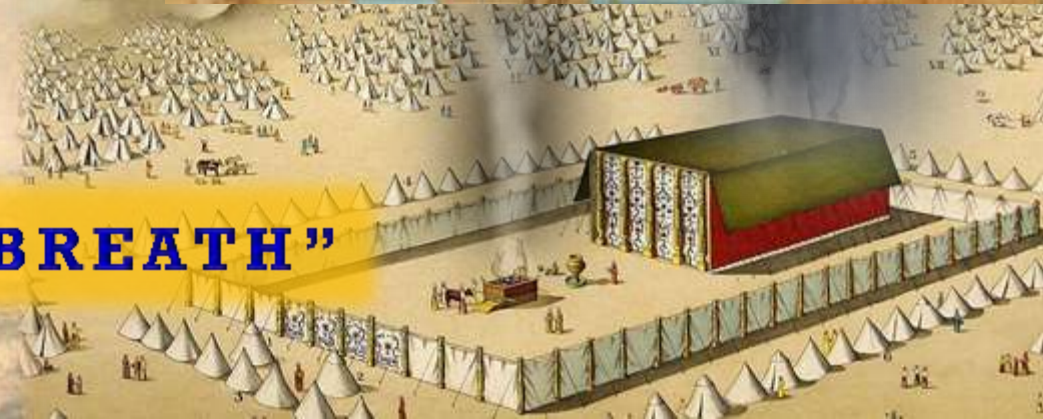
²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud
God took some of the power of the SPIRIT
that was on Moses & put it on the 70 elders.
When the SPIRIT rested on them,
they prophesied—but did not do so again.

THIS is an awesome experience
Comparisons to Pentecost are inescapable

“of the SPIRIT” is from *hārūah* - 17x O.T.

The root *rūah* itself appears 207x
or in all 34 various uses 377x

translated mostly as “SPIRIT” & few “BREATH”



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Exact same word **rūah** also appears in

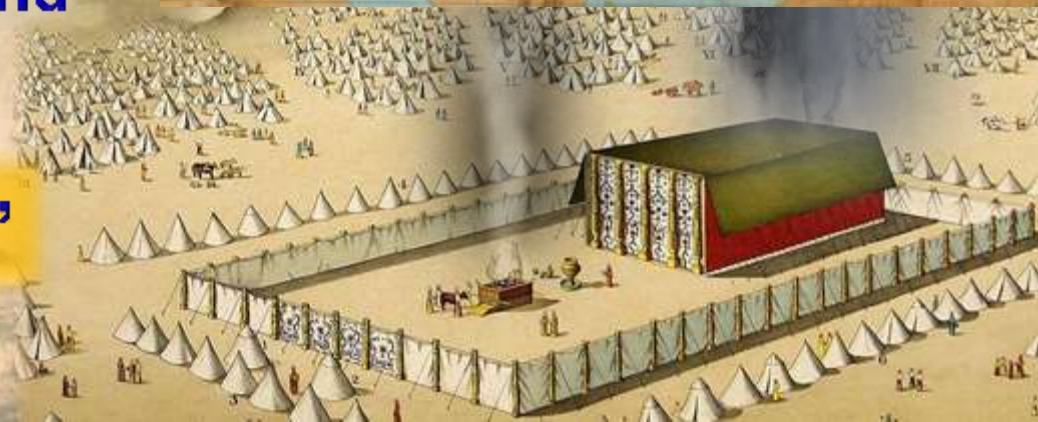
Genesis 8:1 after the flood where translated
God sent a WIND over the earth ... waters receded.

Genesis 26:35, after Esau took foreign wives
they brought GRIEF to Isaac & Rebekah.

