

		Therefore the Book of the Wars of יהוה speaks of* “...Waheb in Suphah, and the wadis: the Arnon	14 על־כֵּן יֵאמָר בַּסֵּפֶר מִלְחֻמַּת יְהוָה אֶת־נֹחַב בְּסוּפָה וְאֶת־הַנָּחַלִים אֲרֹנִין:
		with its tributary wadis, stretched along the settled country of Ar, hugging the territory of Moab...”	15 וְאֲשֹׁל הַנָּחַלִים אֲשֶׁר נָטָה לְשִׁבְתָּ עַר וְנִשְׁעָן לְגִבּוֹל מוֹאָב:
		And from there to Beer,* which is the well where I said to Moses, “Assemble the people that I may give them water.”	16 וּמִשָּׁם בְּאֶרֶה הוּא הַבְּאֵר אֲשֶׁר אָמַר יְהוָה לְמֹשֶׁה אֲסֹף אֶת־הָעָם וְאֶתְנָהּ לָהֶם מַיִם:
		Then Israel sang this song:Spring up, O well—sing to it—	17 אִזּוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל שָׁאָר אֶת־הַשִּׁירָה הַזֹּאת עָלַי בָּאֵר עֲנִילָה:
		The well which the chieftains dug,Which the nobles of the people startedWith maces, with their own staffs. And from Midbar* to Mattanah,	18 בָּאֵר חֲפְרוּיָה שְׁלִים כְּרוּיָה נְדִיבֵי הָעָם בְּמַחֲקֵק בְּמִשְׁעָנָתָם וּמִמִּדְבָּר מִתְנָה:
		and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,	19 וּמִמִּתְנָה נְחֹלִיאֵל וּמִנְחִילֵיאֵל בְּמוֹת:
		and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the country of Moab, at the peak of Pisgah, overlooking the wasteland.*	20 וּמִבְּמוֹת הַגִּיאֵל אֲשֶׁל בְּשָׂנָה מוֹאָב רֹאשׁ הַפִּסְגָּה וְנִשְׁקָפָה עַל־פְּנֵי הַיַּעַר:
		Israel now sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,	21 וַיִּשְׁלַח יִשְׂרָאֵל מַלְאָכִים אֶל־סִיחֹן מֶלֶךְ־הָאֲמֹרִי לֵאמֹר:
		“Let me pass through your country. We will not turn off into fields or vineyards, and we will not drink water from wells. We will follow the king’s highway until we have crossed your territory.”	22 אֶעֱבֹרָה בְּאַרְצְךָ לֹא נִטָּה בְּשָׂדֶה וּבְכַרְם מִי לֹא נִשְׁתָּה מִי בָּאֵר בְּהָרָה הַמְּלָלָה נֶלְךְ עַד אֲשֶׁר־נַעֲבֹר נִבְלָה:
		But Sihon would not let Israel pass through his territory. Sihon gathered all his troops and went out against Israel in the wilderness. He came to Jahaz and engaged Israel in battle.	23 וְלֹא־נָתַן סִיחֹן אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל עֹבֵר בְּגִבְלוֹ וַיֹּאסֹף סִיחֹן אֶת־כָּל־עַמּוֹ וַיֵּצֵא לִקְרֹאת יִשְׂרָאֵל הַמִּדְבָּרָה וַיָּבֹא יְהֻצָּה וַיִּלָּחֶם בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל:
		But Israel put them to the sword, and took possession of their land, from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as [Az] of the Ammonites, for Az* marked the boundary of the Ammonites.	24 וַיַּכּוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל לַפִּי־חֶרֶב וַיִּירֹשׁ אֶת־אֲרָצוֹ מֵאֲרֹנִין עַד־יַבֹּק עַד־בְּנֵי עַמּוֹן כִּי עַז נָבּוֹל בְּנֵי עַמּוֹן:
		Israel took all those towns. And Israel settled in all the towns of the Amorites, in Heshbon and all its dependencies.	25 וַיִּקַּח יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת כָּל־הָעָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וַיָּשֶׁב יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל־עָרֵי הָאֲמֹרִי בְּחֶשְׁבוֹן וּבְכָל־בְּנֵיתֶיהָ:
		Now Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against a former king of Moab and taken all his land from him as far as the Arnon.	26 כִּי חֶשְׁבוֹן לִיר סִיחֹן מֶלֶךְ הָאֲמֹרִי הוּא וְהוּא נִלָּחַם בְּמֶלֶךְ מוֹאָב הָרִאשׁוֹן וַיִּקַּח אֶת־כָּל־אֲרָצוֹ מִיַּדוֹ עַד־אֲרֹנִין:
		Therefore the bards would recite:“ Come to Heshbon; firmly builtAnd well founded is Sihon’s city.	27 עַל־כֵּן יֵאמְרוּ הַמְּשֻׁלָּים בְּאוֹ חֶשְׁבוֹן תִּבְנֶה וְתִכּוֹנֶן עִיר סִיחֹן:
		For fire went forth from Heshbon,Flame from Sihon’s city,Consuming Ar of Moab,The lords of Bamoth* by the Arnon.	28 כִּי־אֵשׁ יֵצְאָה מִחֶשְׁבוֹן לִהְבֵּה מִקְרִית סִיחֹן אֲכָלָה עַר מוֹאָב בָּעִלִי בְּמוֹת אֲרֹנִין:

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וְאֵת חֻקַּת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר־צִוָּה יְהוָה לְאֹמֶר דְּבַר ׀ אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּקְחוּ אֵלֵיהֶם פָּרָה אֲדָמָה תְּמִימָה אֲשֶׁר אֵין־בָּהּ מוּם אֲשֶׁר לֹא־עִלָּה עָלֶיהָ עֹל:

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13 Those who touch a corpse, the body of a person who has died, and do not purify themselves, defile themselves. Since the water of lustration was not cut off from Israel, those persons shall be cut off from Israel. Taberah; those persons shall be cut off from Israel, and do not purify themselves, defile themselves. When a person dies in a tent, whoever enters the tent and whoever is in the tent shall be impure seven days; and every open vessel, with no lid fastened down, shall be impure. And in the open, anyone who touches a person who was killed* or who died naturally, or human bone, or a grave, shall be impure seven days. Some of the ashes* from the fire of purification shall be taken for the impure person, and fresh water shall be added to them in a vessel. Another party who is pure shall take hyssop, dip it in the water, and sprinkle on the tent and on all the vessels and people who were there, or on the one who touched the bones or the person who was killed or died naturally or the grave. The pure person shall sprinkle it upon the impure person on the third day and on the seventh day, thus purifying that person by the seventh day. [The one being purified] shall then wash those clothes and bathe in water—and at nightfall shall be pure. If any party who has become impure falls to undergo purification, that person shall be cut off from the congregation for having defiled the sanctuary. The water of lustration was not dashed on that person, who is impure. That shall be for them a law for all time. Further, the one who sprinkled the water of lustration shall wash those clothes; and whoever touches the water of lustration shall be impure until evening. Whatever that impure person touches shall be impure; and the person who touches the impure one shall be impure until evening.

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15	that our ancestors went down to Egypt, that we dwelt in Egypt a long time, and that the Egyptians dealt harshly with us and our ancestors.	15	וַיֵּרְדוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מִצְרָיִמָּה וַנֵּשֶׁב בְּמִצְרַיִם יָמִים רַבִּים וַיַּרְעוּ לָנוּ מִצְרַיִם וְלֹאֲבוֹתֵינוּ:
16	We cried to הוּוּי who heard our plea, sending a messenger* who freed us from Egypt. Now we are in Kadesh, the town on the border of your territory.	16	וַנִּצְעַק אֱלֹהֵינוּ וַיִּשְׁמַע קִלְנוּ וַיִּשְׁלַח מַלְאָךְ וַיַּצִּיאֵנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם וְהִנֵּה אֲנִיכֵנו בְּקֹדֶשׁ עִיר קֶצֶה גְבוּלְךָ:
17	Allow us, then, to cross your country. We will not pass through fields or vineyards, and we will not drink water from wells. We will follow the king's highway, turning off neither to the right nor to the left until we have crossed your territory."	17	נַעֲבֹר־נָא בְּאַרְצְךָ לֹא נַעֲבֹר בִּשְׂדֵה וּבְכַרְם וְלֹא נִשְׁתֶּה מִי בְּאֵר הַדֶּרֶךְ הַמְּלָךְ נֵלֶךְ לֹא נִטֹּף זִמְיוֹ וְשִׁמְלָלוֹ עַד אֲשֶׁר־נַעֲבֹר גְּבוּלְךָ:
18	But Edom answered him, "You shall not pass through us, else we will go out against you with the sword."	18	וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אֲדֹם לֹא תַעֲבֹר בִּי כִּי בְּחֶרֶב אֵצֶא לְקִרְיָתְךָ:
19	"We will keep to the beaten track," the Israelites said to them, "and if we or our cattle drink your water, we will pay for it. We ask only for passage on foot—it is but a small matter."	19	וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמַסְלַח נִעְלָה וְאִם־מִימֶיךָ נִשְׁתֶּה אֲנִי וּמִקְנִי וְנִתְּנִי מִכֶּרֶם רֶק אֵיךְ־דָּבָר בְּרִגְלִי אֲעָבְרָה:
20	But they replied, "You shall not pass through!" And Edom went out against them in heavy force, strongly armed.	20	וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא תַעֲבֹר וַיַּצֵּא אֲדֹם לְקִרְיָתוֹ בְּעָם כָּבֵד וּבִגְדֵי חֲזָקָה:
21	So Edom would not let Israel cross their territory, and Israel turned away from them.	21	וַיֵּמָאֵן אֲדֹם וְנָתַן אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל עֹבֵר בְּגְבוּלוֹ וַיֵּט יִשְׂרָאֵל מַעְלָיו:
22	Setting out from Kadesh, the Israelites arrived in a body at Mount Hor.	22	וַיִּסְעוּ מִקְדֵּשׁ וַיָּבֹאוּ בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּלִיהֶעָדָה הַר הַהָר:
23	At Mount Hor, on the boundary of the land of Edom, הוּוּי said to Moses and Aaron,	23	וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי־מֹשֶׁה וְאַלְיָהֶרֶן בְּהָר הַהָר עַל־גְּבוּל אֶרֶץ־אֲדֹם לֵאמֹר:
24	"Let Aaron be gathered to his kin: he is not to enter the land that I have assigned to the Israelite people, because you disobeyed My command about the Waters of Meribah.	24	יֹאכֵף אַהֲרֹן אֱלֵעִזְמִיו כִּי לֹא יָבֹא אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל אֲשֶׁר־מָרִיתֶם אֶת־פִּי לְמִי מְרִיבָה:
25	Take Aaron and his son Eleazar and bring them up on Mount Hor.	25	קַח אֶת־אַהֲרֹן וְאֶת־אֱלֵעָזָר בְּנֵי וְהַעֲלֵם אוֹתָם הַר הַהָר:
26	Strip Aaron of his vestments and put them on his son Eleazar. There Aaron shall be gathered unto the dead."	26	וְהַפְשֵׁט אֶת־אֶהֱרֹן אֶת־בְּגָדָיו וְהַלְבִּשְׁתָּם אֶת־אֱלֵעָזָר בְּנֵי וְאַהֲרֹן יֹאכֵף וּמָת שָׁם:
27	Moses did as הוּוּי had commanded. They ascended Mount Hor in the sight of the whole community.	27	וַיַּעַשׂ מֹשֶׁה כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה וַיַּעֲלוּ אֶל־הַר הַהָר לְעֵינֵי כְּלִיהֶעָדָה:
28	Moses stripped Aaron of his vestments and put them on his son Eleazar, and Aaron died there on the summit of the mountain. When Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain,	28	וַיַּפְשֵׁט מֹשֶׁה אֶת־אֶהֱרֹן אֶת־בְּגָדָיו וַיַּלְבִּשׁ אוֹתָם אֶת־אֱלֵעָזָר בְּנֵי וַיָּמָת אַהֲרֹן שָׁם בְּרֹאשׁ הַהָר וַיָּכַד מֹשֶׁה וְאֱלֵעָזָר מִן־הָהָר:
29	the whole community knew that Aaron had breathed his last. All the house of Israel bewailed Aaron thirty days.	29	וַיָּרְאוּ כְּלִיהֶעָדָה כִּי גָעַה אַהֲרֹן וַיִּבְכוּ אֶת־אַהֲרֹן שְׁלֹשִׁים יוֹם כָּל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל:
1	The Israelites arrived in a body at the wilderness of Zin on the first new moon,* and the people stayed at Kadesh. Miriam died there and was buried there.	1	וַיָּבֹאוּ בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּלִיהֶעָדָה מִדְּבָר־צִן בַּחֹדֶשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן וַנֵּשֶׁב הָעָם בְּקֹדֶשׁ וַתָּמָת שָׁם מִרְיָם וַתִּקָּבֵר שָׁם:
2	The community was without water, and they joined against Moses and Aaron.	2	וְלֹא־הָיָה מַיִם לָעָדָה וַיִּקְהָלוּ עַל־מֹשֶׁה וְעַל־אַהֲרֹן:
3	The people quarreled with Moses, saying, "If only we had perished when our brothers perished at the instance of הוּוּי !	3	וַיִּרְבּוּ הָעָם עִם־מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא־מָר וְלֹא גָעַנּוּ בְּנֵנוּ אֲחֵינוּ לִפְנֵי יְהוָה:
4	Why have you brought הוּוּי's congregation into this wilderness for us and our beasts to die there?	4	וְלָמָּה הֵבִיאָתָם אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי־מִדְּבָר הַזֶּה לָמוֹת שָׁם אֲנִיכֵנו וּבְעִירָנוּ:
5	Why did you make us leave Egypt to bring us to this wretched place, a place with no grain or figs or vines or pomegranates? There is not even water to drink!"	5	וְלָמָּה הֵעֲלִיתָנוּ מִמִּצְרָיִם לְהִבְיֹא אוֹתָנוּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם הַרָּע הַזֶּה לֹא מִקּוֹם זֶרַע וְתֹאנָה וְגִפְן וְרִמּוֹן וּמִיָּם אֵין לִשְׁתּוֹת:
6	Moses and Aaron came away from the congregation to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and fell on their faces. The Presence of הוּוּי appeared to them,	6	וַיָּבֹא מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן מִפְּנֵי הַקָּהָל אֶל־פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וַיִּפְּלוּ עַל־פְּנֵיהֶם וַיִּרְא כְבוֹד־יְהוָה אֲלֵיהֶם:
7	and הוּוּי spoke to Moses, saying,	7	וַיִּדְבֹר יְהוָה אֱלֵי־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:
8	"You and your brother Aaron take the rod and assemble the community, and before their very eyes order the rock to yield its water. Thus you shall produce water for them from the rock and provide drink for the congregation and their beasts."	8	קַח אֶת־הַמַּטֵּה וְהַקְהֵל אֶת־הָעָדָה אֹתָהּ וְאַהֲרֹן אַחֲרָיְכֶם וְדַבַּרְתֶּם אֶל־הַסֵּלַע לְעֵינֵיהֶם וְנָתַן מִמִּיּוֹ וְהוֹצֵאתָ לָהֶם מַיִם מִן־הַסֵּלַע וְהִשְׁקִיתָ אֶת־הָעָדָה וְאֶת־בְּעִירָם:
9	Moses took the rod from before הוּוּי, as he had been commanded.	9	וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הַמַּטֵּה מִלִּפְנֵי יְהוָה כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּהוּ:
10	Moses and Aaron assembled the congregation in front of the rock; and he said to them, "Listen, you rebels, shall we get water for you out of this rock?"	10	וַיִּקְהָלוּ מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן אֶת־הַקָּהָל אֶל־פְּנֵי הַסֵּלַע וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם שְׁמַע־נָא הַמּוֹלִים הַמְדַּוְּהִסְלַע הַזֶּה נוֹצִיא לָכֶם מַיִם:
11	And Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod. Out came copious water, and the community and their beasts drank.	11	וַיָּרִם מֹשֶׁה אֶת־יָדוֹ וַיַּךְ אֶת־הַסֵּלַע בְּמַטְהוֹ פַּעַמַּיִם וַיֵּצֵאוּ מַיִם רַבִּים וַתִּשְׁתַּת הָעָדָה וּבְעִירָם:
12	But הוּוּי said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust Me enough to affirm My sanctity in the sight of the Israelite people, therefore you shall not lead this congregation into the land that I have given them."	12	וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֵי־מֹשֶׁה וְאַלְיָהֶרֶן יַעַן לֹא־הִאֲמַנְתֶּם בִּי לְהַקְדִּישְׁנִי לְעֵינֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לָכֵן לֹא תָבִיאוּ אֶת־הַקָּהָל הַזֶּה אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נָתַתִּי לָהֶם:
13	Those are the Waters of Meribah* —meaning that the Israelites quarrelled with הוּוּי —whose sanctity was affirmed through them.	13	הֵמָּה מִי מְרִיבָה אֲשֶׁר־רָבוּ בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־יְהוָה וַיִּקְדַּשׁ בָּם:
14	From Kadesh, Moses sent messengers to the king of Edom: "Thus says your brother Israel: You know all the hardships that have befallen us;	14	וַיִּשְׁלַח מֹשֶׁה מַלְאָכִים מִקְדֵּשׁ אֱלִימֶלֶךְ אֲדֹם כֹּה אָמַר אַחֲרָיְכֶם יִשְׂרָאֵל אֹתָהּ יִלְעַת אֶת כְּלִיהֶלְאָה אֲשֶׁר מָצָאתָנוּ: