

צְוִיּוֹת חֻקֹּת (STATUTE) Num 20:14-22:1, Deuteronomy 1:1-5, Jn 3:14-17

Num 20:14-22 Moshe sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom: "This is what your **brother** Isra'el says: you know all the troubles we have gone through —that our ancestors went down into Egypt, we lived in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians treated us and our ancestors badly. But when we cried out to **YHWH**, he heard us, sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt. Now here we are in Kadesh, a city at the edge of your territory. Please let us pass through your land. We will not go through fields or vineyards, and we won't drink any water from the wells. We will go along the King's Highway, not turning aside either to the right or to the left until we have left your territory." But Edom answered, "You are not to pass through my land; if you do, I will come out against you with the sword." The people of Isra'el replied, "We will keep to the highway; if we do drink the water, either we or our livestock, we will pay for it. Just let us pass through on foot — it's nothing." But he said, "You are not to pass through"; and Edom came out against them with many people and much force. Thus Edom refused to allow Isra'el passage through its territory, so Isra'el turned away. They traveled on from Kadesh; and the people of Isra'el, the whole community, arrived at Mount Hor.

Moses gives more details in Deuteronomy...

Deut 2:1-8 "Then we turned and began traveling into the desert along the road to the Sea of Suf, as **YHWH** had said to me; and we skirted Mount Se`ir for a long time. Finally **YHWH** said to me, 'You have been going around this mountain long enough! Head north, and give this order to the people: "You are to pass through the territory of your kinsmen the descendants of `Esav who live in Se`ir. They will be afraid of you, so be very cautious, and don't get into disputes with them; for I am not going to give you any of their land, no, not even enough for one foot to stand on; inasmuch as I have given Mount Se`ir to `Esav as his possession. Pay them money for the food you eat, and pay them money for the water you drink. For **YHWH** your Elohim has blessed you in everything your hands have produced. He knows that you have been traveling through this vast desert; these forty years **YHWH** your Elohim has been with you; and you have lacked nothing.' "So we went on past our kinsmen the descendants of `Esav living in Se`ir, left the road through the `Aravah from Eilat and `Etzyon-Gever, and turned to pass along the road through the desert of Mo'av.

So Israel seems to have a bit of "little brother" complex and does not obey the command to go through the land of Edom, this goes back all the way Isaac's time...

Gen 27:38-41 `Esav said to his father, "Have you only one blessing, my father? Father, bless me too!" `Esav wept aloud, and Yitz'chak his father answered him: "Here! Your home will be of the richness of the earth and of the dew of heaven from above. **You will live by your sword**, and you will serve your brother. But when you break loose, you will shake his yoke off your neck." `Esav hated his brother because of the blessing his father had given him. `Esav said to himself, "The time for mourning my father will soon come, and then I will kill my brother Ya`akov."

Jacob is still terrified after returning from working for lavan...

Gen 32:1-8 (32:2-9) Ya`akov went on his way, and the angels of Elohim met him. When Ya`akov saw them, he said, "This is Elohim's camp," and called that place **Machanayim [two camps]**. Ya`akov sent messengers ahead of him to `Esav his brother toward the land of Se`ir, the country of Edom, with these instructions: "Here is what you are to say to my lord `Esav: 'Your servant Ya`akov says, "I have been living

with Lavan and have stayed until now. I have cattle, donkeys and flocks, and male and female servants. I am sending to tell this news to my lord, in order to win your favor." ' ' " The messengers returned to Ya`akov saying, "We went to your brother `Esav, and he is coming to meet you; with him are four hundred men." Ya`akov became greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people, flocks, cattle and camels with him into two camps, saying, "If `Esav comes to the one camp and attacks it, at least the camp that is left will escape."

Gen 32:11 (32:12) Please! Rescue me from my brother `Esav! I'm afraid of him, afraid he'll come and attack me, without regard for mothers or children.

What Jacob did prefigured what will happen, when the "Two Camps" rejoin and sweep down on the Edomites...

Isa 11:13-14 Efrayim's jealousy will cease — those who harass Y'hudah will be cut off, Efrayim will stop envying Y'hudah, and Y'hudah will stop provoking Efrayim. They will swoop down on the flank of the P'lishtim to the west. Together they will pillage the people to the east — they will put out their hand over Edom and Mo'av, and the people of `Amon will obey them.

So Israel destroys Edom, But if we look at all the prophecies of this, it is Yeshua leading Ephraim and Judah against Edom...

Num 24:17-19 "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not soon — a star will step forth from Ya`akov, a scepter will arise from Isra'el, to crush the corners of Mo'av and destroy all descendants of Shet. His enemies will be his possessions — Edom and Se`ir, possessions. Isra'el will do valiantly, From Ya`akov will come someone who will rule, and he will destroy what is left of the city."

Jer 49:7-13 Concerning Edom, this is what **YHWH**-Tzva'ot says: "Is there no wisdom left in Teman? Have her wise men forgotten how to counsel? Has their wisdom vanished? Flee! Turn back! Hide yourselves well, you who live in D'dan; for I am bringing calamity on `Esav, when the time for me to punish him comes. If grape-pickers came to you, they would leave no grapes for gleaning. If thieves came at night, they would destroy until they were satisfied. So I, for my part, have stripped `Esav bare, I have exposed his hiding-places; he will not be able to hide himself. He is doomed — sons, brothers and neighbors — so that he is no more. Leave your orphans; I will keep them alive; let your widows trust in me." For this is what **YHWH** says: "Those who do not deserve to drink from this cup will have to drink it anyway, so should you go unpunished? No, you will not go unpunished; you will certainly drink it. For I have sworn by myself," says **YHWH**, "that Botzrah will become a ruin and an object of astonishment, reproach and cursing; all its cities will be ruins forever."

Mal 1:1-5 A prophecy, the word of **YHWH** to Isra'el through Mal'akhi: "I love you," says **YHWH**. But you ask, "How do you show us your love?" **YHWH** answers, " `Esav was Ya`akov's brother. Yet I loved Ya`akov but hated `Esav. I made his mountains desolate and gave his territory to desert jackals." Edom says, "We are beaten down now, but we will come back and rebuild the ruins." **YHWH** -Tzva'ot answers, "They can build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Land of Wickedness, the people with whom YHWH is permanently angry. You will see it and say, ' **YHWH** is great, even beyond the borders of Isra'el.' "

Isa 34:5-6 "For my sword has drunk its fill in heaven; now it descends on Edom to judge them, the people I have doomed to destruction." There is a sword that belongs to **YHWH**. It is filled with blood, gorged with fat, filled with the blood of lambs and goats, gorged with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For YHWH has a sacrifice in Botzrah, a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

Ezek 25:12-14 " **YHWH** Elohim says: 'Because Edom has taken severe vengeance against the house of Y'hudah, incurring much guilt by its acts of vengeance against them, therefore,' **YHWH** Elohim says, 'I will stretch my hand out over Edom and eliminate both its humans and its animals. I will make it a ruin; from Teman to D'dan they will die by the sword. Moreover, I will lay my vengeance on Edom through my people Isra'el; they will treat Edom in accordance with my anger and my fury; and they will know my vengeance' says **YHWH** Elohim.

Amo 1:11-12 Here is what **YHWH** says: "For Edom's three crimes, no, four — I will not reverse it — because with sword he pursued his kinsman and threw aside all pity, constantly nursing his anger, forever fomenting his fury; I will send fire on Teman, and it will consume the palaces of Botzrah."

So who is this Star from Jacob, that destroys Botzrah, makes Edom a possession...?

Isa 63:1-6 Who is this, coming from Edom, from Botzrah with clothing stained crimson, so magnificently dressed, so stately in his great strength? "It is I, who speak victoriously, I, well able to save." Why is your apparel red, your clothes like someone treading a winepress? "I have trodden the winepress alone; from the peoples, not one was with me. So I trod them in my anger, trampled them in my fury; so their lifeblood spurted out on my clothing, and I have stained all my garments; for the day of vengeance that was in my heart and my year of redemption have come. I looked, but there was no one to help, and I was appalled that no one upheld me. Therefore my own arm brought me salvation, and my own fury upheld me. In my anger I trod down the peoples, made them drunk with my fury, then poured out their lifeblood on the earth."