Exodus 10:13, to usher in the 9th Plague
LORD directed an east WIND on the land

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or in all 34 various uses 377x

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Numbers 11 Spirit power of MOSES is shared
See the short story of Eldad & Medad who
missed the meet & Spirit STILL came to them
and Joshua complained

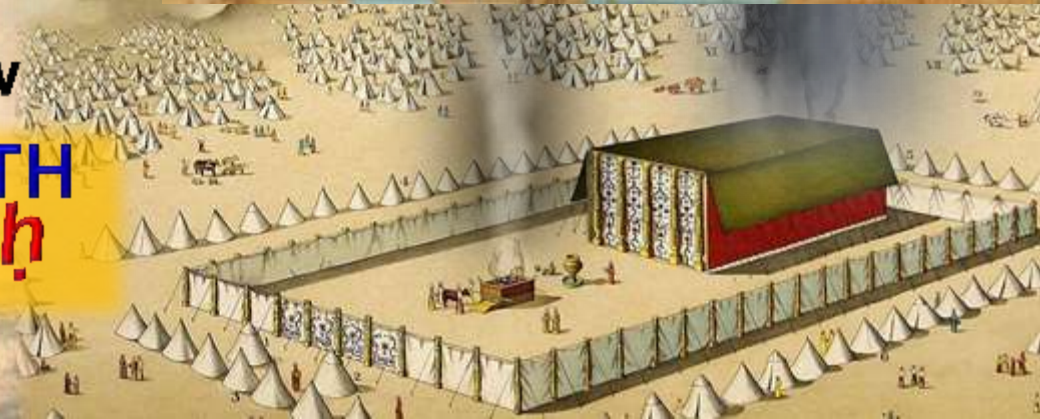
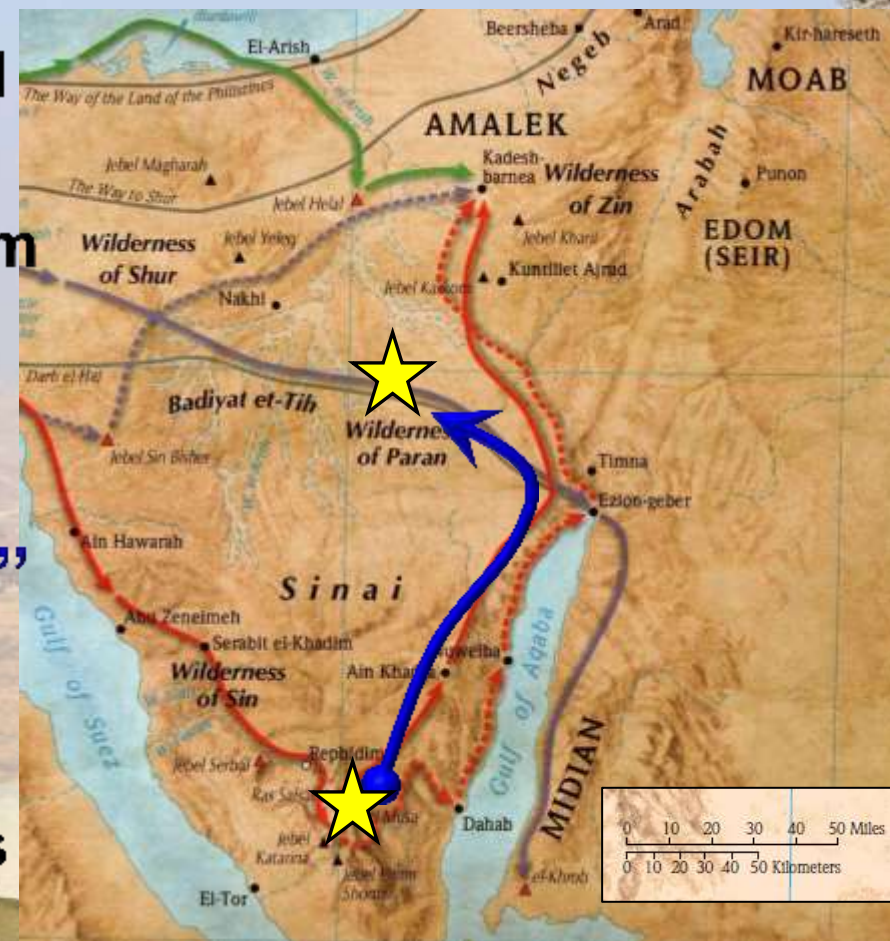
11:29 Moses said, I wish that ALL the
Lord's people were prophets &
Lord would put his SPIRIT on them!"

