

# Parasha 43: Massei (Journeys/Stages) Bamidbar/Numbers 33:1-36:13'

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As we have stated previously, for this present Hebrew year of 5781 on the 'Annual Torah Reading Calendar', both portion 'Matot and Massei' (pronounced Mah-say), are being read together for our final study of the sefer/book of Bamidbar.

Massei means 'journeys or stages'. Let us remember, the 'defining character' of YHWH with Yisrael and with us, is the 'process of His dealings'. Many times, I have been asked 'How can you know when something is of YHWH?' The answer is... **LOOK FOR THE PROCESS.** Examine what is done. How it is done? All too often, the only thing most people are concerned with is... 'the results'. However, in the 'economy of YHWH', He not only asks **WHAT** was done, but **HOW** it was accomplished!

The latter determines whether the 'end results will be accepted by Him or rejected'. The key catalyst in this process is 'the inclusion of the principle of the execution stake'. It is an 'eternal governing principle'. (Luke 9:23-24) The 'marks of that principle' defines **ALL** of YHWH's dealings 'in the lives of those He uses'. It **CANNOT** be 'circumvented or minimized'. Mankind **ALL** have a 'natural source of strength' in their soul-life. It has many desirable characteristics. Men can become 'adept at its abilities' and produce very profound results. That however **IS NOT** the 'main consideration in the economy of YHWH's Kingdom'. The **ALL** 'governing principle' is, **THE KAVOD/GLORY OF YHWH**. Whose is it? Let us always remember this principle revealed to us through the navi/prophet Yeshayahu/Isaiah,

**"I am Hashem [YHWH]; that is Shmi [My Name]; and My kavod [glory] will I not give to another, neither My tehillah (praise) to pesilim [idols/graven images]." (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 42:8 OJB- definitions mine)**

What is the 'principle of the execution stake'? **IT IS LIFE OUT OF DEATH.** This is YHWH's specialty. Man is capable of many great and mighty things, **BUT** he is 'helpless in the face of death'. **DEATH IS THE GREAT EQUALIZER.** Great and small, rich and poor are stymied here. Once death has come in, hope is lost. **ONLY YHWH CAN REACH BEYOND THAT!** This is what He has done through the 'offering of His own Son' on that horrible, 'physical execution stake'. Hell unleashed its fury and for 'three days celebrated its victory'. Oh, but beloved, on that third day **HELL MET ITS MATCH!** YHWH 'reached into the grave and rejoined the spirit of His Son', our blessed Mashiach 'with His lifeless body'. The word in Hebrew for resurrection is, 'techiyat'. It means 'to stand up'! **WHEN THE DEAD ARISE, DEATH IS SILENCED.** YHWH has 'left His indelible imprint'. This is what Hasatan fears. **\*\*[May his memory be blotted out forever] RESSURRECTION PROCLAIMS HIS END.** It is YHWH's testimony of His Son's **VICTORY** over all opposing forces. All of the 'journeys' which YHWH 'brought

*Yisrael through*’ is about this. As we look them over, you will ‘*see His Mighty Hand*’. There is **NO CIRCUMVENTING** the process. When done, you will ‘*look at your own life*’ and begin to see it too! The **WITNESS** ‘*of His Word*’ becoming the **WITNESS** ‘*of His glory*’ in our lives. May that be our cry... **ALL FOR HIS GLORY!**

## Understanding The Purpose In Yisrael’s Journey

*“These are the journeys of the Bnei Yisroel [Children of Yisrael], which went forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim [the Land of Mitzrayim] by their tzveos [armies] under yad [the hand of] Moshe and Aharon.*

*And Moshe recorded their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of Hashem [YHWH]; and these are their journeys according to their goings forth.”*  
(*Bamidbar/Numbers 33:1-2 OJB- definitions mine*)

We learn from our ‘*above p’sukim/verses*’ that Moshe was ‘*faithful to record*’ the journeys of Am Yisrael. YHWH wanted us to be able to ‘*learn from these journeys*’. There were in all, ‘*forty-two encampments*’ along the way. None of them without meaning. We will see this truth in our own lives as we study the ‘*journey of our avot/fathers*’. These ‘*journeys or stages in the process*’ of Yisrael of old have special meaning. They reveal YHWH’s ‘*future prophetic dealings with His chosen nation*’ as He brings ‘*both houses of Yisrael to the culmination of their redemptive purpose*’. YHWH has given us a ‘*window through the Torah that brings understanding*’ to what Yisrael experienced in their wanderings. In these ‘*wanderings*’ He also allows us, the ‘*present returning house of Yosef-Ephraim*, to ‘*see*’ in these journeys ‘*insights*’ into how His ‘*eternal purposes will reach their fulfillment in the Acharit HaYamim... The Latter Days*’. This again brings us to consider a pertinent ‘*Hebraic idiom*’ we have learned in the past:

