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Parashah #43. Mas'ei – journeys of





- Num 33:1-36:13
- Jer 2:4-28; 3:4; 4:1-2
- Jam 4:1-12

Mas'ei means “journeys of”

Bemidbar (Numbers) 33:1-36:13

Bemidbar (Numbers) Chapter 33

Forty-Two Journeys of the Yasharalites

¹ These are the journeys of the Yasharalites when they came out of the land of Mitsrayim by their divisions under the leadership of Moshe and Aharon. ² At אֱלֹהִים' command, Moshe recorded the stages of their journey. These are the stages listed by their starting points:

³ On the fifteenth day of the first new *moon*, on the day after the Pěsaḥ, the Yasharalites set out from Ra'meses. They marched out defiantly in full view of all the Mitsrayites, ⁴ who were burying all their firstborn, whom אֱלֹהִים had struck down among them; for אֱלֹהִים had executed judgment against their idols. ⁵ The Yasharalites set out from Ra'meses and *camped at Sukkoth*.

⁶ They set out from Sukkoth and camped at Ėtham, on the edge of the wilderness.



⁷ They set out from Ėtham and turned back to Pi Haḥiroth, opposite Ba'al Tsephon, and they camped near Miḡdol.

⁸ They set out from Haḥiroth and crossed through the sea, into the wilderness, and *they journeyed three days* into the Wilderness of Ėtham and camped at Marah.

⁹ They set out from Marah and came to Ėlim, *where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees*, and they camped there.

¹⁰ They set out from Ėlim and camped by the Sea of Reeds.

¹¹ They set out from the Sea of Reeds and camped in the Wilderness of Sin.

¹² They set out from the Wilderness of Sin and camped at Dophqah.

¹³ They set out from Dophqah and camped at Alush.

¹⁴ They set out from Alush and camped at Rephidim, *where there was no water for the people to drink*.

¹⁵ They set out from Rephidim and camped in the Wilderness of Sinai.

¹⁶ They set out from the Wilderness of Sinai and camped at Qibroth Hatta'awah.



- ¹⁷ They set out from Qibroth Hatta'awah and camped at Hatsěroth.
- ¹⁸ They set out from Hatsěroth and camped at Rithmah.
- ¹⁹ They set out from Rithmah and camped at Rimmon Perets.
- ²⁰ They set out from Rimmon Perets and camped at Liḇnah.
- ²¹ They set out from Liḇnah and camped at Rissah.
- ²² They set out from Rissah and camped at Qehělathah.
- ²³ They set out from Qehělathah and camped at Mount Shapher.
- ²⁴ They set out from Mount Shapher and camped at Haraḡah.
- ²⁵ They set out from Haraḡah and camped at Maqhěloth.
- ²⁶ They set out from Maqhěloth and camped at Taḡath.
- ²⁷ They set out from Taḡath and camped at Teraḡ.
- ²⁸ They set out from Teraḡ and camped at Mithqah.
- ²⁹ They set out from Mithqah and camped at Hashmonah.
- ³⁰ They set out from Hashmonah and camped at Mosěroth.
- ³¹ They set out from Mosěroth and camped at Beněi Ya'aqan.



³² They set out from Beněi Ya'aqan and camped at Ḥor Haggidgaḏ.

³³ They set out from Ḥor Haggidgaḏ and camped at Yotḇathah.

³⁴ They set out from Yotḇathah and camped at Aḇronah.

³⁵ They set out from Aḇronah and camped at Etsyon Geḇer.

³⁶ They set out from Etsyon Geḇer and camped at the Wilderness of Tsin, which is Qaḏěsh.

³⁷ They set out from Qaḏěsh and camped at Mount Hor, on the outskirts of the land of Edom. ³⁸ At אֲהֲרֹן's command, Aharon the priest climbed Mount Hor and died there on the first day of the fifth month, in the fortieth year after the Yasharalites had come out of the land of Mitsrayim. ³⁹ Aharon was 123 years old when he died on Mount Hor.

⁴⁰ Now the Kena'anite king of Araḏ, who lived in the South in the land of Kena'an, heard that the Yasharalites were coming.

⁴¹ And the Yasharalites set out from Mount Hor and camped at Tsalmonah.

