

Parshah Insights

Chukat

(Numbers 19:1 – 22:1)

#1

EVERYONE must go *to* the Wilderness.

#2

The only way *out of* the Wilderness
is *through* the wilderness.

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דבר = "Word/Speak"

1st letter of the Torah

Duality of Scripture

O.T. ↔ N.T.

Two-Edged Sword

Self ↔ God

Outer Dim. ↔ Inner Dim.

"Scriptures" ↔ "The Word"

Black Fire ↔ White Fire

"Fire" ↔ "Water"

(Jer. 23:29) ↔ (Eph. 5:26)

מדבר = "wilderness"

Deuteronomy 8:1-6

All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which Adonai swore to give to your forefathers. And you shall remember all the way which Adonai your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. And He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Adonai. Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. Thus you are to know in your heart that Adonai your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son. Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of Adonai your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

Q: What is the Purpose of the Wilderness?

A: It is where God takes us to change our minds.

Men entering the Wilderness = 603,550 (1:46)

Men exiting the Wilderness = 601,730 (26:51)

1,820

26 × 70

Numbers 20:12

But Adonai said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.” Those were the waters of Meribah, because the sons of Israel contended with Adonai, **and He was sanctified through them.**

ויקדש בם

Sichon & Og: Two Spiritual Enemies



Enemy #1: Sichon

Sichon (סיחון) = "Sweep away"

Amorite (אמרי) = "Talkers"

Yahatz (יהץ) = "Trodden down"

Cheshbon (חשבון) = "Thinking/Reasoning"

Ar (ער) = "Awakening"

Moab (מואב) = "

Arnon (ארנן) = "Nosy"

Enemy #2: Og the Giant

Og (עוג) = "Round/Cake"

Bashan (בשן) = "Soft/Sandy Soil"

Edrei (אדרעי) = "Good Pasture"

Deuteronomy 3:11

For only Og king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bedstead was an iron bedstead. It is in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon. Its length was nine cubits and its width four cubits by ordinary cubit.

No one enters the Land of Promise without defeating these two enemies:

#1 – Human Reasoning

#2 – Addiction to Comfort

Discussion Questions:

- Identify ways in which the red heifer is a picture of Messiah.
- What areas of your life are still in the Wilderness? (Share an example, if appropriate.)
- Identify an area in your life where you^r mindⁿ has genuinely changed.
- How do Sichon and Og manifest in your life? (Share an example, if appropriate.)
- What two metal animals are described in the Torah? What insights do you discover when you compare and contrast them?

NOTES:

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Jeremiah 23:29 "Is not My word like **fire**?" declares Adonai, "and like a hammer which shatters a rock?"

Ephesians 5:25-26 Husbands, love your wives, just as Messiah also loved the assembly and gave Himself up for her; that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of **water** by the word.

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong to Adonai our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this Torah.

Numbers 19:9 'Now a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place, and the congregation of the sons of Israel shall keep it as water to remove impurity; it is purification from sin.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hebrews 9:13-14 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 13:12-13 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Hebrews 2:9 But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Yeshua, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

1 Corinthians 13:11-12 When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known.

Psalms 135:8-12 He smote the first-born of Egypt, both of man and beast. He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh and all his servants. He smote many nations, and slew mighty kings, **Sihon**, king of the Amorites, and **Og**, king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan; and He gave their land as a heritage, A heritage to Israel His people.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in Adonai with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.