Rev 19:11-13 Next I saw heaven opened, and there before me was a white horse. Sitting on it was the one called Faithful and True, and it is in righteousness that he passes judgment and goes to battle. His eyes were like a fiery flame, and on his head were many royal crowns. And he had a name written which no one knew but himself. **He was wearing a robe that had been soaked in blood, and the name by which he is called is, "THE WORD OF ELOHIM."**

It is Yeshua! Scripture gives us timing on this, just like the prophecy in **Isaiah 11, Amos 9** puts it at the reuniting of Judah and Ephraim...

Amo 9:11-15 "When that day comes, I will raise up the fallen sukkah of David. I will close up its gaps, raise up its ruins and rebuild it as it used to be, **so that Isra'el can possess what is left of Edom** and of all the nations bearing my name," says **YHWH**, who is doing this. "The days will come," says **YHWH**, "when the plowman will overtake the reaper and the one treading grapes the one sowing seed. Sweet wine will drip down the mountains, and all the hills will flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Isra'el; they will rebuild and inhabit the ruined cities; they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, cultivate gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them on their own soil, no more to be uprooted from their land, which I gave them," says **YHWH** your Elohim.

Back to the parsha...

Num 20:23-29 At Mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom, **YHWH** said to Moshe and Aharon, "Aharon is about to be gathered to his people, because he is not to enter the land I have given to the people of Isra'el, inasmuch as **you rebelled against what I said at the M'rivah Spring**. Take Aharon and El`azar his son, bring them up to Mount Hor, remove the garments from Aharon and put them on El`azar his son. Aharon will be gathered to his people — he will die there." Moshe did as **YHWH** had ordered. They went up onto Mount Hor before the eyes of the whole community. Moshe removed the garments from Aharon, and put them on El`azar his son, and Aharon died there on the top of the mountain. Then Moshe

and El'azar came down the mountain. When the entire community saw that Aharon was dead, they mourned Aharon thirty days, the whole house of Isra'el.

Moses and Aaron are not to enter the land because of the incident at M'rivah (Quarreling). In last weeks notes I thought it was due to the fact that he struck the rock when ordered to speak to the Rock, but if we read Exodus, he was commanded to strike the Rock...

***Exo 17:5-17** YHWH answered Moshe, "Go on ahead of the people, and bring with you the leaders of Isra'el. Take your staff in your hand, the one you used to strike the river; and go. I will stand in front of you there on the rock in Horev. **You are to strike the rock**, and water will come out of it, so the people can drink." Moshe did this in the sight of the leaders of Isra'el. The place was named Massah [testing] and M'rivah [quarreling] because of the quarreling of the people of Isra'el and because they tested YHWH by asking, "Is YHWH with us or not?"*

So what then did Moses and Aaron do wrong...?

It seems as if Moses did it out of anger, not faith. He said "listen here you rebels" instead of displaying faith, making YHWH known to Israel yet once more, it was a heart Issue, the Torah was not written yet on Moses' heart. In fact, what happened to Moses [not being able to enter the land] is a picture of our salvation...

- What is the land of Israel a shadow of? Heaven or New Jerusalem (**Heb 11:8-16**)
- Moses (Who represents the Torah) couldn't make it on his own
- Rather it is Joshua (**Yah's** Salvation) [the name of the Messiah] who enters the land
- We are brought near through Moses (The Torah), but we enter the land (Heaven) through Yeshua

El'azar's name means "El' is my help" אלעזר

The transference of garments from Aaron to Eleazar, is symbolic of what happens to us when through Yeshua's Malki-tzedek priesthood, we are changed into a kingdom of Cohanim **1Pet 2:9**. When we put on the white linen garments, like that of the Cohen Gadol (High Priest) **Exo 28**

Rev 22:14 *How blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they have the right to eat from the Tree of Life and go through the gates into the city!*

We will become kings and priest's in the line of Malki-Tzedek with the "help of El"!

Back to the Parsha...

