

Numbers 19:1-22:1 Expanded Chiasm



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1A) 19:1-22 The **RED HEIFER** for purification; {p}

1a) 19:1-2a And YHVH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, **2** “This is the **statute** of the law which YHVH has commanded, saying;

1b) 19:2b-10a Law of the red heifer and **water of purification**;

1A) 19:2B-4 Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer, faultless, in which is no blemish, and upon which a yoke has never come. **3** And you shall give her to Eleazar the priest, and she shall be brought forth **OUTSIDE THE CAMP**, and she shall be slain before his face. **4** And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times;

1B) 19:5 And the **HEIFER SHALL BE BURNT** in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall be burnt;

CENTRAL AXIS) 19:6A AND THE PRIEST SHALL TAKE CEDAR WOOD, AND HYSSOP, AND SCARLET;

2B) 19:6B And cast it into the midst of the **BURNING OF THE HEIFER**;

2A) 19:7-10A The water of purification for purifying from sin/ Afterward he may come **INTO THE CAMP**, and the priest shall be unclean until the evening;

1a) 19:7-8 Then the priest shall **wash his clothes**, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he may come into the camp, and the priest shall be **unclean until the evening**. **8** And he who burned her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the evening;

1b) 19:9a And a man who is clean shall **gather up the ashes** of the heifer, and lay them up outside the camp in a clean place;

central axis) 19:9b And it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of sprinkling; it is a purification from sin;

2b) 19:10a And he who gathered the ashes of the heifer;

2a) 19:10b Shall **wash his clothes**, and be **unclean until the evening**;

1c) 19:10b And it shall be to the children of Israel, and to the stranger who sojourns among them, for a **statute forever**;

central axis) 19:11-20 Touching death requires purification on the **3rd and 7th days or be cut off from Israel** (*Repeated twice for emphasis*);

1.1) 19:11 He who touches the dead, even any man’s dead body, **SHALL BE UNCLEAN SEVEN DAYS**;

1.2) 19:12 The same shall purify himself **ON THE THIRD DAY AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY**, and he shall be clean; but if he does not purify himself the third day and the seventh day, he shall not be clean;

1.3) 19:13A Whoever touches the dead, even the body of any man who is dead, and does not purify himself—**HE HAS DEFILED THE TABERNACLE OF YHVH**—that soul shall be cut off from Israel;

1.4) 19:13B Because **THE WATER OF SPRINKLING WAS NOT DASHED AGAINST HIM**, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him;

2.1) 19:14-16 This is the law: when a man dies in a tent, every one that comes into the tent, and every thing that is in the tent, **SHALL BE UNCLEAN SEVEN DAYS**. **15** And every open vessel, which has no covering close-bound on it, is unclean. **16** And whoever in the open field touches one that is slain with a sword, or one that dies of himself, or a bone of a man, or a grave, **SHALL BE UNCLEAN SEVEN DAYS**;

2.2) 19:17-19 And for the unclean they shall take of the ashes of the burning of the purification from sin, and running water shall be put with it in a vessel. **18** And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent, and on all the vessels, and on the persons that were there, and on him that touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave. **19** And the clean person shall sprinkle on the unclean **ON THE THIRD DAY, AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY**; and on the seventh day he shall purify him; and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at evening;

2.3) 19:20A But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, because **HE HAS DEFILED THE SANCTUARY OF YHVH**;

2.4) 19:20B **THE WATER OF SPRINKLING HAS NOT BEEN DASHED AGAINST HIM**: he is unclean;

2c) 19:21a And it shall be a **perpetual statute** for them;

2b) 19:21b He who sprinkles **the water of sprinkling** shall wash his clothes; and he who touches the water of sprinkling shall be unclean until evening;

2a) 19:22 And whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the soul that touches him shall be unclean until evening (*i.e.*, The **ordinance** of the unclean person); {p}

1B) 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;

1C) 20:2 And there was no water for the congregation; and **THEY ASSEMBLED THEMSELVES TOGETHER AGAINST MOSES AND AGAINST AARON**;

1D) 20:3A And **THE PEOPLE STROVE WITH MOSES**;

1E) 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 of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink;” (i.e., The accusation: **MOSES HAS NOT BROUGHT THE ASSEMBLY INTO THE LAND** promised);

1F) 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}

1G) 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 give forth its water; and **YOU SHALL BRING FORTH WATER OUT OF THE ROCK** for them; 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 OUT OF THIS ROCK FOR YOU?”

