

# Deuteronomy 1:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

(There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea.)

## Analysis

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The eleven-day journey from Horeb (Sinai) to Kadesh-barnea highlights the tragic consequence of Israel's unbelief. What should have been an eleven-day journey became a forty-year wandering due to their refusal to enter Canaan after the spies' negative report (Numbers 13-14). The specific temporal and geographical detail emphasizes how disobedience transforms blessing into discipline, proximity into distance, and immediate inheritance into generational delay.

## Historical Context

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Mount Seir refers to the region of Edom southeast of the Dead Sea. The eleven-day journey calculation shows Moses' intimate knowledge of the geography and serves as a poignant reminder of opportunity lost. This verse was written after the forty years of wandering, making the contrast between what could have been and what actually occurred painfully clear.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does unbelief and disobedience transform your spiritual journey from direct paths to prolonged wandering?
2. What opportunities might you be missing due to fear or lack of faith in God's promises?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>There are eleven</b>	<b>days</b>	<b>journey from Horeb</b>	<b>by the way</b>	<b>of mount</b>
H259	H6240	H3117	H2722	H1870
Seir	Kadash	unto Kadeshbarnea		
H8165	H5704	H0	H6947	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 13:26** (Parallel theme): And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

**Numbers 32:8** (Parallel theme): Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

**Deuteronomy 9:23** (Parallel theme): Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.