Num 21:1-5 *Then the king of `Arad, a Kena`ani who lived in the Negev, heard that Isra'el was approaching by way of Atarim, so he attacked Isra'el and took some of them captive. Isra'el made a vow to YHWH, "If you will hand this people over to me, I will completely destroy their cities." YHWH listened to what Isra'el said and handed over the Kena`anim, so they completely destroyed them and their cities and named the place Hormah [complete destruction]. Then they traveled from Mount Hor on the road toward the Sea of Suf in order to go around the land of Edom; but the people's tempers grew short because of the detour. The people spoke against Elohim and against Moshe: "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt? To die in the desert? There's no real food, there's no water, and we're sick of this miserable stuff we're eating!"*

It was the "Arm of YHWH" that defeated Israel's enemies... It was Yeshua (**Isa 53**)

Psa 135:10-13 *He struck many nations, and slaughtered mighty kings - Sichon king of the Emori, `Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Kena`an. Then he gave their land as a heritage, to be possessed by Isra'el his people. YHWH, your name continues forever, your renown, YHWH, through all generations.*

Psa 44:2-4 *With your hand you drove out nations to plant them in [the land], you crushed peoples to make room for them. For not by their own swords did they conquer the land, nor did their own arm give them victory; rather, it was your right hand, your arm and the light of your face; because you favored them. Elohim, you are my king; command complete victory for Ya`akov.*

This is now the second generation, coming against **YHWH** and Moses, and their grip sounds identical to the previous generation's complaints...

Num 11:6-10 *But now we're withering away, we have nothing to look at but this manna." The man, by the way, was like coriander seed and white like gum resin. The people would go around gathering it and would grind it up in mills or pound it to paste with mortar and pestle. Then they would cook it in pots and make it into loaves that tasted like cakes baked with olive oil. When the dew settled on the camp during the night, the man came with it. Moshe heard the people crying, family after family, each person at the entrance to his tent; the anger of **YHWH** flared up violently; and Moshe too was displeased.*

The reason **YHWH** is so angry with the Israelites for complaining against His provision which was "bread from Heaven" or Manna **Exo 16:4**, is that they are really complaining against "the bread from heaven" Yeshua...

John 6:31-35 *Our fathers ate man in the desert — as it says in the Tanakh, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Yeshua said to them, "Yes, indeed! I tell you it wasn't Moshe who gave you the bread from heaven. But my Father is giving you the genuine bread from heaven; for Elohim's bread is the one who comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread from now on." Yeshua answered, "I am the bread which is life! Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever trusts in me will never be thirsty.*

The difference between the generation that died in the desert and the second generation is maturity. When a plague is sent because of the complaining, this generation recognizes the divine plague and repents...

Num 21:6-9 *In response, **YHWH** sent poisonous snakes among the people; they bit the people, and many of Isra'el's people died. The people came to Moshe and said, "We sinned by speaking against **YHWH** and against you. Pray to **YHWH** that he rid us of these snakes." Moshe prayed for the people, and **YHWH** answered Moshe: "Make a poisonous snake and put it on a pole. When anyone who has been bitten sees it, he will live." Moshe made a bronze snake and put it on the pole; if a snake had bitten someone, then, when he looked toward the bronze snake, he stayed alive.*

Why a plague of snakes...?

Gen 3:14-15 ***YHWH**, Elohim, said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all livestock and wild animals. You will crawl on your belly and eat dust as long as you live. I will put animosity between you [the snake] and the woman [Israel/Messiah], and between your descendant [the snakes] and her descendant [Israel/Messiah]; he [the snake] will bruise your head, and you [Israel/Messiah] will bruise his [the snakes] heel."*

Edom playing the role of the snake...

Gen 25:24-27 *When the time for her delivery came, there were twins in her womb. The first to come out was reddish and covered all over with hair, like a coat; so they named him `Esav [completely formed, that is, having hair already]. Then his brother emerged, with his hand holding `Esav's heel, so he was called Ya`akov [he catches by the heel, he supplants]. Yitz'chak was sixty years old when she bore them. The boys grew; and `Esav became a skillful hunter, an outdoorsman; while Ya`akov was a quiet man who stayed in the tents.*

Esau the snake, was crushing Israel's head, and Israel was bruising his heel. Why did this plague of snakes come about? Because they ignored **YHWH**'s order to go through Edom, when they ignore the command and take the long way around the people grow weary, and complain ...

Num 21:4-5 *"but the people's tempers grew short because of the detour. The people spoke against Elohim and against Moshe..."*

In the book of Revelation it is prophesied that this would happen, this is why in **Isaiah 63** Messiah is coming from Edom with dyed blood red garments, because he was destroying the Anti-Messiah, who will come from Edom!

Rev 12 *Now a great sign was seen in heaven — a woman clothed with the sun, under her feet the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and about to give birth, and she screamed in the agony of labor. Another sign was seen in heaven: there was a great red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven royal crowns. Its tail swept a third of the stars out of heaven and threw them down to the earth. It stood in front of the woman about to give birth, so that it might devour the child the moment it was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, the one who will rule all the nations with a staff of iron. But her child was snatched up to Elohim and his throne; and she fled into the desert, where she has a place prepared by Elohim so that she can be taken care of for 1,260 days. Next there was a battle in heaven — Mikha'el and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But it was not strong enough to win, so that there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown out, that ancient serpent, also known as the Devil and Satan [the Adversary], the deceiver of the whole world. He was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "Now have come Elohim's victory, power and kingship, and the authority of his Messiah; because the Accuser of our brothers, who accuses them day and night before Elohim, has been thrown out! "They defeated him because of the Lamb's blood and because of the message of their witnesss [the song of Moses and the Lamb, Torah and Yeshua]. Even when facing death they did not cling to life. "Therefore, rejoice, heaven and you who live there! But woe to you, land and sea, for the Adversary has come down to you, and he is very angry, because he knows that his time is short!" When the dragon saw that he had been hurled down to the earth, he went in pursuit of the woman who had given birth to the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly to her place in the desert, where she is taken care of for a season and two seasons and half a season, away from the serpent's presence. The serpent spewed water like a river out of its mouth after the woman, in order to sweep her away in the flood; but the land came to her rescue — it opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon had spewed out of its mouth. The dragon was infuriated over the woman and went off to fight the rest of her children, those who obey Elohim's commands [Torah] and bear witness to Yeshua.*

Who tried to kill the male child when he was born, as **Rev 12** said...? It was HEROD the EDOMITE! Read **Mat 2**

This prophecy is ultimately fulfilled when Yeshua destroys Edom...

Rev 19:11-21 *Next I saw heaven opened, and there before me was a white horse. Sitting on it was the one called Faithful and True, and it is in righteousness that he passes judgment and goes to battle. His eyes were like a fiery flame, and on his head were many royal crowns. And he had a name written which no one knew but himself. He was wearing a robe that had been soaked in blood [ISAIAH 63], and the name by which he is called is, "THE WORD OF ELOHIM." The armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. And out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down nations — "He will rule them with a staff of iron." It is he who treads the winepress from which flows the wine of the furious rage of **YHWH**, Elohim of heaven's armies. And on his robe and on his thigh he has a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out in a loud voice to all the birds that fly about in mid-heaven, "Come, gather together for the great*

*feast Elohim is giving, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of generals, the flesh of important men, the flesh of horses and their riders and the flesh of all kinds of people, free and slave, small and great!" I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to do battle with the rider of the horse and his army. But the beast was taken captive, and with it the false prophet who, in its presence, had done the miracles which he had used to deceive those who had received the mark of the beast and those who had worshipped his image. The beast and the false prophet were both thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. The rest were killed with the sword [Torah **Eph 6:17 & Heb 4:12**] that goes out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.*

Ezek 39:1-23 speaks of the same thing as **Rev 19**, Ezekiel refers to this as Gog and Magog. So the reuniting of Israel (Ephraim and Judah) is followed by Gog and Magog, after which Satan is locked up for a thousand years ~ **Rev 20**

So Yeshua defeats the anti-messiah out of Edom, **Isa 63 & Rev 19**, this anti-messiah is the rider with no sword, or rather no Torah Read **Rev 6:2**. This makes sense as Balaam the son of Beor the Edomite King (**Gen 36:32-33 & Num 22:5**) also taught against the Torah, and tricked people into violating the Torah.

