

Departure from Sinai (20 Iyyar [May] 1445 BC)

Numbers 10:11, 12a, 13

- 11 On the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle of the testimony.
 12a So the Israelites set out on their journeys from the wilderness of Sinai;
 13 This was the first time they set out on their journey according to the commandment of the LORD, by the authority of Moses.

The Leadership of Yahweh (20 Iyyar [May] 1445 BC)

Exodus 40:36–37

Numbers 9:17–23

36 But when the cloud was lifted up from the tabernacle the Israelites would set out on all their journeys;

37 but if the cloud was not lifted up, then they would not journey further

until the day it was lifted up.

17 Whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the Israelites would begin their journey; and in whatever place the cloud settled, there the Israelites would make camp.

18 At the commandment of the LORD the Israelites would begin their journey, and at the commandment of the LORD they would make camp; as long as the cloud remained settled over the tabernacle they would camp.

19 When the cloud remained over the tabernacle many days, then the Israelites obeyed the instructions of the LORD and did not journey.

20 When the cloud remained over the tabernacle a number of days, they remained camped according to the LORD's commandment, and according to the LORD's commandment they would journey.

21 And when the cloud remained only from evening until morning, when the cloud was taken up the following morning, then they traveled on. Whether by day or by night, when the cloud was taken up they traveled.

22 Whether it was for two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud prolonged its stay over the tabernacle, the Israelites remained camped without traveling; but when it was taken up, they traveled on.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they camped, and at the commandment of the LORD they traveled on; they kept the instructions of the LORD according to the commandment of the LORD, by the authority of Moses.

Canaan Bound (20 Iyyar [May] 1445 BC)

Numbers 10:14–32

Marching Order of the Tribes

14 The standard of the camp of the Judahites set out first according to their companies, and over his company was Nahshon son of Amminadab.

15 Over the company of the tribe of Issacharites was Nathanel son of Zuar,

16 and over the company of the tribe of the Zebulunites was Elion son of Helon.

17 Then the tabernacle was dismantled, and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set out, carrying the tabernacle.

18 The standard of the camp of Reuben set out according to their companies; over his company was Elizur son of Shedeur.

19 Over the company of the tribe of the Simeonites was Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai,

20 and over the company of the tribe of the Gadites was Eliasaph son of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites set out, carrying the articles for the sanctuary; the tabernacle was to be set up before they arrived.

22 And the standard of the camp of the Ephraimites set out according to their companies; over his company was Elishama son of Ammihud.

23 Over the company of the tribe of the Manassehites was Gamaliel son of Pedahzur,

24 and over the company of the tribe of Benjaminites was Abidan son of Gideoni.

25 The standard of the camp of the Danites set out, which was the rear guard of all the camps by their companies; over his company was Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai.

26 Over the company of the tribe of the Asherites was Pagiel son of Ocran,

27 and over the company of the tribe of the Naphtalites was Ahira son of Enan.

28 These were the traveling arrangements of the Israelites according to their companies when they traveled.

Moses Asks His Brother-in-law Hobab to Join Them

29 Moses said to Hobab son of Reuel, the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are journeying to the place about which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us and we will treat you well, for the LORD has promised good things for Israel."

30 But Hobab said to him, "I will not go, but I will go instead to my own land and to my kindred."

31 Moses said, "Do not leave us, because you know places for us to camp in the wilderness, and you could be our guide.

32 And if you come with us, it is certain that whatever good things the LORD will favor us with, we will share with you as well."

From Sinai to Kibroth-hattaavah/Taberah (20–22 Iyyar [May] 1445 BC)

Numbers 10:33–36

Numbers 33:16

33 So they traveled from the mountain of the LORD three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD was traveling before them during the three days' journey, to find a resting place for them.

34 And the cloud of the LORD was over them by day, when they traveled from the camp.

35 And when the ark traveled, Moses would say, "Rise up, O LORD! May your enemies be scattered, and may those who hate you flee before you!"

36 And when it came to rest he would say, "Return, O LORD, to the many thousands of Israel!"

16 They traveled from the desert of Sinai

and camped at Kibroth Hattaavah [Taberah].

First Rebellion—General Grumbling (23 Iyyar [May/June] 1445 BC)

Numbers 11:1–3

1 When the people complained, it displeased the LORD. When the LORD heard it, his anger burned, and so the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outer parts of the camp.

2 When the people cried to Moses, he prayed to the LORD, and the fire died out.

3 So he called the name of that place Taberah because there the fire of the LORD burned among them.

Second Rebellion—The People Demand Meat (c. 24–26 Iyyar [May/June] 1445 BC)

Numbers 11:4–34

The People Complain—They are Tired of Eating Manna and Crave Meat

4 Now the mixed multitude who were among them craved more desirable foods, and so the Israelites wept again and said, "If only we had meat to eat!

5 We remember the fish we used to eat freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic.

6 But now we are dried up, and there is nothing at all before us except this manna!" [[1 Cor 10:1–6](#)]

7 (Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium.

