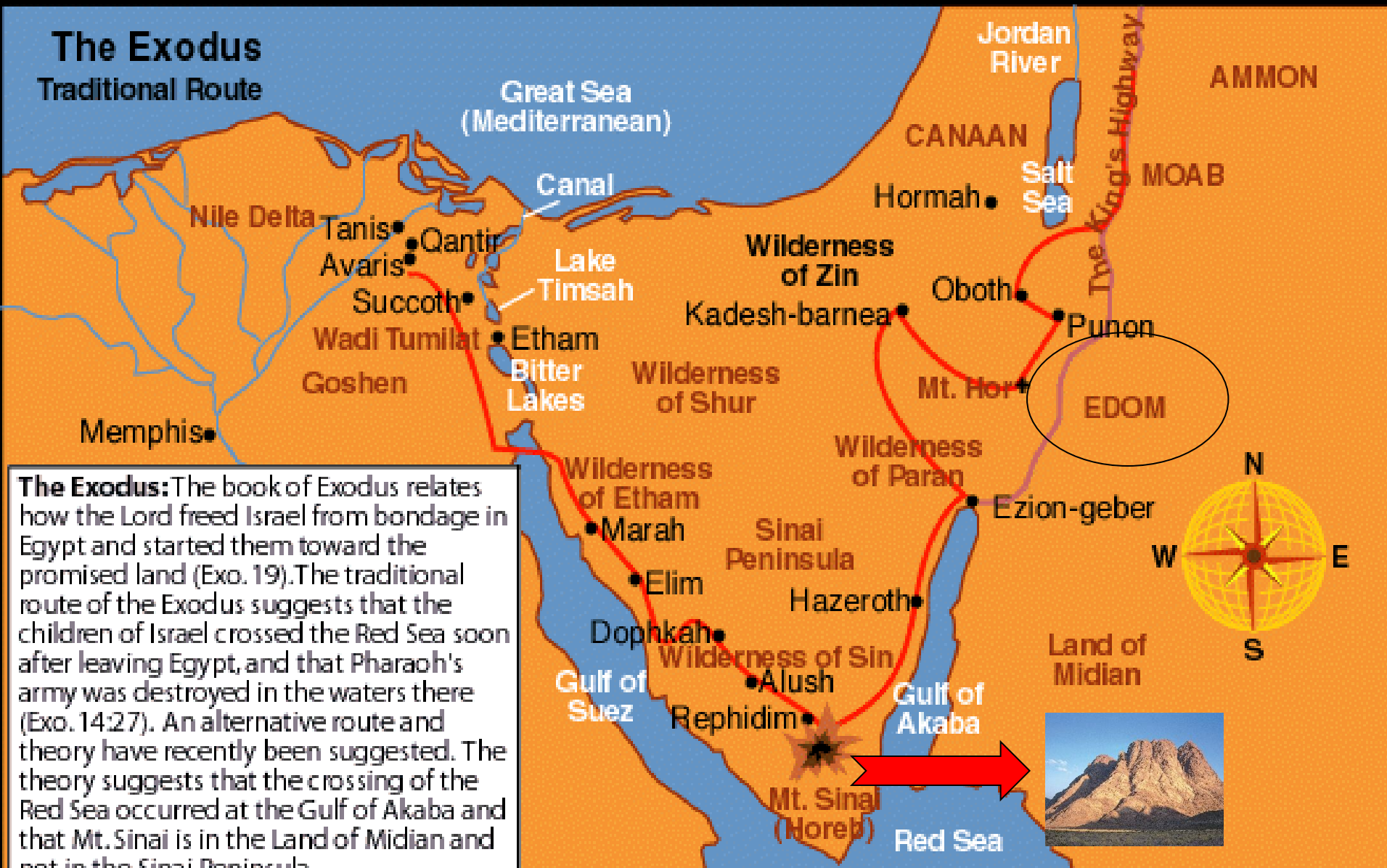


Numbers 20:14-21



The Exodus Traditional Route

The Exodus: The book of Exodus relates how the Lord freed Israel from bondage in Egypt and started them toward the promised land (Exo. 19). The traditional route of the Exodus suggests that the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea soon after leaving Egypt, and that Pharaoh's army was destroyed in the waters there (Exo. 14:27). An alternative route and theory have recently been suggested. The theory suggests that the crossing of the Red Sea occurred at the Gulf of Akaba and that Mt. Sinai is in the Land of Midian and not in the Sinai Peninsula.