Deut 23:5-7 (23:6-8) *But YHWH your Elohim would not listen to Bil'am; rather, YHWH your Elohim turned the curse into a blessing for you; because YHWH your Elohim loved you. So you are never to seek their peace or well being, as long as you live. "But you are not to detest an Edomi, because he is your brother;*

Rev 2:12-16 *"To the angel of the Assembly in Pergamum (Turkey), write: 'Here is the message from the one who has the sharp double-edged sword: "I know where you are living, there where the Adversary's throne is. Yet you are holding onto my name. You did not deny trusting me even at the time when my faithful witness Antipas was put to death in your town, there where the Adversary lives. Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: you have some people who hold to the teaching of Bil'am, who taught Balak to set a trap for the people of Isra'el, so that they would eat food that had been sacrificed to idols and commit sexual sin. Likewise, you too have people who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Therefore, turn from these sins. Otherwise, I will come to you very soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth.*

Now, the snake on a pole, which saved the people, represented what Messiah did through death...

John 3:12-15 *If you people don't believe me when I tell you about the things of the world, how will you believe me when I tell you about the things of heaven? No one has gone up into heaven; there is only the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. Just as Moshe lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that everyone who trusts in him may have eternal life.*

The other thing that links the serpent on a pole to the Messiah is the Gematria of the word serpent

Nawkawsh נחש (see **2 King 18:4**) is 358... the same as Messiah Meshiac משיח.

This is why Moses staff turned "Serpent" eat the serpent of Egypt (The beast) it was really the Messiah destroying the anti-messiah...

Exo 7:10-12 *Moshe and Aharon went in to Pharaoh and did this, as YHWH had ordered — Aharon threw down his staff in front of Pharaoh and his servants, and it turned into a snake. But Pharaoh in turn called for the sages and sorcerers; and they too, the magicians of Egypt, did the same thing, making use of their secret arts. Each one threw his staff down, and they turned into snakes. But Aharon's staff swallowed up theirs*

David, an earthly shadow of the Messiah ruled over Edom **2Sa 8:14** and destroyed all of its males except one...

1Ki 11:14-17 Then **YHWH** raised up an adversary against Shlomo, Hadad the Edomi, of the royal line of Edom. Back when David had been in Edom, and Yo'av the commander of the army had gone up to bury the dead, having killed every male in Edom (for Yo'av and all Isra'el had stayed there six months, until he had eliminated every male in Edom), Hadad had fled, he and a number of Edomi servants of his father's with him, and gone into Egypt; at the time Hadad had been but a small boy.

Who later comes back and defeats David's sons... Messiah is completely perfect; He will destroy all of Edom!

Psa 83:1-8 [A song. A psalm of Asaf:] Elohim, don't remain silent! Don't stay quiet, Elohim, or still; because here are your enemies, causing an uproar; those who hate you are raising their heads, craftily conspiring against your people, consulting together against those you treasure. They say, "Come, let's wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Isra'el be remembered no more!" With one mind they plot their schemes; the covenant they have made is against you - the tents of Edom and the Yishma'elim, Mo'av and the Hagrims, G'val, `Amon and `Amalek, P'leshet with those living in Tzor; (Selah) Ashur too is allied with them, to reinforce the descendants of Lot.

Psa 137:4-9 How can we sing a song about **YHWH** here on foreign soil? If I forget you, Yerushalayim, may my right hand wither away! May my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth if I fail to remember you, if I fail to count Yerushalayim the greatest of all my joys. Remember, **YHWH**, against the people of Edom the day of Yerushalayim's fall, how they cried, "Tear it down! Tear it down! Raze it to the ground!" Daughter of Bavel, you will be destroyed! A blessing on anyone who pays you back for the way you treated us! A blessing on anyone who seizes your babies and smashes them against a rock!

Or as revelation says "come out of her (Babylon) my people" **Rev 18:4**

Back to the Parsha...

