

The background features a light pink color with large, expressive, hand-painted brushstrokes in a slightly darker shade of pink. These strokes are layered and overlap, creating a sense of movement and depth. The overall aesthetic is soft and artistic.

# *Old Testament Wanderings*

GOD IN HISTORY

# ***Wanderings – unbelief leads to wanderings***

- Numbers 13; The Israelites recon the promised land
  - What were the men supposed to do? v. 1-16
  - What were they to look for? v. 17-22; What did they find? v. 23-29
  - Why did the spies lie about the promised land? v. 30-33
- Numbers 14; The people rebel
  - How did the people respond? v. 1-4
  - What did Joshua and Caleb say in response? v. 5-9
  - How did God respond? What did God expect of Moses? v. 10-12
  - What did Moses say? v. 13-19; And how did God reply? v. 20-25
  - God gives grace to the obedient & judgement to the rest. v. 26-38
  - The rebellious, rebel from rebelling, and get whooped. v. 39-45
- Num 16:1-5; Levites unhappy with Moses' leadership
- Num 17: 8-13; God makes clear who is his, and who is holy



# *Wanderings – 40 years in the desert*

Numbers 33:17-35; 20 camp locations are listed, but only 5 can be identified with some confidence.

Numbers 13:26; The Kadesh (holy), where the Israelites awaited the report of the spies is tentatively identified as Ain Kudeirat (Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran).





# *Wanderings – not in the land, but nearby for 38 years*

- Nm 34:3-5; Future boundary of Israel
- Nm 20: Kadesh (holy) wilderness of Zin
  - Arriving 1st month, 3yrs after Exodus
  - Miriam dies.
  - There is no water ("waters of Meribah," i.e. quarrelling).
  - Confrontation with Edom
  - Death of Aaron in the 40th yr after Exodus, buried Mt. Hor (Nm 33:38)

**On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt (nahar Mizraim) to the great river Euphrates (nahar Perath) ..." [Genesis 15:18]**







**Sinai Desert with manna**

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**Asemona (biblical Azmon?)**

6

**Pelusiatic branch of Nile**

**The Nile**

2

1

**Pelusium**

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**Tanis**

***Wanderings – promised land borders***

**Byzantine church of St Geoge, Madaba, Jordan 6th cent. mosaic**



# *Wanderings – waters of Meribah*

- Nm 20:1,2 "...the people stayed in Kadesh...Now there was no water for the congregation..."
- Where is Kadesh (specifically Kadesh Barnea)? Nm 34:4 "And your border shall turn south of the ascent of Akrabbim (Scorpions), and cross to Zin, and its limit shall be south of Kadesh-Barnea. Then it shall go on to Hazar-Addar, and pass along to Azmon."
- Nm 20:10-11 "'...shall **we** bring water for you out of this rock?' And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff **twice**, and water came out abundantly..."
- Nm20:12; What was Moses' sin?
- Kadesh had (has?) a spring that gushes from a split rock

