

Numbers 20:1-29 Expanded Chiasm



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- 1A) 20:1** And the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, **CAME INTO** the wilderness of Zin in the first month; and the people abode in **KADESH**; and **MIRIAM DIED** there, and was buried there;
- 1B) 20:2** And there was no water for the congregation; and they assembled themselves together **AGAINST MOSES AND AGAINST AARON**;
- 1C) 20:3A** And **THE PEOPLE CONTENDED WITH MOSES**;
- 1D) 20:3B-5** And spoke, saying, “Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before YHVH! **4** And why have you brought the assembly of YHVH into this wilderness, to die there, we and our cattle? **5** And why have you made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in into this evil place? It is no place for seed, or for figs, or for vines, or for pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink;” [*i.e.*, **MOSES HAS NOT BROUGHT ISRAEL INTO A LAND** of grain and water];
- 1E) 20:6** And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tent of meeting, and fell on their faces; and **THE GLORY OF YHVH APPEARED** to them; {p}
- 1F) 20:7-8** And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, **8** “Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, you, and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it gives forth its water; and you shall **BRING FORTH** to them **WATER OUT OF THE ROCK**; so you shall give the congregation and their cattle drink;”
- CENTRAL AXIS) 20:9-10 AND MOSES TOOK THE ROD FROM BEFORE YHVH, AS HE COMMANDED HIM. 10 AND MOSES AND AARON GATHERED THE ASSEMBLY TOGETHER BEFORE THE ROCK, AND HE SAID TO THEM, “HEAR NOW, YOU REBELS; ARE WE TO BRING FORTH WATER FOR YOU OUT OF THIS ROCK?”**
- 2F) 20:11** And Moses lifted up his hand, and struck the rock with his rod twice; and **WATER CAME FORTH** abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their cattle; {s}
- 2E) 20:12A** And YHVH said to Moses and Aaron, “Because **YOU DID NOT** believe in Me, to **SANCTIFY ME IN THE EYES** of the children of Israel;
- 2D) 20:12B** Therefore **YOU SHALL NOT BRING THIS ASSEMBLY INTO THE LAND** which I have given them;”
- 2C) 20:13** These are the waters of Meribah, where **THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL CONTENDED WITH YHVH**, and He was sanctified in them; {s}

2B) 20:14-21 Edom came out **AGAINST ISRAEL** with a strong hand; {p}

1a) 20:14-17a And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, “Thus says your brother Israel, ‘You know all the travail that has befallen us; **15** how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and our fathers. **16** And when we cried to YHVH, He heard our voice, and sent an angel, and brought us forth out of Egypt; and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city at the uttermost of your border. **17** **Let us pass**, I pray you, **through your land**;

1b) 20:17b We will not pass through field or through vineyard, neither will **we drink of the water** of the wells;

1c) 20:17c We will go along the **king’s highway**, we will not turn aside to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed your border;”

central axis) 20:18 And Edom said to him, “**You shall not pass through me, lest I come out with the sword against you;**”

2c) 20:19a And the children of Israel said to him, “We will go up by the **highway**;

2b) 20:19b And if **we drink of your water**, I and my cattle, then will I give you its price; let me only pass through on my feet; that cannot hurt;”

2a) 20:20-21 Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border;

1A) 20:20A And he said, “**YOU SHALL NOT PASS THROUGH;**”

CENTRAL AXIS) 20:20B AND EDOM CAME OUT AGAINST HIM WITH MANY PEOPLE, AND WITH A STRONG HAND;

2A) 20:21 Thus **EDOM REFUSED TO GIVE ISRAEL PASSAGE THROUGH HIS BORDER**; therefore Israel turned away from him;

2A) 20:22-29 JOURNEY FROM KADESH/ DEATH OF AARON. {s}

1a) 20:22 And they journeyed from Kadesh; and the children of Israel, **even the whole congregation**, came to Mount Hor;

1b) 20:23-24 And YHVH spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom, saying, **24** “**Aaron shall be gathered to his people**; for he shall not enter into the land which I have given to the children of Israel, because you rebelled against My word at the waters of Meribah;

1c) 20:25-26a Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor. **26** And **strip Aaron of his garments, and put them on Eleazar his son**;

central axis) 20:26b And Aaron shall be gathered to his people, and shall die there;”

2c) 20:27-28a And Moses did as YHVH commanded; and they went up into Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. **28** And Moses **stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them on Eleazar his son**;

2b) 20:28b And **Aaron died** there in the top of the mount; and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount;

2a) 20:29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they wept for Aaron thirty days, **even all the house of Israel.**