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Request to pass through Edom

- **Numbers 20:14** Moses calls them “my brother.” Why?
- **20:20** “Thou shalt not pass through.”
- **What is the response?**
 - **20:21** “Turned away from them.”
 - **Why?**

People complain again

Numbers 21: 4-5

- **What is his response?**
- **“Fiery Serpents which bit many people who died” (Numbers 21: 6).**
- **What was the response?**
 - **Repentance and Intercession – (Num 21: 7).**
 - **What did God require (Num 21: 8-9)?**

The Brazen Serpent

Numbers 21:4-9



Numbers 21 The Brazen Serpent



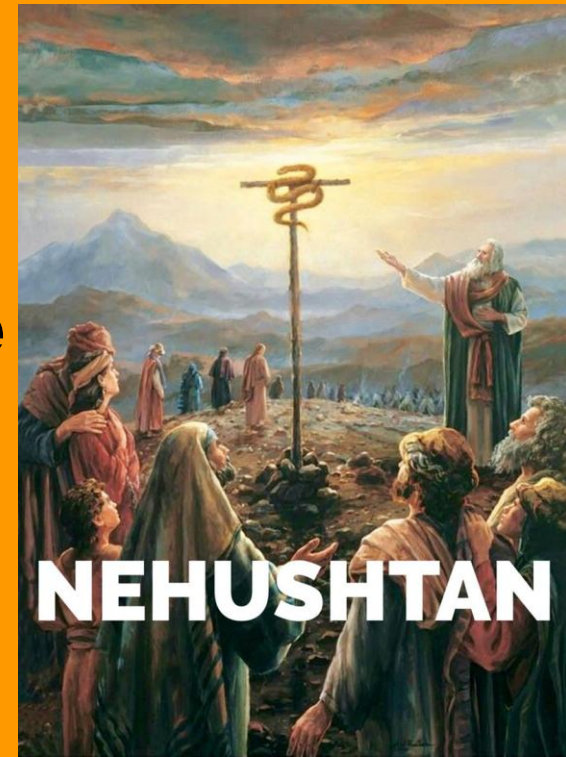
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How did they abuse this relic?

- **By worshipping it!**
- ***Relic Worship.***
 - **What is *simony*?**
 - **What King destroyed it?**

Nehushtan

"He removed the high places, and broke the images, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it **Nehushtan**" (2 Kings 18:4).



HOW USED TODAY?



Greek Health Symbol

- **The “Staff of Asclepius”**
- **Gk God of healing, single staff without wings...**
- **Snakes shed their skin representing a new beginning.**

How is symbol used today?

- **Medical sign of healing.**
 - **Caduceus of Hermes**
- **Two snakes surrounded by magic wand “wings” of Gk god Hermes**
 - **=Protector/healing**



Amazing Type of Christ

- **Jn 3:14 .. “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the son of man be lifted up.”**
- **Serpent =**
 - **The devil (Gen 3).**
- **Poisonous venom =**
 - **Sting of sin**
 - **Terminal = death.**

What did they do in order to be saved?

- **Have faith – believe in the remedy!**
 - **What made it an act of faith?**
 - **What sense did this make?**
- **Be obedient!**
 - **Look up!**
 - **Only then were they healed!**
- **What look at: A poisonous snake?**
 - **The very thing that was killing them!**

What do we see on the cross?

- **II Cor 5:21** “He *became* sin for us.”
- **Gal 3:13** “He *became* a *curse*..”
- **I Peter 2:24** “*Bore our sins* in his body...that we might be *healed*.”
- **I Cor 15: 54-55** “Oh death where is thy victory?”