8 And the people went about and gathered it, and ground it with mills or pounded it in mortars; they baked it in pans and made cakes of it. It tasted like fresh olive oil.

9 And when the dew came down on the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.)

Moses Complains—He Asks God to Kill Him Instead of Burdening Him with the People

10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and when the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly, Moses was also displeased.

11 And Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you afflicted your servant? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of this entire people on me?"

12 Did I conceive this entire people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your arms, as a foster father bears a nursing child,' to the land which you swore to their fathers?

13 From where shall I get meat to give to this entire people, for they cry to me, 'Give us meat, that we may eat!'

14 I am not able to bear this entire people alone, because it is too heavy for me!

15 But if you are going to deal with me like this, then kill me immediately. If I have found favor in your sight then do not let me see my trouble."

Yahweh Speaks—Assemble Seventy Elders and Prepare to Eat Meat!

16 The LORD said to Moses, “Gather to me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know are elders of the people and officials over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting; let them take their position there with you.

17 Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take part of the spirit that is on you, and will put it on them, and they will bear some of the burden of the people with you, so that you do not bear it all by yourself.

18 “And say to the people, ‘Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, and you will eat meat, for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, “Who will give us meat to eat, for life was good for us in Egypt?” Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat.

19 You will eat, not just one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,

20 but a whole month, until it comes out your nostrils and makes you sick, because you have despised the LORD who is among you and have wept before him, saying, “Why did we ever come out of Egypt?””

Moses Expresses Disbelief to Yahweh

21 Moses said, “The people around me are 600,000 on foot; but you say, ‘I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month.’

22 Would they have enough if the flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? If all the fish of the sea were caught for them, would they have enough?”

Yahweh Speaks—“Is my hand shortened?”

23 And the LORD said to Moses, “Is the LORD’s hand shortened? Now you will see whether my word to you will come true or not!”

Yahweh Sends His Spirit Upon the Seventy Elders

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. He then gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and had them stand around the tabernacle.

25 And the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to them, and he took some of the Spirit that was on Moses and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but did not do so again.

26 But two men remained in the camp; one’s name was Eldad, and the other’s name was Medad. And the spirit rested on them. (Now they were among those in the registration, but had not gone to the tabernacle.) So they prophesied in the camp.

27 And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!”

28 Joshua son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his choice young men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!”

29 Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for me? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

30 Then Moses returned to the camp along with the elders of Israel.

Yahweh Covers the Earth with Meat (more than 400 square miles of quail)

31 Now a wind went out from the LORD and brought quail from the sea, and let them fall 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 three feet high on the surface of the ground.

32 And the people stayed up all that day, all that night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail. The one who gathered the least gathered ten homers, and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.

Yahweh Strikes the People With a Great Plague

33 But while the meat was still between their teeth, before they chewed it, the anger of the LORD burned against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague.

34 So the name of that place was called Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people that craved different food.

From Kibroth-hattaavah/Taberah to Hazeroth (c. 27–30 Iyyar [May/June] 1445 BC)

Numbers 11:35

35 The people traveled from Kibroth Hattaavah to Hazeroth, and they stayed at Hazeroth.

Numbers 33:17

17 They traveled from Kibroth Hattaavah and camped at Hazeroth.

Miriam and Aaron Challenge Moses’ Authority (c. 1–7 Sivan [May/June] 1445 BC)

Numbers 12:1–15

Miriam and Aaron Speak Against Moses

1 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman he had married (for he had married an Ethiopian woman).

2 They said, “Has the LORD only spoken through Moses? Has he not also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard it.

3 (Now the man Moses was very humble, more so than any man on the face of the earth.)

Yahweh Speaks—“Why were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

4 The LORD spoke immediately to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam: “The three of you come to the tent of meeting.” So the three of them went.

5 And the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent; he then called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward.

6 The LORD said, “Hear now my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known to him in a vision; I will speak with him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses is not like this; he is faithful in all my house. [[Heb 3:1–6](#)]

8 With him I will speak face to face, openly, and not in riddles; and he will see the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

The Judgment Against Miriam

9 The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he departed.

10 When the cloud departed from above the tent, Miriam became leprous as snow. Then Aaron looked at Miriam, and she was leprous!

11 So Aaron said to Moses, “O my lord, please do not hold this sin against us, in which we have acted foolishly and have sinned!

12 Do not let her be like a baby born dead, whose flesh is half-consumed when it comes out of its mother’s womb!”

13 Then Moses cried to the LORD, “Heal her now, O God.”

Yahweh Has Mercy on Miriam

14 The LORD said to Moses, “If her father had only spit in her face, would she not have been disgraced for seven days? Shut her out from the camp seven days, and afterward she can be brought back in again.”

15 So Miriam was shut outside of the camp for seven days, and the people did not journey on until Miriam was brought back in.

From Hazeroth to the Wilderness of Paran/Kadesh-barnea (c. mid June 1445 BC)

Numbers 12:16

Num 10:12b

16 After that the people moved from Hazeroth and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

12b and the cloud settled in the wilderness of Paran.

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