*Wanderings –  
Kadesh, home for  
38 yrs.*

**A great rock with a  
split down the middle  
near wilderness of Zin**





***Kadesh, water  
gushing from a split  
rock to this very day***



Gebel Harun



Mt. Hor: Aaron's  
tomb

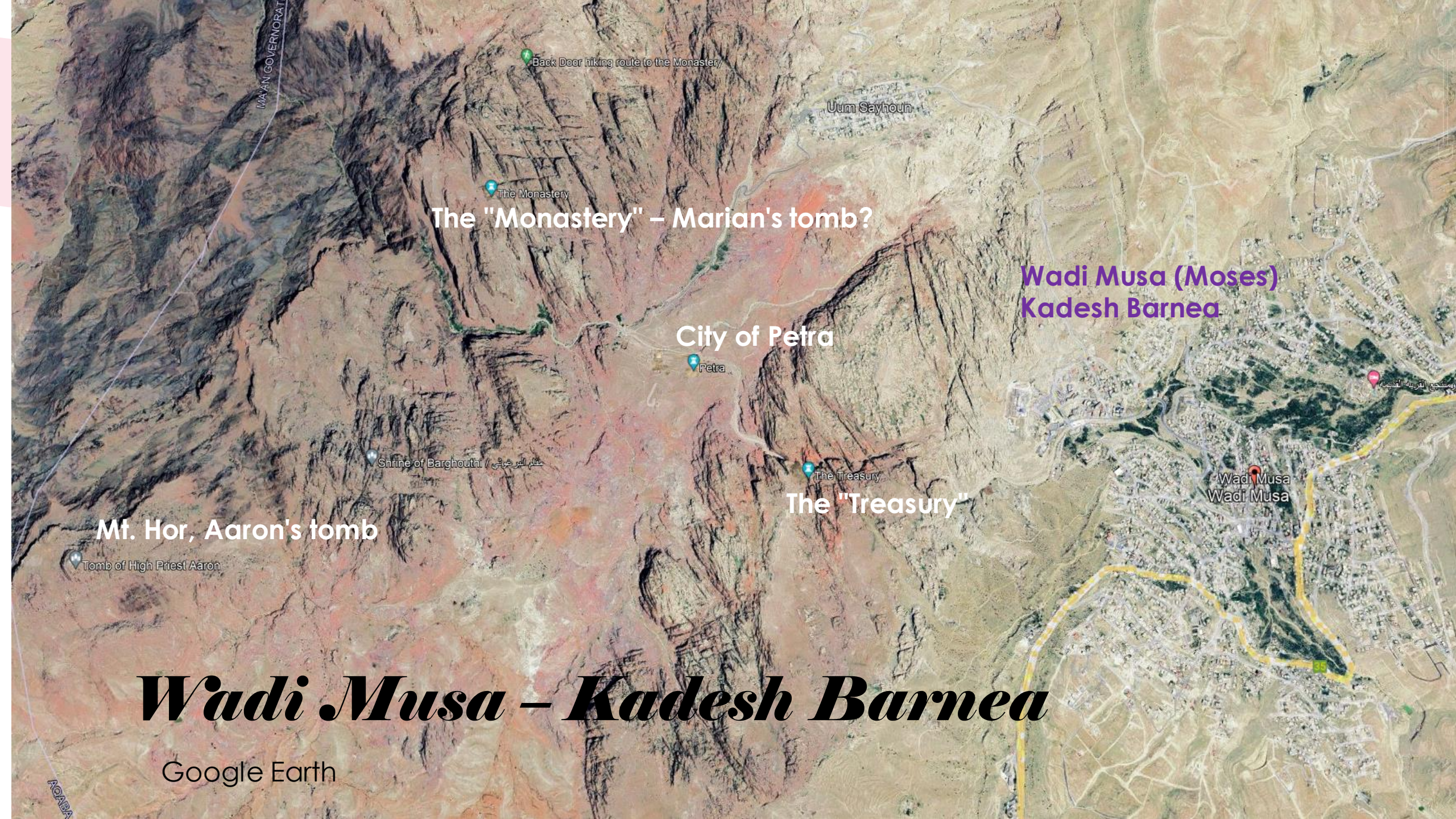
Petra



Nabatean city (3rd century BC)

*Kadesh Barnea – Wadi Musa (Moses)*





Back Door hiking route to the Monastery

Umm Sayhoun

The Monastery

The "Monastery" – Marian's tomb?

City of Petra

Petra

The Treasury

The "Treasury"

Shrine of Barghouthi / مقام البرغوثي

Mt. Hor, Aaron's tomb

Tomb of High Priest Aaron

Wadi Musa (Moses)  
Kadesh Barnea

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# *Wadi Musa – Kadesh Barnea*