⁴² They set out from Tsalmonah and camped at Punon.

⁴³ They set out from Punon and camped at Oḇoth.

⁴⁴ They set out from Oḇoth and camped at Iyě Ha-Aḇarim on the border of Mo'ab.



⁴⁵ They set out from Iyim and camped at Dibon Gaḏ.

⁴⁶ They set out from Dibon Gaḏ and camped at Almon Diblathayemah.

⁴⁷ They set out from Almon Diblathayemah and camped in the mountains of Aḅarim, before Neḅo.

⁴⁸ They set out from the mountains of Aḅarim, before Neḅo and camped on the plains of Mo'ab by the Yardēn of Yeriḥo.

⁴⁹ And there on the plains of Mo'ab they camped by the Yardēn, from Běyth Yeshimoth as far as the Aḅēl Shittim.

Instructions for Occupying Kena'an

⁵⁰ On the plains of Mo'ab by the Yardēn across from Yeriḥo, אֶלְעָזָר said to Moshe, ⁵¹ "Speak to the Yasharalites and tell them: When you cross the Yardēn into the land of Kena'an, ⁵² you must drive out before you all the inhabitants of the land, destroy all their carved images and cast idols, and demolish all their high places.

⁵³ You are to take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given you the land to possess. ⁵⁴ And you are to divide the land by lot according to your clans. Give a larger inheritance to a larger clan and a smaller inheritance to a smaller one. Whatever falls to each one by lot will be his. You will receive an inheritance according to the tribes of your fathers.



⁵⁵ But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land before you, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides; they will harass you in the land where you settle. ⁵⁶ And then I will do to you what I had planned to do to them.”

Bemidbar (Numbers) Chapter 34

The Boundaries of Kena'an (Genesis 15:8–21)

¹ Then אֱלֹהִים said to Moshe, ² “Command the children of Yasharal and say to them: When you enter the land of Kena'an, it will be allotted to you as an inheritance with these boundaries:

³ Your southern border will extend from the Wilderness of Tsin along the border of Edom. On the east, your southern border will run from the end of the Salt Sea, ⁴ cross south of the Ascent of Aqrabbim, continue to Tsin, and go south of Qadēsh Barnēa. Then it will go on to H̄atsar Addar and proceed to Atsmon, ⁵ where it will turn from Atsmon, join the wadi of Mitsrayim, and end at the Sea.

⁶ Your western border will be the coastline of the Great Sea; this will be your boundary on the west.

⁷ Your northern border will run from the Great Sea directly to Mount Hor, ⁸ and from Mount Hor to to the entrance of



Ḥamath, then extend to Tseḏaḏ, ⁹ continue to Ziphron, and end at Ḥatsar Ėnan. This will be your boundary on the north.

¹⁰ And your eastern border will run straight from Ḥatsar Ėnan to Shepham, ¹¹ then go down from Shepham to Riḅlah on the east side of Ayin and continue along the slopes east of the Sea of Kinnereth. ¹² Then the border will go down along the Yardĕn and end at the Salt Sea.

This will be your land, defined by its borders on all sides.”

¹³ So Moshe commanded the children of Yasharal, “Apportion this land by lot as an inheritance. אֵלֹהִים has commanded that it be given to the nine and a half tribes. ¹⁴ For the tribes of the Reubenites and Gadites, along with the half-tribe of Manasseh, have already received their inheritance. ¹⁵ These two and a half tribes have received their inheritance across the Yardĕn from Yeriḥo, toward the sunrise.”

Leaders to Divide the Land

¹⁶ Then אֵלֹהִים said to Moshe, ¹⁷ “These are the names of the men who are to assign the land as an inheritance for you: Al'azar the priest, and Yahushua son of Nun. ¹⁸ Appoint one leader from each tribe to distribute the land. ¹⁹ These are their names:

Kalĕḅ son of Yephunneh from the tribe of Yahudah;



²⁰ Shemu'ěl son of Ammihud from the tribe of Shim'on;

²¹ Elidaq son of Kislon from the tribe of Binyamin;

²² Buqqi son of Yoḡli, a leader from the tribe of Dan;

²³ Ḥanni'ěl son of Ėphod, a leader from the tribe of
Manashsheh son of Yosěph;

²⁴ Qemu'ěl son of Shiphtan, a leader from the tribe of
Ephrayim;

²⁵ Elitsaphan son of Parnaḵ, a leader from the tribe of Zebulun;

²⁶ Palti'al son of Azzan, a leader from the tribe of Yissasḵar;

²⁷ Aḥihud son of Shelomi, a leader from the tribe of Ashěr;

²⁸ and Pedah'ěl son of Ammihud, a leader from the tribe of
Naphtali.”

