

Ezekiel 20:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

Analysis

'Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.' The exodus: from Egyptian bondage to wilderness testing. The wilderness served multiple purposes: separation from Egypt, dependence on God's provision, preparation for covenant-making, and testing/refining (Deuteronomy 8:2-5). The geography reflects spiritual journey from slavery to freedom through testing.

Historical Context

The wilderness period lasted 40 years (1446-1406 BC or 1290-1250 BC depending on dating). The route through Sinai to Kadesh-Barnea and back is well-documented in Numbers. Archaeological evidence is scarce due to nomadic lifestyle, but the biblical narrative is geographically and historically coherent.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What purpose do 'wilderness' experiences serve in our spiritual formation?

2. How do we respond to testing and dependence on God in difficult seasons?

Interlinear Text

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