





# YHWH's fidelity during the Wilderness Period

Amos 2:10

‘I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and led you forty years in the wilderness.’

Jeremiah 31:2-3

‘Thus says YHWH: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, YHWH appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.’



## Deuteronomy 32:10-14

‘YHWH sustained Jacob in a desert land, in a howling wilderness waste;  
he shielded him, cared for him, guarded him as the apple of his eye.  
As an eagle stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young;  
as it spreads its wings, takes them up,  
and bears them aloft on its pinions,  
YHWH alone guided him; no foreign god was with him.  
He set him atop the heights of the land,  
and fed him with produce of the field;  
he nursed him with honey from the crags, with oil from flinty rock;  
curds from the herd, and milk from the flock,  
with fat of lambs and rams;  
Bashan bulls and goats, together with the choicest wheat—  
you drank fine wine from the blood of grapes



## Hosea 2:14-15

‘I will now allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her ...There she shall respond as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.’

## Jeremiah 2:2-3

‘Thus says YHWH: I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. Israel was holy to YHWH, the first fruits of his harvest.’



## Numbers 6:22-27. Priestly Blessing

‘YHWH spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

YHWH bless you and keep you;

YHWH make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

YHWH lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.’



## Numbers 9:15-17

‘On the day the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant; and from evening until morning it was over the tabernacle, having the appearance of fire. It was always so: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. Whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, then the Israelites would set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the Israelites would camp.’



## Numbers 12:3-8

- ‘Now the man Moses was very humble [‘anaw], more so than anyone else on the face of the earth. YHWH came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the entrance of the tent, and called Aaron and Miriam ... “Hear my words: When there are prophets among you, I YHWH make myself known to them in visions; I speak to them in dreams. Not so with my servant Moses; he is entrusted with all my house. With him I speak face to face – clearly, not in riddles; and he beholds the form of YHWH.’



- Numbers 15:37-41

‘YHWH said to Moses: Speak to the Israelites, and tell them to make fringes on the corners of their garments throughout their generations and to put a blue [part of priestly people] cord on the fringe at each corner. You have the fringe so that, when you see it, you will remember all the commandments of YHWH and do them, and not follow the lust of your own heart and your own eyes. So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and you shall be holy to your God. I am YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am YHWH your God.’



## Numbers 21:6-9

YHWH sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against YHWH and against you; pray to YHWH to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. YHWH said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.’

sympathetic magic: harm caused by serpents is counteracted by a serpent that is the divine vehicle for healing (see 2Kings 18:4).



## Numbers 27:17

- Moses asks YHWH to appoint someone
- ‘who will go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of YHWH may not be like sheep without a shepherd.’



## Spring Festivals

1. Numbers 28:16 Paschal Offering
2. Numbers 28:17-25 The Pilgrimage Festival of Unleavened Bread
3. Numbers 28:26-31 Offering of the First Fruits



## Autumn Festivals

1. Numbers 29:1-6. New Moon of the Seventh Month

2. Numbers 29:7-11. Offering on the Day of Atonement

Numbers 3. 29:12-40 Offerings of the Autumn Pilgrimage Festival  
(The 7-day festival of Booths at the end of the harvest)

4. Numbers 29:35-38 Offering on the Eighth Day of the Festival

Supplementary Material: Numbers 30-35