²⁹ These are the ones whom אֵלֹהִים commanded to apportion
the inheritance to the children of Yasharal in the land of
Kena'an.



Bemidbar (Numbers) Chapter 35

Forty-Eight Cities for the Luiyiim (Joshua 21:1–45 ; 1 Chronicles 6:54–81)

¹ Again אֵלֹהִים spoke to Moshe on the plains of Mo'ab by the Yardēn across from Yeriho: ² “Command the children of Yasharal to give, from the inheritance they will possess, cities for the Luiyiim to live in and pasturelands around the cities.

³ The cities will be for them to live in, and the pasturelands will be for their herds, their flocks, and all their other livestock.

⁴ The pasturelands around the cities you are to give the Luiyiim will extend a thousand cubits from the wall on every side.

⁵ You are also to measure two thousand cubits outside the city on the east, two thousand on the south, two thousand on the west, and two thousand on the north, with the city in the center. These areas will serve as larger pasturelands for the cities.

⁶ Six of the cities you give the Luiyiim are to be appointed as cities of refuge, to which a manslayer may flee. In addition to these, give the Luiyiim forty-two other cities. ⁷ The total number of cities you give the Luiyiim will be forty-eight, with their corresponding pasturelands. ⁸ The cities that you apportion from the territory of the children of Yasharal should be given to the Luiyiim in proportion to the inheritance of each tribe: more from a larger tribe and less from a smaller one.”



Six Cities of Refuge (Deuteronomy 4:41–43 ; 19:1–14 ; Joshua 20:1–9)

⁹ Then אֶלְאָמ said to Moshe, ¹⁰ “Speak to the children of Yasharal and tell them: When you cross the Yardēn into the land of Kena'an, ¹¹ designate cities to serve as your cities of refuge, so that a person who kills someone unintentionally may flee there. ¹² You are to have these cities as a refuge from the avenger, so that the manslayer will not die until he stands trial before the assembly.

¹³ The cities you select will be your six cities of refuge. ¹⁴ Select three cities across the Yardēn and three in the land of Kena'an as cities of refuge. ¹⁵ These six cities will serve as a refuge for the children of Yasharal and for the foreigner or stranger among them, so that anyone who kills a person unintentionally may flee there.

¹⁶ If, however, anyone strikes a person with an iron object and kills him, he is a murderer; the murderer must surely be put to death. ¹⁷ Or if anyone has in his hand a stone of deadly size, and he strikes and kills another, he is a murderer; the murderer must surely be put to death. ¹⁸ If anyone has in his hand a deadly object of wood, and he strikes and kills another, he is a murderer; the murderer must surely be put to death.

¹⁹ The avenger of blood is to put the murderer to death; when he finds him, he is to kill him.



²⁰ Likewise, if anyone maliciously pushes another or intentionally throws an object at him and kills him, ²¹ or if in hostility he strikes him with his hand and he dies, the one who struck him must surely be put to death; he is a murderer. When the avenger of blood finds the murderer, he is to kill him.

²² But if anyone pushes a person suddenly, without hostility, or throws an object at him unintentionally, ²³ or without looking drops a heavy stone that kills him, but he was not an enemy and did not intend to harm him, ²⁴ then the congregation must judge between the slayer and the avenger of blood according to these ordinances. ²⁵ The assembly is to protect the manslayer from the hand of the avenger of blood. Then the assembly will return him to the city of refuge to which he fled, and he must live there until the death of the high priest, who was anointed with the set apart oil.

²⁶ But if the manslayer ever goes outside the limits of the city of refuge to which he fled ²⁷ and the avenger of blood finds him outside of his city of refuge and kills him, then the avenger will not be guilty of bloodshed, ²⁸ because the manslayer must remain in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. Only after the death of the high priest may he return to the land he owns. ²⁹ This will be a statutory ordinance for you for the generations to come, wherever you live.



³⁰ If anyone kills a person, the murderer is to be put to death on the testimony of the witnesses. But no one is to be put to death based on the testimony of a lone witness.

³¹ You are not to accept a ransom for the life of a murderer who deserves to die; he must surely be put to death. ³² Nor should you accept a ransom for the person who flees to a city of refuge and allow him to return and live on his own land before the death of the high priest.

³³ Do not pollute the land where you live, for bloodshed pollutes the land, and no atonement can be made for the land on which the blood is shed, except by the blood of the one who shed it. ³⁴ Do not defile the land where you live and where I dwell. For I, אֱלֹהִים, dwell among the children of Yasharal.”

Bemidbar (Numbers) Chapter 36

¹ Now the family heads of the clan of Gil'ad son of Maḳir, son of Menashsheh, of the clans of the sons of Yosēph, approached Moshe and the leaders who were the heads of the Yasharalite families and addressed them, ² saying, “When אֱלֹהִים commanded my master to give the land as an inheritance to the children of Yasharal by lot, He also commanded him to give the inheritance of our brother Tselophḥad to his daughters. ³ But if they marry any of the men from the other tribes of Yasharal, their inheritance will be withdrawn from the portion of our fathers and added to the



tribe into which they marry. So our allotted inheritance would be taken away. ⁴ And when the Yobel for the children of Yasharal comes, their inheritance will be added to the tribe into which they marry and taken away from the tribe of our fathers.”

⁵ So at the word of אֱלֹהִים, Moshe commanded the children of Yasharal: “The tribe of the sons of Yosēph speaks correctly.

⁶ This is what אֱלֹהִים has commanded concerning the daughters of Tselophḥaḏ: They may marry anyone they please, provided they marry within a clan of the tribe of their father. ⁷ No inheritance in Yasharal may be transferred from tribe to tribe, because each of the children of Yasharal is to retain the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. ⁸ Every daughter who possesses an inheritance from any Yasharalite tribe must marry within a clan of the tribe of her father, so that every Yasharalite will possess the inheritance of his fathers. ⁹ No inheritance may be transferred from one tribe to another, for each tribe of Yasharal must retain its inheritance.”

¹⁰ So the daughters of Tselophḥaḏ did as אֱלֹהִים had commanded Moshe. ¹¹ Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Tselophḥaḏ, were married to cousins on their father’s side. ¹² They married within the clans of the descendants of Manashsheh son of Yosēph, and their inheritance remained within the tribe of their father’s clan.



¹³ These are the commandments and ordinances that אלהים gave the children of Yasharal through Moshe on the plains of Mo'ab by the Yardēn across from Yeriho.

YirmeYahu (YirmeYahu) 2:4-28; 3:4; 4:1-2

YirmeYahu (YirmeYahu) Chapter 2

Yasharal Has Forsaken Alahym

⁴ Hear the word of אלהים, O house of Ya'aqob, and all you families of the house of Yasharal. ⁵ This is what אלהים says:

“What fault did your fathers find in Me
that they strayed so far from Me?

They followed worthless idols,
and became worthless themselves.

⁶ They did not ask, ‘Where is אלהים
who brought us up from the land of Mitsrayim,
who led us through the wilderness,
through a land of deserts and pits,



a land of drought and darkness,
a land where no one travels and no one lives?'

⁷ I brought you into a fertile land
to eat its fruit and bounty,
but you came and defiled My land
and made My inheritance detestable.

⁸ The priests did not ask,
'Where is אלהים?'

The experts in the law no longer knew Me,
and the leaders rebelled against Me.

The prophets prophesied by Ba'al
and followed useless idols.

⁹ Therefore, I will contend with you again,
declares אלהים,
and I will bring a case
against your children's children.



¹⁰ Cross over to the isles of Kittim

and take a look;

send to Qēdar and consider carefully;

see if there has ever been anything like this:

¹¹ Has a nation ever changed its mighty ones?

(Yet they are not mighty ones at all.)

But My people have exchanged their Esteem
for useless idols.

¹² Be stunned by this, O heavens;

be shocked and utterly appalled,”

declares אלהים.

¹³ “For My people have committed two evils:

They have forsaken Me,

the fountain of living water,

and they have dug their own cisterns—
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.



The Consequence of Yasharal's Sin

¹⁴ Is Yasharal a slave?

Was he born into slavery?

Why then has he become prey?

¹⁵ The young lions have roared at him;
they have sounded their voices.

They have laid waste his land;
his cities lie in ruins, without inhabitant.

¹⁶ The men of Memphis (Noph) and Tahpanhes
have shaved the crown of your head.

¹⁷ Have you not brought this on yourself
by forsaking אלהיך your Alahym
when He led you in the way?

¹⁸ Now what will you gain on your way to Mitsrayim
to drink the waters of the Nile?

What will you gain on your way to Assyria



to drink the waters of the Euphrates?

¹⁹ Your own evil will discipline you;
your own apostasies will reprimand you.

Consider and realize
how evil and bitter it is
for you to forsake אלהים your Alahym
and to have no fear of Me,”
declares אלהים Alahym of Hosts.

²⁰ “For long ago you broke your yoke
and tore off your chains,
saying, ‘I will not serve!’

Indeed, on every high hill
and under every green tree
you lay down as a prostitute.

²¹ I had planted you like a choice vine
from the very best seed.



How could you turn yourself before Me
into a rotten, wild vine?

²² Although you wash with lye
and use an abundance of soap,
the stain of your guilt
is still before Me,”
declares אלהים Alahym.

Yasharal's Unfaithfulness (Judges 2:10–15 ; Isaiah 43:22–28)

²³ “How can you say, ‘I am not defiled;
I have not run after the Ba'als’?
Look at your behavior in the valley;
acknowledge what you have done.

You are a swift young swift dromedary (she-camel)
breaking loose in her ways,

²⁴ a wild donkey at home in the wilderness,
sniffing the wind in the heat of her desire.



Who can restrain her passion?

All who seek her need not weary themselves;
in mating season they will find her.

25 You should have kept your feet from going bare
and your throat from being thirsty.

But you said, 'It is hopeless!
For I love foreign idols,
and I must go after them.'

²⁶ As the thief is ashamed when he is caught,
so the house of Yasharal is disgraced.

They, their kings, their officials,
their priests, and their prophets
²⁷ say to a tree, 'You are my father,'
and to a stone, 'You gave me birth.'

They have turned their backs to Me
and not their faces.



Yet in the time of trouble, they say,

'Rise up and save us!'

²⁸ But where are the idols you made for yourselves?

Let them rise up in your time of trouble

and save you if they can;

for your idols are as numerous

as your cities, O Yahudah.

YirmeYahu (YirmeYahu) Chapter 3

⁴ "Have you not just called to Me,

'My Father, You are my friend from youth...?'"

YirmeYahu (YirmeYahu) Chapter 4

A Plea to Return

¹ "If you will return, O Yasharal,

return to Me," declares אלהים.

"If you will remove your detestable idols from My sight

and no longer waver,



² and if you can swear, 'As surely as אלהים lives,'
in truth, in justice, and in righteousness,
then the nations will be blessed by Him,
and in Him they will esteem."

Ya'aqob (James) 4:1-12

Ya'aqob (James) Chapter 4

A Warning against Pride

¹ What causes conflicts and quarrels among you? Don't they come from the passions at war within you? ² You crave what you do not have; you kill and covet, but are unable to obtain it. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ And when you do ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may squander it on your pleasures.

⁴ You adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward Alahym? Therefore, whoever chooses to be a friend of the world renders himself an enemy of Alahym. ⁵ Or do you think the Scripture says without reason



that the Spirit He caused to dwell in us yearns with envy? ⁶ But He gives us more favor. This is why it says:

“Alahym opposes the proud,
but gives favor to the humble.”

Drawing Near to Alahym

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to Alahym. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to Alahym, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn, and weep. Turn your laughter to mourning, and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before אלהים, and He will exalt you.

¹¹ Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. And if you judge the law, you are not a practitioner of the law, but a judge of it. ¹² There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

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