Num 21:10-22:1 The people of Isra'el traveled on and camped at Ovot. From Ovot they traveled and camped at `Iyei-Ha`avarim, in the desert fronting Mo'av on the east. From there they traveled and camped in Vadi Zered. From there they traveled and camped on the other side of the Arnon, in the desert; this river comes out of the territory of the Emori; for the Arnon is the boundary between Mo'av and the Emori. This is why it says, in the Book of the Wars of **YHWH**, ". . . Vahev at Sufah, the vadis of Arnon, and the slope of the vadis extending as far as the site of `Ar, which lie next to the territory of Mo'av." From there they went on to Be'er [well]; that is the well about which **YHWH** said to Moshe, "Assemble the people, and I will give them water." Then Isra'el sang this song: "Spring up, oh well! Sing to the well sunk by the princes, dug by the people's leaders with the scepter, with their staffs!" From the desert they went to Mattanah, from Mattanah to Nachali'el, from Nachali'el to Bamot, and from Bamot to the valley by the plain of Mo'av at the start of the Pisgah range, where it overlooks the desert. Isra'el sent messengers to Sichon, king of the Emori, with this message: "Let me pass through your land. We won't turn aside into fields or vineyards, and we won't drink any water from the wells. We will go along the King's Highway until we have left your territory." But Sichon would not allow Isra'el to pass through his territory. Instead, Sichon mustered all his people and went out into the desert to fight Isra'el. On reaching Yachatz, he fought Isra'el. Isra'el defeated him by force of arms and took control of his land from the Arnon to the Yabok River, but only as far as the people of `Amon, because the territory of the people of `Amon was well defended. Isra'el took all these cities — Isra'el lived in all the cities of the Emori, in Heshbon and all its surrounding towns. Heshbon was the city of Sichon, the king of the Emori, who had fought against the former king of Mo'av and conquered all his land up to the Arnon. This is why the storytellers say, "Come to Heshbon! Let it be rebuilt! Let Sichon's city be restored! "For fire burst out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sichon. It consumed `Ar of Mo'av, the lords of Arnon's high places. "Woe to you, Mo'av! You are destroyed, people of K'mosh! He let his sons be fugitives and his daughters captives of Sichon, king of the Emori. "We shot them down; Heshbon is destroyed, all the way to Divon. We even laid waste to Nofach, which extends as far as Meidva." Thus

*Isra'el lived in the land of the Emori. Moshe sent men to reconnoiter Ya`zer; they captured its towns and drove out the Emori who were there. Then they turned and went up along the road to Bashan; and `Og, the king of Bashan, marched out against them, he with all his people, to fight at Edre`i. **YHWH** said to Moshe, "Don't be afraid of him, for I have handed him over to you with all his people and his land. You will treat him just as you did Sichon, king of the Emori, who lived at Heshbon." So they struck him down, with his sons and all his people, until there was no one left alive; and then they took control of his land. Then the people of Isra'el traveled on and camped in the plains of Mo'av beyond the Yarden River, opposite Yericho.*

- Book of Wars of **YHWH**, is a lost book, also referenced in Jasher 90:48

Deut 3:11 *`Og king of Bashan was the last survivor of the Refa'im. His bed was made of iron; it is still in Rabbah with the people of `Amon. It was nine cubits long and four cubits wide, using the normal cubit [thirteen-and-a-half by six feet].*

Meaning of the camp & battle sites...

- Oboth ~ אבת Familiar spirit
- Iyei-Ha`avarim ~ עיי העברים Ruins of the passers
- Vadi ~ בנחל River Valley
- Arnon ~ ארנון Shouting stream (we were on the opposite side of)
- Be'er ~ באר A well
- Mattanah ~ מתנה A gift
- Nachali'el ~ נחליאל Valley of Elohim
- Bamot ~ במות Heights [Bamot Ba'al] Heights of Ba'al ~ בעל במות
- Pisgah ~ פסגה A cleft
- Yachatz ~ יהצה To stamp (defeated Amorites)
- Ya`zer ~ יעזר Helpful
- Edre`i ~ אדרעי Mighty (Defeated Og of Bashan)
- Yericho ~ ירחו Its month.
- It's two root words... 1. yaw-ray'-akh ~ ירח Moon 2. roo'-akh ~ רוח Breath

The Haf Torah Reading of Obadiah is all about the war with Edom...

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