Transjordan Region taken

- **Sihon, king of the Amorities request passage (21: 21-22).**
- **Sihon refuses (21: 23).**
- **Fight at Jahaz and Sihon is defeated. (21:24).**

Transjordan Region

- **Defeat Og the king of Bashan (Numbers 21: 33).**

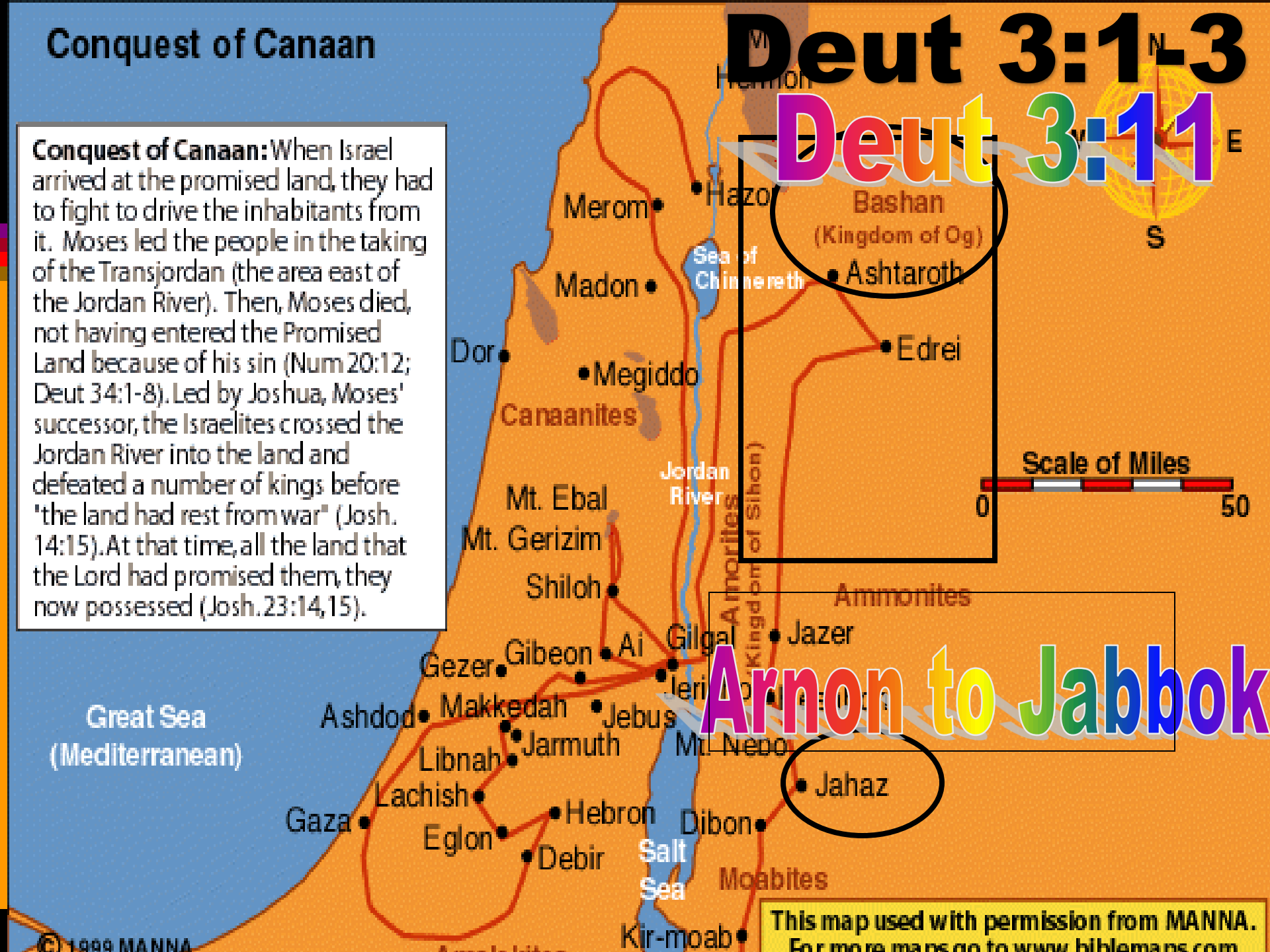
Conquest of Canaan

Conquest of Canaan: When Israel arrived at the promised land, they had to fight to drive the inhabitants from it. Moses led the people in the taking of the Transjordan (the area east of the Jordan River). Then, Moses died, not having entered the Promised Land because of his sin (Num 20:12; Deut 34:1-8). Led by Joshua, Moses' successor, the Israelites crossed the Jordan River into the land and defeated a number of kings before "the land had rest from war" (Josh. 14:15). At that time, all the land that the Lord had promised them, they now possessed (Josh. 23:14,15).

Deut 3:1-3

Deut 3:11

Arnon to Jabbok



Plains of Moab

Num 22-36

- **Balak and Moab were afraid (22:3)**
Seeks an alliance with the Midianites!
- **Who is Balaam?**
 - **Prophet of God or soothsayer (24:1)?**
 - **Vs5 Son of Beor –not a *Levite*.**
 - **Priest/prophet of God --*non-Israelite*. Who else?**
 - **Melchizedek – Priest most high.**
 - **Jethro – Priest of Median.**

Balaam: Two Great Statements

- **Num 22:18-19 "Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything, either small or great, contrary to the command of the Lord my God."**
 - Repeats it in Numbers 24:13.
- **Num 22:38-39 "Am I able to speak anything at all? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I shall speak."**

NT: 2 Peter 2: 14-16

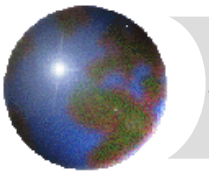
