

Numbers

Chapter 21

Instructor

Contents: Victories of Israel; the serpent of brass.

Characters: God, Moses, Aaron, Arad, Sihon, Og.

Conclusion: Those who cry without cause will be given just cause to cry and they will be compelled to receive their response from God in God's way.

Key Word: Sinned, 7.

Strong Verses: 9, 34.

Striking Facts: The serpent is used here, as a symbol of sin judged that has been judged by GOD. The brass speaks of divine judgment. The brass serpent becomes a type of Christ "made sin for us" (2 Corinthians 5:21; John 3:14-15) in bearing our judgment.

Word Study:

Morphemes - are the smallest units of meaning in a language.

Extrabiblical - The term 'extra-Biblical' can refer to two things:

- Information or content outside the Bible. Thus, any form of knowledge or experience which gives us information concerning God, His Work or His Will, which is not directly quoted in scripture.

Example: [List of biblical figures identified in extra-biblical sources](#)

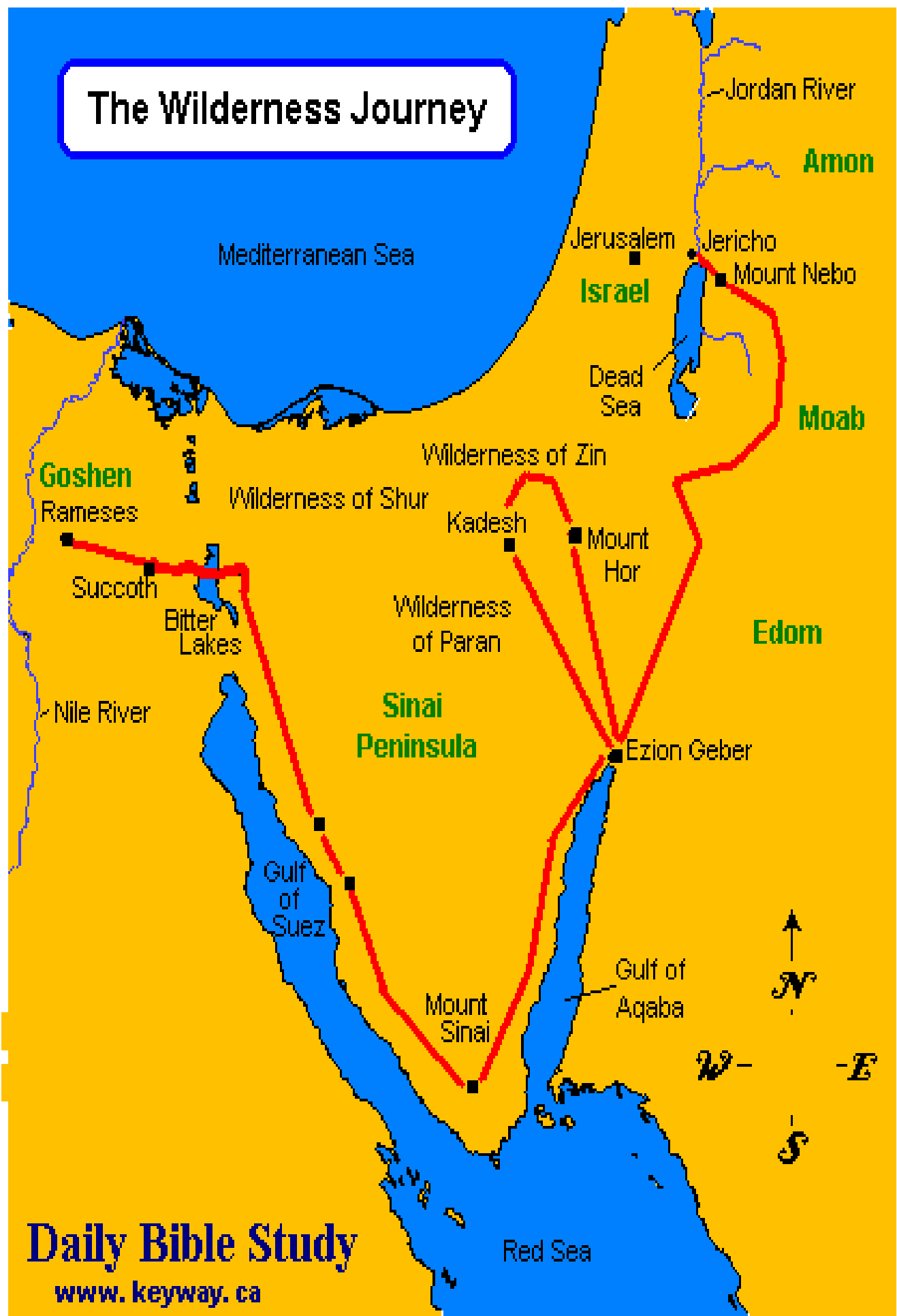
- Teachings, concepts and practices claimed to be supported by or taught in the Bible, but which are based on incorrect interpretation. In hermeneutics, the study of the methodological principles of [interpretation](#), this is known as "*eisogesis*" (super-imposing a meaning onto the text), as opposed to "*exegesis*" (drawing the meaning out of the text).

Questions:

1. Why did the people sin?
2. What was Moses commanded to make?
3. What did Israel do after they were defeated by king Arad?
4. What extrabiblical book is mentioned?
5. What happened to King Sihon and his people?
6. What happened to King Og of Bashan?

Bonus Question: Why did Israel win sometimes and lose sometimes?

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