Another variation is *rūḥōw* 15x among 377x
which is a variation of *rūaḥ*

Judges 15, after killing 1,000s with a donkey's
jaw bone, SAMSON WAS FAMISHED.

15:19 God opens a place for water to flow

When Samson drank, his STRENGTH
returned & he revived. his *rūaḥ*



Numbers 11

Now recall that this started with MEAT

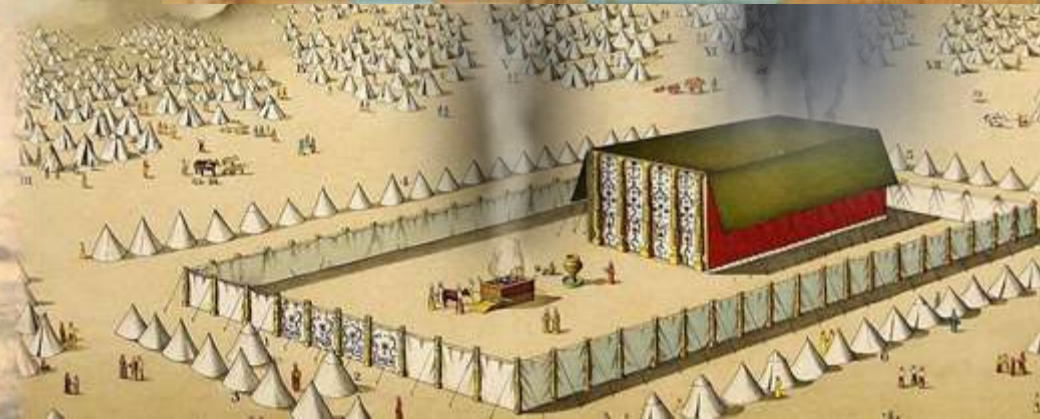
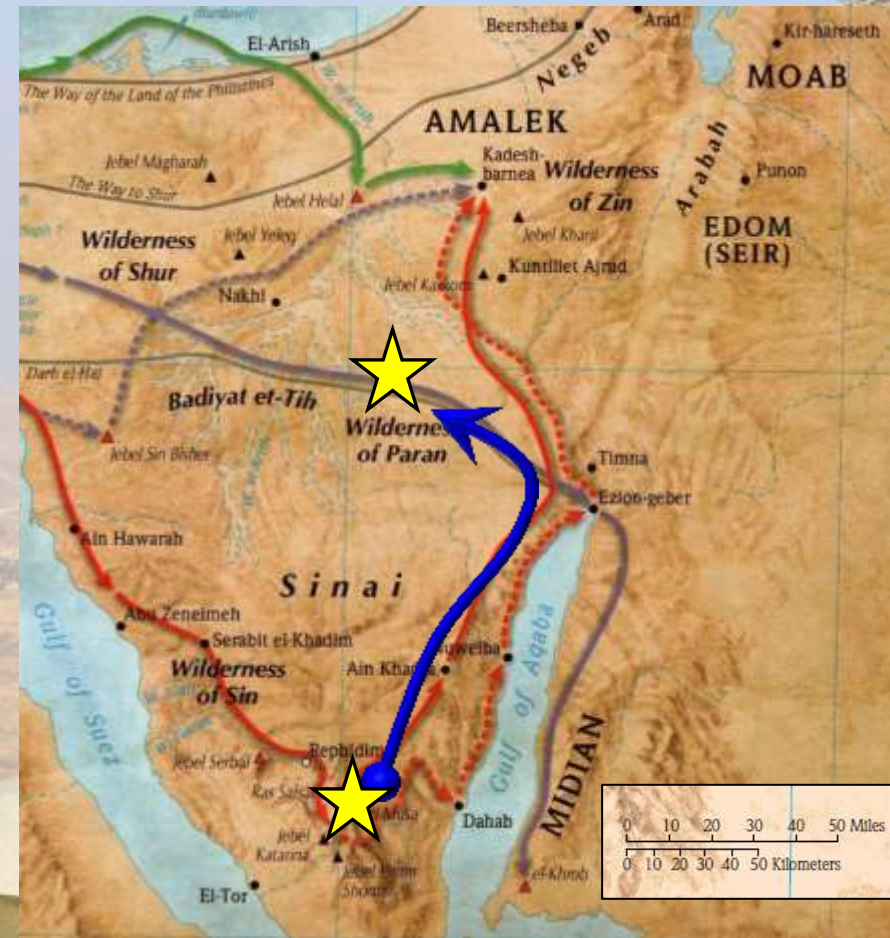
God & Moses are weary – saying this:

19-20 You will not eat it for just 1 day,
or 2 days, or 5, 10 or 20 days,
but for a whole month—

until it COMES OUT OF YOUR NOSTRILS
and you loathe it—because you have
rejected the Lord, who is among you

God & Moses GIVE them what they wanted

In an overflow of abundance



Bob Russell & Bobby Scott wrote a song in 1969
for The Hollies – **He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother**

Moses – that mild-mannered **STRONG** man

His welfare is of my concern

No burden is he to bear

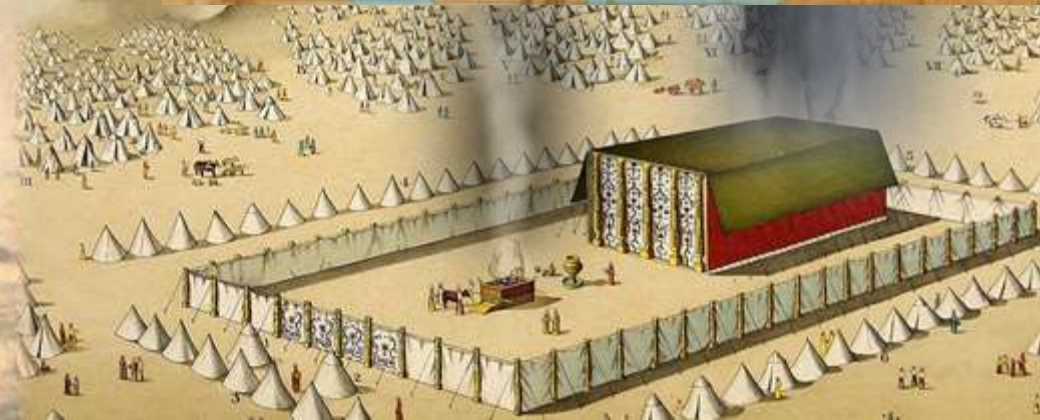
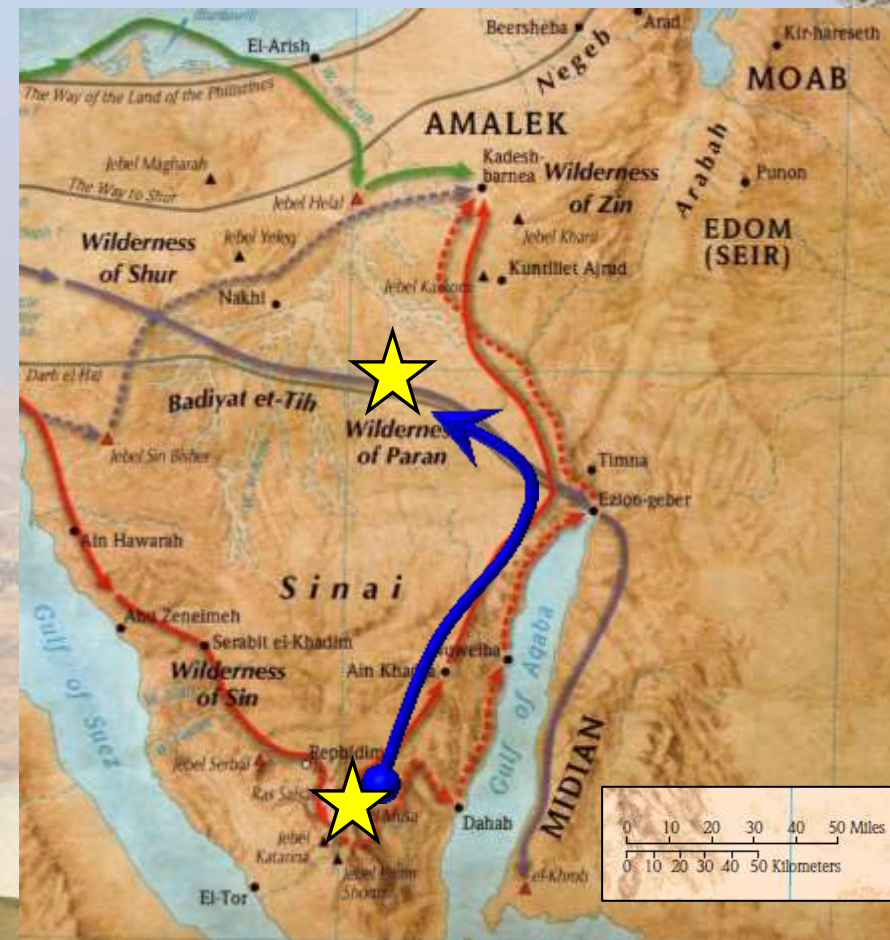
We'll get there ...