*Ma’aseh Avot siman le’vanim...  
The deeds of the fathers are signposts to the children*

The ‘*latter part*’ of these days are what we are presently living in. We are fast approaching the time of the coming ‘*prophetic event known as The Second Exodus*’. (**Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 16:14-15; 23:3-8; Yeshayahu/Isaiah 11:11-13**) The ‘*return and reunion of the Whole House of Yisrael*’ **\*\*[Jewish house of Yehudah/Judah – Non-Jewish house of Yosef/Ephraim]** in its own land, ‘*The Land of Promise*’... **YISRAEL!** This Land was given as their ‘*nachalah/inheritance*’. It was given as a ‘*wedding gift*’ to her at Mt. Sinai. Much of the ‘*church of Christendom*’ is looking for a ‘*pre-tribulation event called the rapture*’. **IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AS IT HAS BEEN TAUGHT.** There will be a ‘*catching away by the Bridegroom of His beloved*’. However, His beloved is **NOT** a ‘*replacement entity known as church*’. **YHWH’S BELOVED IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN... YISRAEL!** The ‘*latter portion of the Latter Days*’ is when YHWH is bringing about what is necessary to ‘*restore His broken house*’: **THE HOUSE OF YEHUDAH/JUDAH AND THE HOUSE OF YOSEF-EPHRAIM!** Both houses are about to come to their ‘*appointed prophetic time*’, when YHWH will **REUNITE** the ‘*two sticks/trees*’, represented by the navi/prophet Yechezk’el/Ezekiel in chapter 37 of his sefer/book. There is, within these ‘*journeys of Yisrael*’ an insight into YHWH’s **PROCESS** by which He is working toward this very thing.

The 'church of Christendom' has served a purpose. **IT HAS BEEN A WOMB!** YHWH has 'allowed' it to hold much of the 'remnant of the ten tribes of Yisrael': The 'outcast, non-Jewish house of Yisrael'. The 2730-year judgment of 'scattering among the nations... the forgetting of their true Hebraic identity' ended in the mid-1990s. Now, YHWH is 'awakening the returning house of Yosef-Ephraim' to **COME OUT AND LEAVE THE WOMB** of the 'replacement entity/the church'. YHWH 'allowed the church' in His mercies to be a place for the 'house of Yosef-Ephraim' to be held until the time of their 'awakening and repatriation' as promised in the TaNaKh. **\*\*[Hebrew Scriptures... Torah, Nevi'im/Prophets and Writings] THE TIME OF RETURN HAS COME!** Return to our 'true Hebraic identity to be rejoined to our elder brother', **THE HOUSE OF YEHUDAH/JUDAH!** All of 'redemption' has been about **YISRAEL** and this **PROMISED REUNION**. YHWH's 'prophetic instrument' by which He has been 'working toward the completion of His eternal purpose' is... **YISRAEL. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT YISRAEL AND IN THE END, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ABOUT YISRAEL!** Finally, 'all will culminate as the Whole House of Yisrael' receives back her M'lekh Mashiach/King Messiah, Adon/Lord Yeshua. He (**The Son... YHWH manifest in human flesh**) will take Yisrael, whom YHWH betrothed at Mt. Sinai and make her His wife. He will be 'enthroned as King' in Yerushalayim/Jerusalem. Then, will begin the **DAYS OF HEAVEN UPON EARTH!** The thousand-year reign of YHWH's millennial Kingdom. This is why Moshe was instructed to 'write down Yisrael's journeying'. In 'studying the encampments we will see insights into the completion of our redemptive heritage'.

As we have said, there were a total of 'forty-two encampments' of Yisrael as they 'journeyed from Mitzrayim/Egypt to their standing on the eastern banks' of the Yarden/Jordan River. It was an 'eleven-day journey' that ended up lasting **FORTY YEARS!** An 'entire generation was lost' in that time. Another 'generation arose' to take their place. YHWH is determined to get His point across. It is costly, but that is **THE WAY OF HIS GLORY!**

In these 'forty-two encampments' there were 'thirteen in the first year and a half'. There were 'nineteen more' over the next 'thirty-seven and a half years'. Finally, Yisrael encamped 'ten times' in the 'last year of their journey'. The 'number of testing' is forty (**40**). The 'number two' (**2**) is 'witness'. So,  $40 + 2 = 42$  or the **WITNESS** that YHWH was indeed 'testing Am Yisrael' in order that they would **FULFILL HIS PURPOSES!** What is the end of YHWH's testing? It is His **GLORY**. 'Forty-two is the gematria' for the Hebrew word 'kavodi' meaning **MY GLORY**. It is found by 'adding the numerical value' of each of the Hebrew letters found in the word. **כבודי** - 'kavodi'... (**yod- dalet- vav- vet- kaf- read right to left**)-  $20+2+6+4+10= 42$ . Remember, the 'governing principle in all of YHWH's dealings with us is' **HIS GLORY!** This is what YHWH was after 'in His dealings with Yisrael during their Massei/Journeys'. It is what He is after 'in His dealings with us' **INDIVIDUALLY** and **CORPORATELY** today.

One further insight into the number forty-two (**42**) and how it pertains to us before we go on. Forty-two is a 'multiple of seven grouped six times'. ( **$7 \times 6 = 42$** ) Seven of course is a number of 'completion or perfection'. Six is the number of 'man'. Man, in his 'natural state, is in opposition' to YHWH. Redemption is YHWH's 'work of tikkun' in Hebrew, which means, 'to repair or rectify/lift up'. This is the picture that YHWH 'wants us to see and understand' as we study these '42 encampments'. It is our 'rectification in the working out of our redemption' from being in 'opposition to YHWH', to being able to 'walk before' Him **TOGETHER** in shalom/completeness. It is what Rav Sha'ul meant in his letter to the Ephesians when he exhorted them to 'reach toward the goal of the measure of the full stature in Mashiach'. (**Ephesians 4:13**)

## The Central Issue Of Inheritance: Possession Of The Land

The *'physical possession of The Land of Yisrael'* has **ALWAYS BEEN THE CRUX** of YHWH's desire for His people. From the very beginning, when YHWH called Abraham out as the *'Avinu Emunah/Father of Faith'*, the call to the *'physical Land was always of central importance'*.

*"Now Hashem [YHWH] had said unto Avram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from the bais avicha [house of your father], unto ha'aretz [the land] that I will show thee;" (B'reshet/Genesis 12:1 OJB- definitions mine)*

YHWH **PROMISED** that Land to Yisrael **BEFORE** they ever left Mitzrayim/Egypt. It was **ALWAYS DESTINED** to become their possession.

*"And I will bring you in unto HaAretz [The Land], concerning which I did lift up My hand to swear to GIVE it to Avraham, to Yitzchak [Isaac], and to Ya'akov [Jacob]; and **I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU** for a morashah (heritage); I am Hashem [YHWH]." (Shemot/Exodus 6:8 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)*

YHWH promised to *'go before Yisrael and fight on their behalf'* against the nations that dwelt there. He would even use *'hornets to drive those nations out'!* (**Shemot/Exodus 23:27-28**) He even gives the *'boundaries'* in Torah of the land Yisrael was to possess. The Land is much larger than what the United States, the UN and the so-called Palestinians are brokering today. (**Shemot/Exodus 23:31**) So, forget about Yisrael being *'limited to the 1967 borders'*. The Land is **NOT** under the control of the United States, the UN or the Palestinians to give or demand limited borders. It is **NOT** even Yisrael's to give away. **IT BELONGS TO YHWH!** Yisrael is the *'apple/pupil of His eye'*. So, everyone needs to leave well enough alone. No one likes having a finger poked in their eye. Do you think we are going to fair better poking our boney human finger in YHWH's?

The departure of the *'church of Christendom from its Hebraic roots'* has resulted in a very *'warped view'* between the *'spiritual and physical realms'*. On one side, there is the *'inordinate spiritualizing of all biblical truth and its physical promised attainments'*. Those things are supposedly relegated to *'earthly Yisrael- The Jewish People'*. The *'errant reality'* of the church, which is now viewed as the *'true Yisrael of God'* in its theology, is **ALL ABOUT HEAVEN**. The *'church as a system'* has *'supposedly'* **REPLACED** *'physical Yisrael as its spiritual counterpart and successor'*. The church of Christendom has *'bought into the age-old lie of Dualism'*. Anything earthly is *'corrupt and evil'*. **ONLY** heaven is good. The *'physical is to be shunned'*. All effort is to be afforded *'spiritual reality'*. The Torah is *'earthly'* (**which is a definite lie**) and is referred to by the derogatory term **LAW**. On the other hand, the *'Hebraic mindset'* has the *'ability to allow for both physical and spiritual reality to exist together... SIMULTANEOUSLY!'*. The *'physical Land'* has **ALWAYS BEEN** in the *'mind of YHWH'* for His people Yisrael to *'live in fully'*. It will remain so until the *'restoration of the Whole House of present day divided Yisrael fulfills its divine commandment'* to **POSSESS BOTH ITS REALMS OF NACHALAH/INHERITANCE... The PHYSICAL LAND OF YISRAEL AND ITS SPIRITUAL REDEMPTIVE TREASURES IN MASHIACH!** It is **NOT** *'either/or'!* **BOTH ARE NECESSARY!**

## Dealing With The Enemies In The Land

Immediately following the 'word of YHWH' about the review of Yisrael's journeys, YHWH begins to 'instruct them about the inhabitants of The Land' they would face. The Land of Cana'an is **NOT** a 'picture of heaven'! It is a **PICTURE OF THE KINGDOM** and 'how' YHWH intends for us to 'possess our inheritance'. For us today (**the returning house of Yosef-Ephraim**) while 'part of our restoration as the Whole House of Yisrael' is about a 'return to The Land', we will **NEVER POSSESS** our 'outward/physical inheritance', **UNTIL WE POSSESS OUR INWARD ONE!** Beloved, our 'bodies', which are dirt, are as much **HAARETZ/THE LAND** as is the 'physical land of Yisrael'. There were 'seven nations' in that land which Yisrael was going to 'have to deal with' **BEFORE THEY COULD SETTLE IN SHALOM THERE.** Even so, there are 'nations, spiritual entities and strongholds within our flesh' that we are 'going to have to deal with too'! **THIS IS NOT AN OPTION!** Listen to what YHWH told Yisrael through Moshe,

*“And Hashem [YHWH] spoke unto Moshe in the plains of Moav by Yarden [Jordan] near Yericho [Jericho], saying,  
Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel [Sons of Yisrael], and say unto them, When ye are crossing over Yarden [Jordan] into Eretz Kena'an [the Land of Cana'an],  
Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of HaAretz [The Land] from before you, and destroy all their maskiyot (stone carved statues), and destroy all their tzalmei massekhot [cast metal statues] and demolish all their [idolatrous] high places;  
And ye shall take possession of HaAretz [The Land], and dwell therein; for I have given you HaAretz [The Land] to possess it.  
And ye shall distribute HaAretz [The Land] by goral [lot] for an inheritance among your mishpekhos [families]; and to the more numerous ye shall give the larger nachalah [inheritance], and to the fewer in number ye shall give the smaller nachalah [inheritance]; every man's nachalah [inheritance] shall be in the place where his goral [lot] falleth; according to the mattot (tribes of) Avoteichem [your Fathers] ye shall inherit.  
But if ye will not drive out the yoshvei HaAretz [inhabitants of The Land] from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be barbs in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall harrass you in HaAretz [The Land] wherein ye dwell.  
Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I meant to do unto them.”  
(Bamidbar/Numbers 33:51-56 OJB- definitions mine)*

YHWH told them plainly, either 'drive those inhabitants out or else you will suffer'. Those that 'you don't drive out', I will 'allow to afflict you'. They will be 'barbs in your eyes and thorns in your side'. There were 'seven nations that inhabited The Land' previous to Yisrael's entrance. Those 'same seven nations' are **PRESENT IN OUR FLESH RIGHT NOW! THEY ARE STILL RESISTING OUR PROGRESS TODAY! THEY MUST BE IDENTIFIED AND DEALT WITH!** We must follow the words of the navi/prophet Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah who wrote,

*“See, I have this yom [day] set thee OVER the Goyim [nations] and OVER the mamlachot (kingdoms), to UPROOT, and to TEAR DOWN, and to DESTROY, and to DEMOLISH, to BUILD, and to PLANT.” (Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 1:10 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)*

This word above is YHWH's 'plan of warfare' for us. We must 'identify the enemy' and determine to see that they are **UPROOTED, TORN DOWN, DESTROYED AND DEMOLISHED.** Then,

we can **BUILD AND PLANT** His Kingdom '*within us*'. The list below are the nations Yisrael faced '*when coming into Cana'an*'. Each name and its meaning gives us a '*clue about our enemy and what their work is*'. We are to '*arm ourselves*' with this '*revelation knowledge*' **AND THEN**, '*under the guidance and leadership*' of YHWH by His '*HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness*'... **CONFRONT, DESTROY THEIR STRONGHOLDS AND DRIVE OUT THE SPIRITS BEHIND THEM!**

We must be tenacious. When they seek to '*afflict us*', then we **MUST** '*afflict them*'. If they seek to '*distress us*', then we **MUST** '*distress them*'. It is not up to us to '*defeat them*'... **THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEFEATED! (Colossians 2:15)** Our M'lekh Mashiach/King Messiah has **ALREADY DEFEATED THEM BY HIS DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION!** Now, we must go and use the '*magistratal authority*' He has given us and **EVICT THEM. (Luke 10:19)** Our Master will '*work with us*' by the '*power of His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness*' to bring us through to **COMPLETE VICTORY! (Mark 16:20)** We have the weapons. **(Ephesians 6:10-18)** We have the authority. **(Luke 10:19)** We have the **COMMAND TO GO AND POSSESS THE LAND**. All we need is the **LEADERSHIP OF THE CAPTAIN OF OUR SALVATION... M'LEKH MASHIACH/KING MESSIAH YESHUA!** He will direct us by the indwelling of His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness. Look over the list below and let YHWH '*reveal the strongholds*' set up in your flesh; the '*flesh of your mind*' and the '*flesh of your physical body*'. YHWH wants to **DELIVER US** from this **MIXTURE** of flesh and spirit. He wants us to become **ONE/WHOLE** spiritual man or woman **IN [UNION WITH] HIM!** Declare '*milchamah/war*' and in the **NAME OF OUR ADON/LORD YESHUA UPROOT, TEAR DOWN, DESTROY AND DEMOLISH EVERY STRONGHOLD. DRIVE OUT EVERY ENTITY, UNTIL YHWH'S KINGDOM COMES INSIDE YOU IN ITS FULLNESS!**

## The Seven Nations Of Cana'an

- 1.) **The Hittites**- the sons of Heth... '*terror*'- **STRONGHOLDS OF FEAR**
- 2.) **The Gergashites**- '*soil or clay*'... '*unsure foundations*'- **DECEPTION, TRADITIONS OF MEN, TWISTED TRUTH, LIES...ETC.**
- 3.) **The Amorites**- the Amorites/Emori were some of the largest and strongest of all of the nations of Cana'an. Their name means **BOASTERS**. This is a picture of **PRIDE**. We all deal with this on one level or another. Those spirits '*must be removed*' in order that the '*humility and meekness of our Mashiach's nature the fruit of the spirit can manifest through us*'.
- 4.) **Cana'anites**- their name means '*brought down, defeated or made low*'. It is a picture of spirits associated with **STRONGHOLDS OF DEPRESSION AND HOPELESSNESS**.
- 5.) **Perizzites**- this name means '*a breach in the wall*'. It has to do with an '*inability to keep promises, be truthful and honest*'. It also has to do with '*broken relationships*'. We are to be those who '*repair the breaches and are restorers of relationships*'. **WE CAN'T DO THAT UNTIL WE OURSELVES ARE DELIVERED AND RESTORED!**
- 6.) **Hivvites**- means '*dwellers in the high places*'- The capitol of these inhabitants was on Mt. Hermon and it was a '*stronghold of the Ba'alim*'. These were '*false mighty ones*' associated

with demonic and pagan worship practices. We of the returning house of Yosef-Ephraim have had some background in this. Especially in our heritage. This was the sin associated with the 'northern kingdom/Ephraim'. It was what got our fathers 'taken captive into Assyria' and then 'scattered as outcasts' among the nations. Those who come out of any type of 'occult/cultic worship, sexual sinfulness and all forms of addictions' need to deal with the spirits associated with these 'types of strongholds'.

- 7.) **Yebusites**- this name means '*to thresh, trample and trod down*'. It can also mean '*to desecrate and utterly reject*'. This speaks to '*spirits and strongholds of rebellion*'. Inability to '*deal with authority and structure*'.

## **The Last Parasha Of Bamidbar/Numbers**

We have reached the final parasha of the sefer/book of Bamidbar/Numbers. It is the custom to '*recite the call to be strengthened*' through YHWH's Torah. Please join me and celebrate our having completed the study of this fourth sefer/book of the Torah...

***Chazak, Chazak, V'nit'chazek!***  
***Be strong... Be strong... and may we be***  
***strengthened... Amein!***

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