

# 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

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'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

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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

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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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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Wherefore I caused them to go forth	out of the land	of Egypt	and brought	H413
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them into the wilderness  
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