For I know

He would **NOT** encumber me

He ain't heavy,

He's my brother



Now Numbers 11:31-35:

**31 Now a WIND went out from the Lord and
drove quail in from the sea.**

**Wind scattered them up to 2 CUBITS DEEP
ALL around the camp [2 Cubits = 3 Feet]
as far as a day's walk in any direction.**

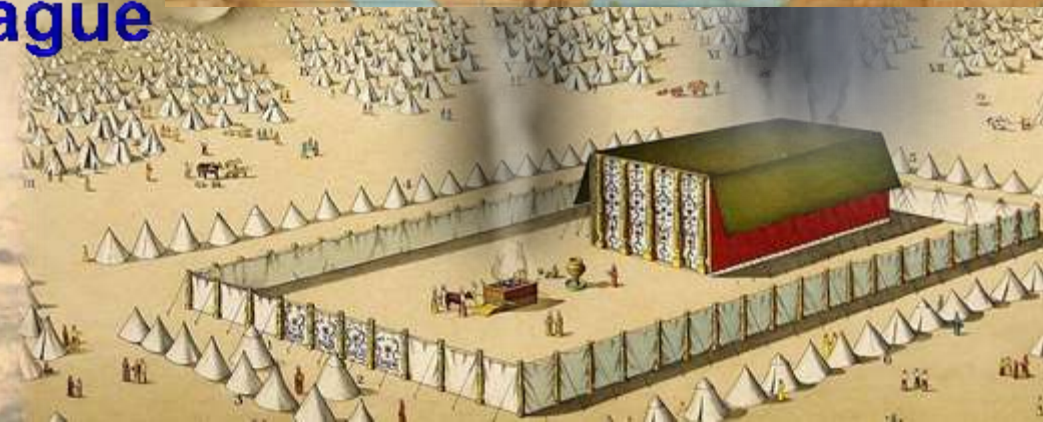
**32 ALL that day & night & ALL the next day
the people ... gathered quail....**

**33 ...meat was still between their teeth and
before it could be consumed**

God struck them with a severe plague

34 ... Place named Kibroth Hattaavah

Another
form of
rūah



So far, the outskirts of camp **BURNED**
Then the MEAT Monsters got **GLUTTED**
then a **Plague**

Then there is Moses' Marital Problems

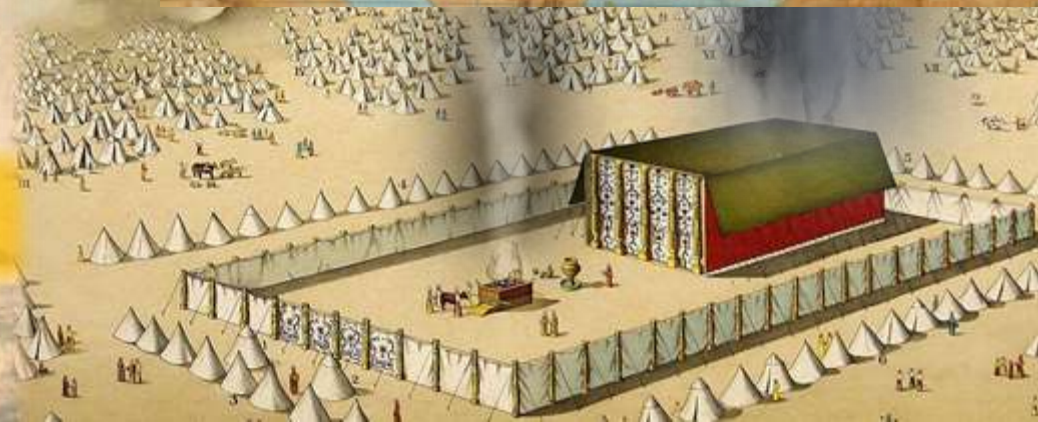
12:1 Miriam & Aaron began to talk **AGAINST**
Moses because of his Cushite wives

