

Journeys

The names of the places where Israel journeyed through the desert has great significance. Names in Hebrew describe the character of the person, place or animal. Some of those places were named by the nations like Ramses, others by Israel like Succot.

Let us look at those places and learn the lesson from them.

1. The first was Ramses, the place where they built pyramids, monuments to the dead, which was a great preoccupation to the Egyptians. The name means Thunder of Ses. The thunder of the Egyptian God was defeated by God thunder.
2. Soucot. Tabernacle. God dwelt among his people preparing them for the journey ahead.
3. Etam. Strength. The Lord than strengthen his people for the struggle ahead.
4. Pi Cherout. Mouth of Freedom. Then God will lead them to freedom.
5. Mara. Bitterness. Unfortunately they used their freedom for rebellion when they looked at the circumstances, and forgot that God is in charge. This led to bitterness, and death.
6. Eilim. God. The Lord had mercy to his people, and lead them to a place where he provided for each tribe by itself, and made them a blessing for all the nations symbolized by the 70 date trees.
7. Yam Suf. Sea of the end (also read). This is their last stop in Egypt. From now on, they depend on God totally, who will lead them to the Promised Land.
8. Desert of Sin. God then brings them to the desert. A place of trial and preparation. Also in Hebrew the root of the word desert is the same as word. God was preparing them for the giving of his word.
9. Daphka. Pulse. God then checked the status of his people.
10. Alush. Uncertain

- 11.Rephidim. Shadows. Fear came upon Israel when they looked at the trial ahead. They doubted God when no water was found. God will not speak to us when we lack faith in him.
- 12.Midbar Sinai. Desert of Sinai. Again God took them to a place of trial and preparation.
- 13.Kevarot Hatahava. Tombs of lust. Again Israel followed their flesh, and brought death upon them.
- 14.Chatzerot. Courts. After their failure God still takes his people to him to reach out to them.
- 15.Retma. Restrain. God had to restrain his people from their sinful nature.
- 16.Rimon Peretz. High place of bursting out. The Lord wants his people to burst out of their sinful nature into the new man.
- 17.Libnah. Whitening. God wants to cleanse his people. Is 1:18: **Even though your sins are as scarlet; they will be white as snow. The blood of Yeshua cleanses us from our sin.****
- 18.Risa. Uncertain
- 19.Kehila. Congregation. God will gather his people unto him.
- 20.Har shefar. Mountain of improvement. God wants to better his people.
- 21.Charadah. Dread. Unfortunately Israel panicked before the enemy even though, God already defeated him. Deut 1:8
- 22.Makelot. Gatherings. Again God take his people to him.
- 23.Tachat. Under. Than God will put us under him.
- 24.Terach. Name of Abraham's father. God again will train his people.
- 25.Mitka. Sweetness. Again God will bless his people, providing his sweetness to them.

26.Chashemona. Silent of the counting. God again checks who is with him.

Maserot. Tradition. God will than give his people holy practices. [1Co 11:2](#) **And I praise you, brothers, that you remember me in every way and keep the traditions as I delivered them to you.**

27.Benei Anak. Sons of the giants. Than they will be able to face giants.

28.Chor Hagidgad. Hole of Gidgad. The Lord will allow us to go through lows.

29.Yatevat. The bettering. God will improve his people.

30.Avor. Cross over. God wants us to cross our Jordan and enter the Promised Land.

31.Etzion Gaver. Sign of strength. God will give us his strength.

32.Midbar Tzen- Kadesh. Desert of the marking. Sanctification. God will sanctify his people before they can take possession of the land.

33.Hor Hahar. Under the mountain oh Hor. Under the Lord. Near Edom place of blood.

34.Tzalmona. Shadows. God will bring us under the shadow of his wing

35.Ponen. Evacuate. The Lord saves his people.

36.Avot. The fathers. God bring us back to our roots.

37.Eyei Hivrim. Eyes of passage. The Lord will bring us across.

38.Divon Gad. Word of Joy. We shall rejoice in the Lord.

39.Almon. Incognito. It is all about the Lord not us.

40.Harei Hahibrim. Mountain of the Hebrews, of the crossing. Again God will bring us to a place of crossing.

41. Arevot Moab. The plains of the fathers. Again God bring us back to our sources.
42. Yarden Beit Yeshimot. Going down to the duties. God will bring us to our task.
43. Arevot Hashitim. Plain of tress. God will bring us to a place of fruitfulness.
44. Yericho. Moon. We need to fight the false God.