Google Earth

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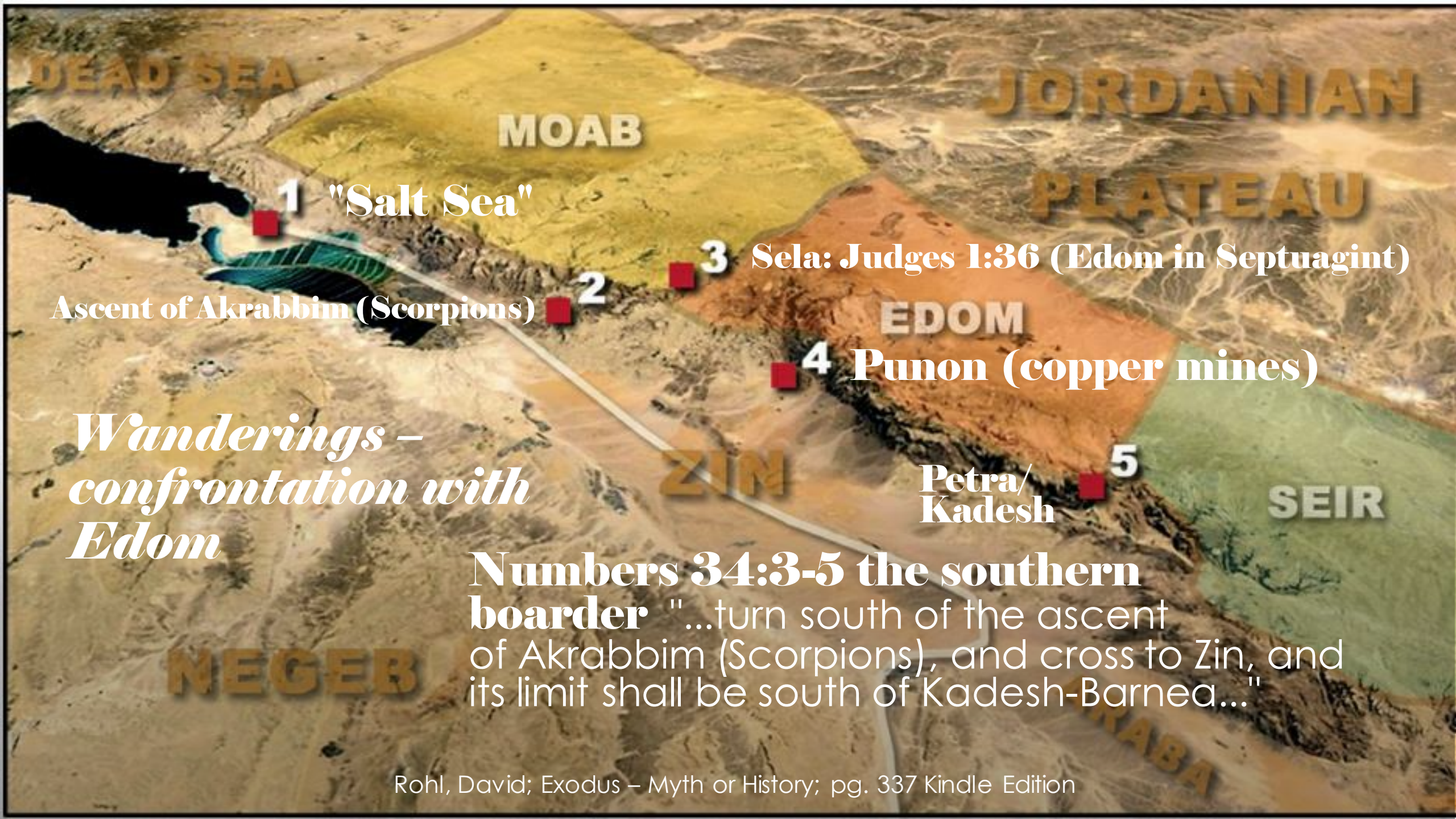
# *Confronting Edom – the king's highway*

- Nm 20:17 "Please let us pass through your land...We will go along the King's Highway..."
- Nm 20:20 But...Edom came out against them with a large army...
- Bozrah was the capitol of Edom. Ezion-Geber is at the "tip" of Gulf of Aqaba (port city in Solomon's day)

<https://www.biblestudy.org/maps/kings-highway.html>







1 "Salt Sea"

Ascent of Akrabbim (Scorpions)

2

3

Sela: Judges 1:36 (Edom in Septuagint)

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Punon (copper mines)

5

Petra/  
Kadesh

*Wanderings –  
confrontation with  
Edom*

**Numbers 34:3-5 the southern  
boarder** "...turn south of the ascent  
of Akrabbim (Scorpions), and cross to Zin, and  
its limit shall be south of Kadesh-Barnea..."



# *King's Highway – up the ascent of Akrabbim, then past the fortress at Sela*

View is West toward the Arabah (in the wilderness of Zin)



**Sela**

King Amaziah dashed 10,000 captives of Edom to their deaths from Sela (nearly 1000' drop) [2 Chronicles 11-12]



An aerial photograph of a rugged, mountainous landscape in Edom. The terrain is characterized by steep, rocky slopes and deep valleys. A small town, identified as Bozrah, is circled in red in the upper-middle part of the image. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The overall scene depicts a high-altitude, mountainous region.

**Bozrah**

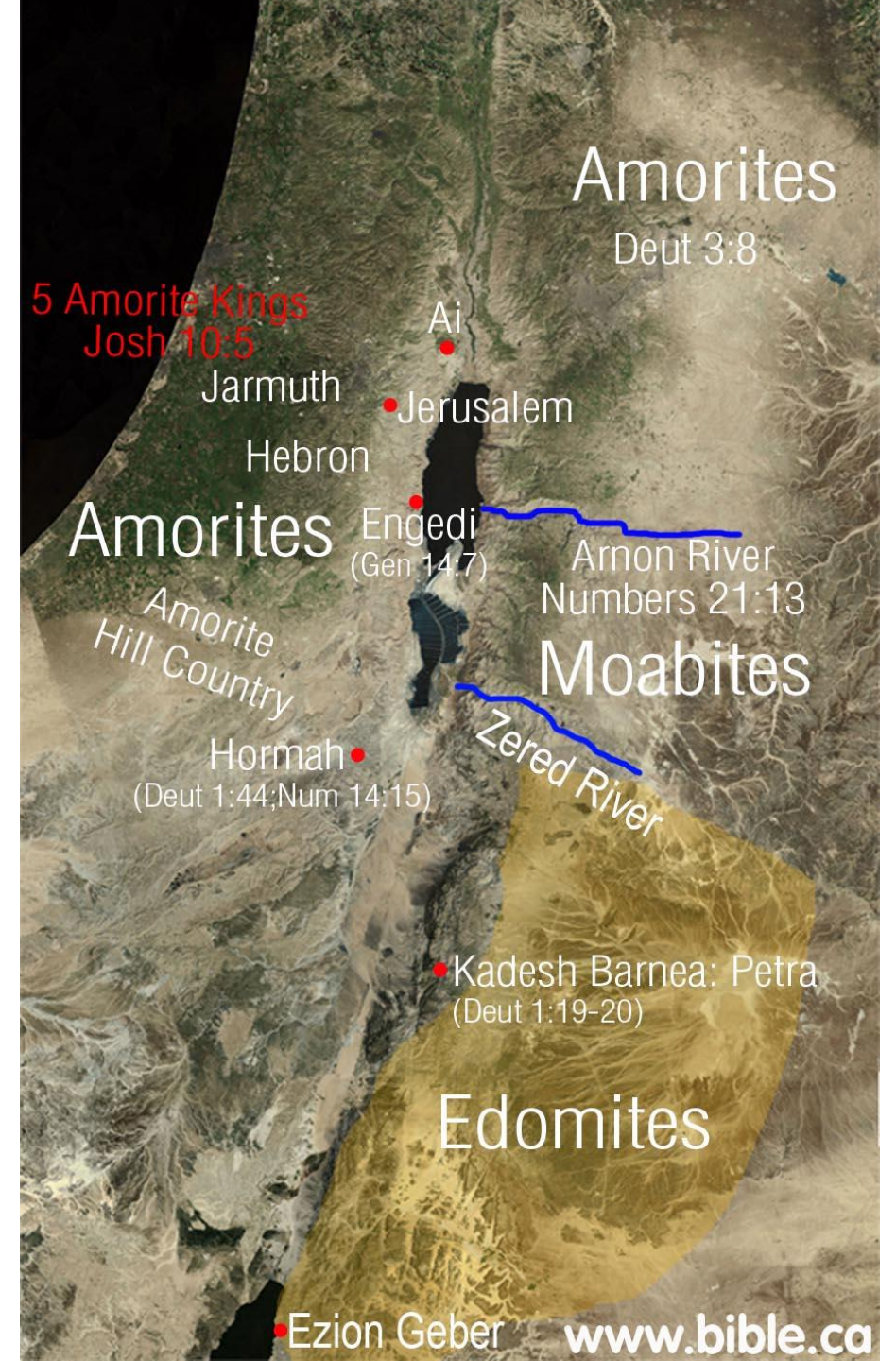
*King's Highway – at Bozrah, Edom*

3500 foot rise in 12 miles (direct line) from Arabah up to Bozrah



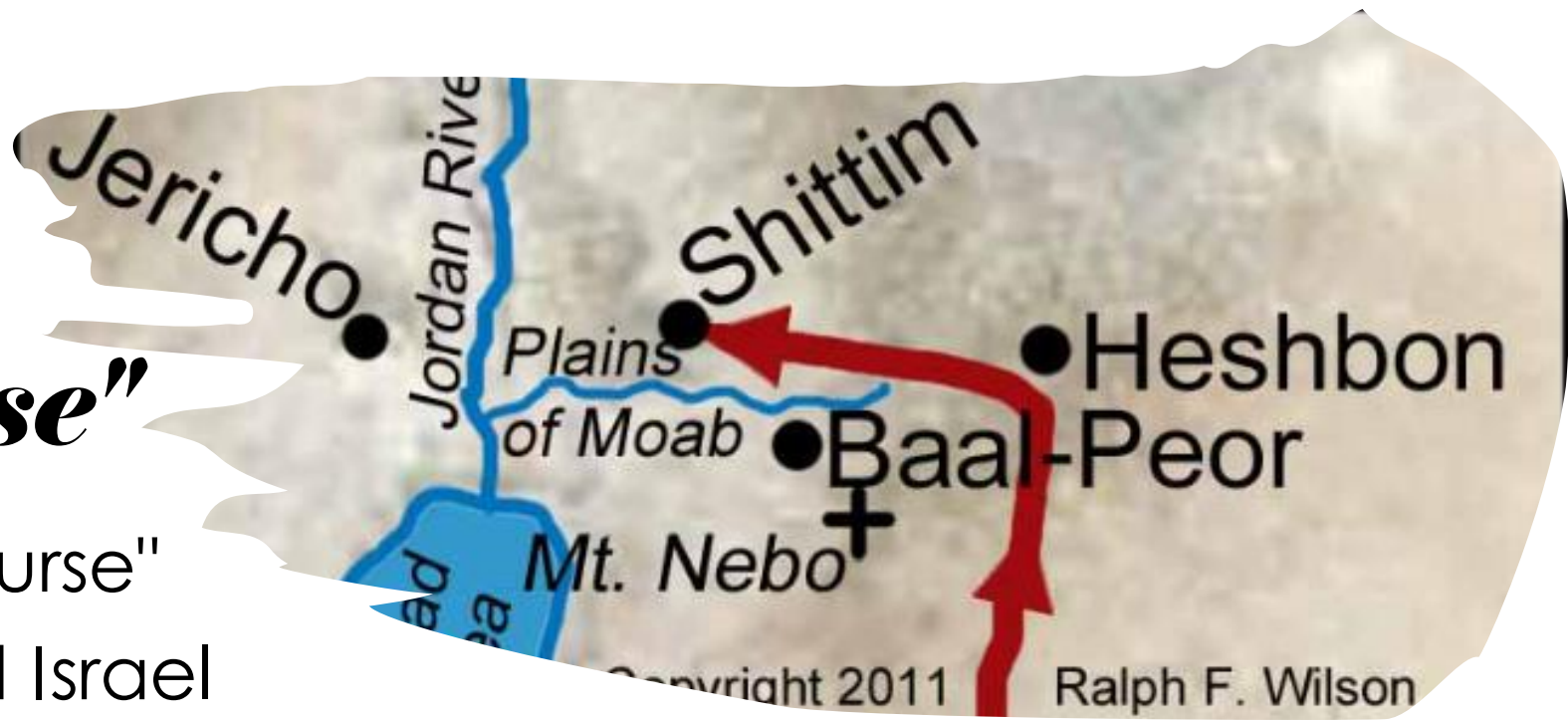
# *Just prior to conquest:*

- Edom denies Israel passage
  - They have to find a way up onto the Jordanian plateau
  - To get to Jericho they need to be north of Edom and east of the Jordan river
  - Nm 21:1-3 Israel conquers Arad at Hormah
  - Nm 21:4-9 the people complain...
  - They go ~50m south to Ezion-Geber
  - From Ezion-Geber they go east & north
- Nm 21:21-26 Israel defeats the Amorites
- After defeating Amorites (& Bashan Nm 21:35)
  - Balaam pronounces 3 oracles (Nm 22-24)
  - They sin with women of Moab & Midian (Nm 25)





# *Wonderings, Balaam's "Curse"*



- Nm 23, 24: Balaam's "Curse"
- Nm 22:1-7 Balak feared Israel
  - As did Midian (Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, was from Midian)
- Nm 23:7-12 Balaam's first "curse"; Israel will be a great nation
- Nm 23:18-27 Balaam's second "curse"; curses turn to blessings
- Nm 24: 1-10 Balaam's third "curse"; Balak is done with curses
- Nm 24:14-25 Balaam's final oracle foretells doom of Moab
- Nm 25:1-13 & 31:8 (2 Pet 2:14-16, Joel 11-13) Jews worship Baal