2 “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?”
“Hasn't he also spoken through us?”

And the Lord heard this.

Another extraordinary masterful verse:

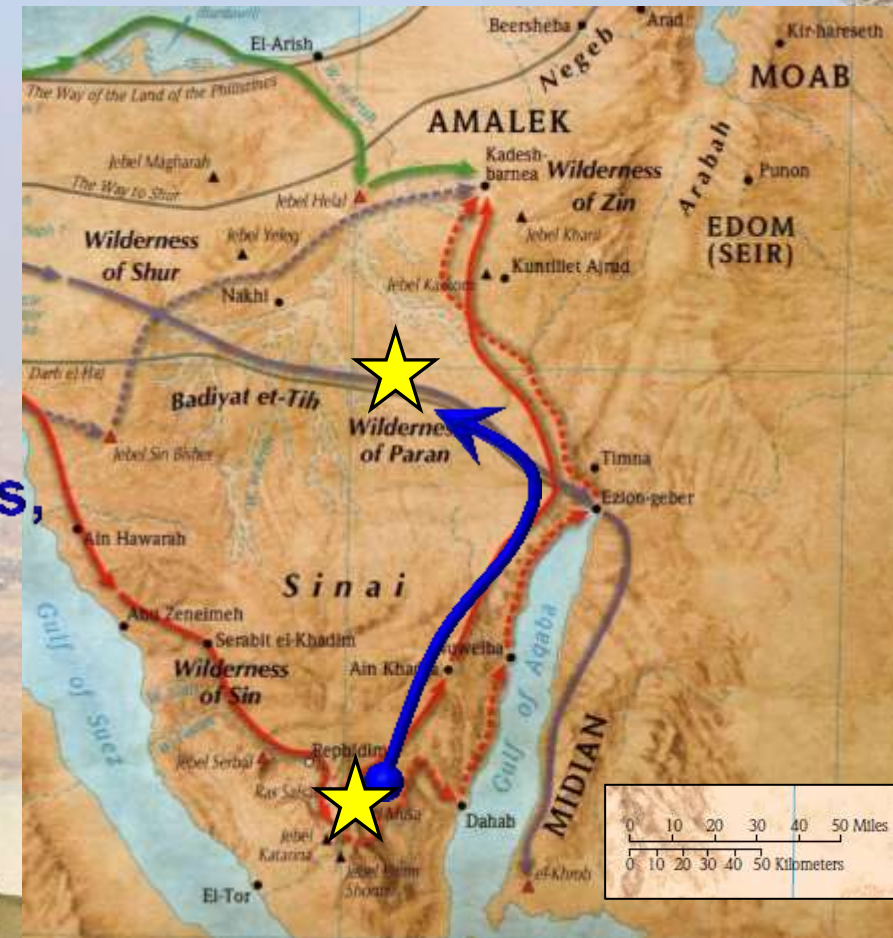
3 Now Moses was a very **HUMBLE** man,
MORE HUMBLE than anyone else
on the face of the earth.



Numbers 12

- 4 AT ONCE** the Lord said to Moses, Aaron & Miriam, “Come out of the tent of meeting”
- Then God speaks to the **THREE** of them, 6-9:
- “When there is a prophet among you,
I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions,
I speak to them in dreams.
- 7** But this is NOT true of my servant Moses;
he is faithful in ALL my house.
- 8 With him I speak face to face,**
clearly and not in riddles;
he sees the form of the Lord.

