Torah Portion – Week 43 (24-25)

Masei – the conclusion of the book of numbers. Retells the journeys in the wilderness, instructions for taking the land, cities for the levites, cities of refuge and daughters of zelophehad.

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* Each name for a stop has a meaning (Give Rameses and Sukkoth example).
* Ramses = Son of God/child of the sun
* Sukkoth = Shelter/ dwelling
* Etham = with them – the plowshare
* Pihahiroth = place where sedge grows
* (before migdol) “the tower”
* Passed through the midst of the sea, then 3 days journey
* Marah = Bitterness
* Elim = Big trees (fountains of water….)
* Red Sea = Sea of Reeds
* Ciyn = thorn or clay
* Dophkah = a knocking
* Alush = Mingling together / kneading together
* Rephidim = Rest or stays or resting places
* Sinai = Shining or to shine or Thorny/thorn bush
* Kibrothhattavaavah = graves of lust
* Hazeroth = villages, courts
* Rithmah = broom (as in wild desert broom)
* Rimmonparez = Pomegranate of the breach or
* Livnah – whiteness
* Rissah – Heap of ruins
* Kehelathah – Assembly
* Shapher – brightness
* Haradah – fear
* Makheloth – place of assembly
* Tahath – support
* Tarah – Stopping / station
* Mithcah – sweetness
* Hashmonah - fatness
* Moseroth - bonds
* Benejaakan - Sons of Jakaan (twisting)
* Horhagidgad - hill of felicity
* Jotbathah - Pleasantness
* Ebronah - Passage
* Eziongaber – backbone of a man
* Zin – thorn, dry place
* Kadesh – Holy, set apart

33:4-5 – Coming out of Egypt, Testing in the wilderness - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20esdras%2015%3A10-12%2C%20is%2019%3A1-4%2C11-16&version=RSV)

* The Egyptians trusted in their idols and none saved them, they were all destroyed.
  + Abraham in [Jasher 11:16(30)-49](https://sacred-texts.com/chr/apo/jasher/11.htm)

33:7 – Baal Tsephon – Mention Exodus 23:13 [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwDhcPG7tsk)

* Exodus 23:13 [interlinear](https://biblehub.com/interlinear/exodus/23-13.htm)

33:55 - Verse 55 – We must drive out sin in the wilderness - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20esdras%2016%3A74-78&version=RSV)

* [Matt 18](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2018%3A8-10&version=KJV)

1. End: We need to be ready to move when the Most High says to move, just as the Israelites, but without all the complaining! - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rev%2014%3A1-4%2C%202%20esdras%202%3A33-47%2C%201%20john%202%3A3-7&version=RSV)

* Paul says these are for our admonition ([1 Cor 10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20cor%2010%3A1-13&version=KJV))
* We need to continue on this journey in the wilderness with perseverance, as he is testing us (Deut 8) - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=deut+8%3A2-3%2C+1+pet+4%3A12-16&version=KJV)
* Excellent parallel with our journey now, but also in the future? [Eze 20:33-38](https://classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Eze+20%3A33-38&version=KJV)

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* Show the borders [map](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/cd/Map_Land_of_Israel.jpg)
* Compare with [Gen 15 borders](https://www.gdconline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Capture-17.png)

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* Show visual of a town map and refer the website
* Levite cities - [link](https://n.b5z.net/i/u/6148319/f/Towns_of_Levites.jpg)

Levitical cities write up ([Bible Gateway link](https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/encyclopedia-of-the-bible/Levitical-Cities))

* Cities of refuge - [link](https://i2.wp.com/www.bridgesforpeace.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/wikimedia-Richardprins-Jan-TL-screenshot-12_Tribes_of_Israel_Map-2.png?ssl=1)
* Manslayer and death of the High Priest – a foreshadow of Yahusha!
* This is merciful of Yahuah to allow a man or woman be tried before judgement.
  + Discuss the seriousness of even accidental manslaughter
  + Refuge / Yahusha - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ps%20110%3A1-4%2C%20heb%207%3A26-28&version=KJV)
* Blood pollutes the land - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus%2018%3A25%2C%20eze%2022%3A1-4&version=KJV)

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**Clips!**