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Jehovah God vs. Paganism

- ⊛ Mono-theistic
- ⊛ CREATOR (3rd heaven)
- ⊛ God—*Eternal*
- ⊛ Omnipotent (not subject to the world)
 - ⊞ Magic wrong. Dt 18:9-14
 - ⊞ Idolatry wrong
- ⊛ Day of Judgment (high moral standard)
- ⊛ Flesh is Good . . .
 - Bodily ress. – I Cor 15
 - Holy temple – I Cor 6

- ⊛ Poly-theistic
- ⊛ *gods* are created
- ⊛ Matter *eternal*
- ⊛ Limited (Subject to World)
 - ⊞ Sorcery prevalent
 - ⊞ Idol Worship
- ⊛ No Day of judgment
 - ⊞ (Immorality)
- ⊛ Flesh is Evil! *Resurrection impossible, not desirable.*
 - ⊞ *Acts 17:32 – mocked*
 - ⊞ *Acts 26:24 – gone mad.*

Balaam and his donkey

Num 22:28-39

- **Anything stranger than this?**
- **What is the point?**
 - **God's blessings cannot be taken away (23:8, 23:20)!**
 - **Can't manipulate God like pagan gods! Sorcery will not work!**
 - **God is above and beyond the material universe...(Can make a dumb donkey—speak!)**
 - **Three times Balaam gives blessings!**

Balaam finds a way!

- **What would cause God to curse his people?**
 - **SIN!!**
 - **That is what Balaam suggests (Numbers 31:16, 25:1)!**
 - **Have pagan women seduce them to sin and idolatry (25:1-3)!**

Balaam finds a way!

- **Results? God's will be done!**
 - **24,000 die (25:6-9) in a gruesome way.**
 - **Brazen public adultery is stopped.**
 - **Numbers 31:7 records the slaughter of the Midianites,**
 - **Balaam is slain (Numbers 31: 8)!**
 - **Moses: "Be sure your sins will find you out" (Num 32:23).**

2nd Census After 40 years . . .

- **Num 1:46 - 603,550**
- **Num 26:51 - 601,730**

**What is the significance of
the daughter's of Zelophehad
(Num 27:1-11)?**