We cannot grasp that
Moses & Elijah stood with Jesus in Matthew 17



Bob Russell & Bobby Scott wrote a song in 1969
for The Hollies – **He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother**

Hand the trophy of Patience to Moses

If I'm laden at all

I'm laden with sadness

That everyone's heart

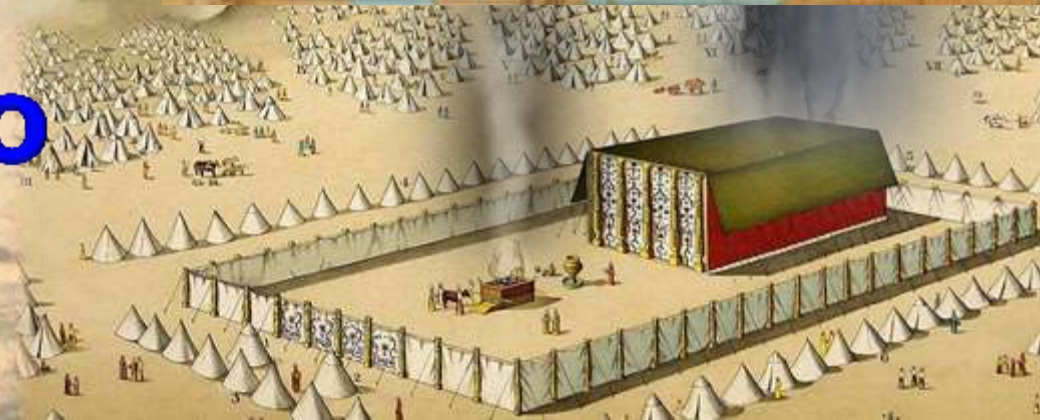
Isn't filled with the gladness

of **LOVE** for one another

And still ...

we have 38 years to go ...

before **Mt. Nebo**



Numbers 12 God to the Miriam & Aaron:

8 Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

9 Anger of the Lord burned against them, and God left them.

12:10-15 Miriam gets leprosy – NOT Aaron *again* Moses prays ... God instructs

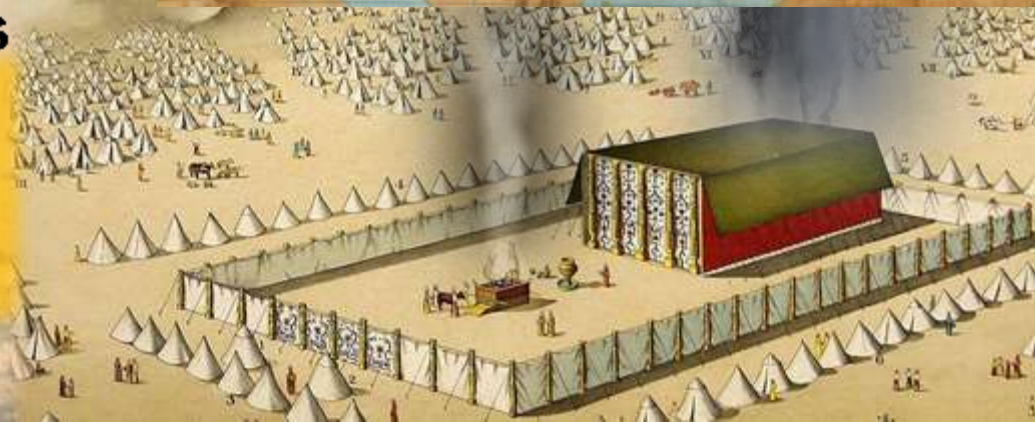
v. 14 is *strange*, but can be read

14 If her father had spit in her face, wouldn't she have been *JUST AS* disgraced

Miriam stays outside the camp for 7 days

ALL wait for 7 days for Miriam

12:16 all to go Hazeroth



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for The Hollies – **He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother**

For Moses & Israelites ...

It's a long, long road

From which there is *NO RETURN*

While we're on the way to there

Why not share?

And the load ...

Doesn't weigh me down at all

Moses, God, Jesus – *Burden Carriers*

You too, Father, Mother, Grandparents

He ain't heavy, he's my brother