2G) 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}

2F) 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**;

2E) 20:12B Therefore **YOU SHALL NOT BRING THIS ASSEMBLY INTO THE LAND** which I have given them;”

2D) 20:13 These are the waters of Meribah, where **THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL STROVE WITH YHVH**, and He was sanctified in them; {s}

2C) 20:14-21 EDOM GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST ISRAEL; {p}

1a) 20:14-17 And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, “Thus says your brother Israel: You know all the trouble 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 edge of your border. **17 Let us pass**, I pray you, through your land; we will not pass

through field or through vineyard, neither will we drink of the water of the wells; 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**;

1b) 20:18 And Edom said to him, "**You shall not pass through** me, lest I come out with the sword against you;"

central axis) 20:19 And the children of Israel said to him, "We will go up by the highway, and if we drink of your water, I and my cattle, then will I give you its price. Only let me pass through on foot; that will not hurt;"

2b) 20:20 And he said, "**You shall not pass through.**" 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; {p}

2B) 20:22-29 JOURNEY FROM KADESH and 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 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and **bring them up to Mount Hor**;

1d.1) 20:26a And **strip Aaron of his garments**, and put them on Eleazar his son;

1d.2) 20:26b And Aaron shall be gathered to his people, and shall **die there**;"

central axis) 20:27 And Moses did as YHVH commanded; and they went up into Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation;

2d.1) 20:28a And **Moses stripped Aaron of his garments**, and put them on Eleazar his son;

2d.2) 20:28b And Aaron **died there** in the top of the mount;

2c) 20:28c And Moses and Eleazar **came down from the mount**;

2b) 20:29a And when all the congregation saw that **Aaron was dead**, they wept for Aaron thirty days;

2a) 20:29b **Even all the house of Israel**; {s}

2A) 21:1-22:1 The **BRONZE SERPENT** for healing. {p+s+p+s}

1a) 21:1a And the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who dwelt in the South, heard it told that **Israel came by the way of Atharim**;

1b) 21:1b And he fought against Israel, and **took possession of some of them** as captives;

1c) 21:2-3 And Israel vowed a vow to YHVH, and said, "If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities." **3** And YHVH paid heed to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and **they utterly**

destroyed them and their cities; and the name of the place was called Hormah; {p}

1d) 21:4-5 And **they journeyed** from Mount Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became impatient because of the way. **5** And the people spoke against God, and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, and there is no water; and our soul loathes this worthless bread;” (*i.e.*, **Israel complained bitterly** *when faced with no water*);

1e) 21:6 And YHVH sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and **many people of Israel died**;

central axis) 21:7-8 And the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, because we have spoken against YHVH, and against you; pray to YHVH, that He take away the serpents from us.” And Moses prayed for the people. **8** And YHVH said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he sees it, shall live;”

2e) 21:9 And Moses made a serpent of bronze, and set it on the pole; and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the serpent of bronze, **he lived**;

2d) 21:10-20 **Israel’s journeys; they sang joyfully** when faced with no water; {s+p}

1A) 21:10-16A And the children of **ISRAEL JOURNEYED**, and pitched in Oboth. **11** And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at Ije-abarim, in the wilderness which is in front of Moab, toward the sunrising. **12** From there they journeyed, and pitched in the valley of Zered. **13** From there they journeyed, and pitched on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness, that extends from the border of the Amorites.—For the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites; **14** therefore it is said in the book of the Wars of YHVH, “Vaheb in Suphah, and the valleys of Arnon, **15** and the slope of the valleys that inclines toward the seat of Ar, and leans upon the border of Moab.”— **16** And from there to Beer;

1B) 21:16B That is **THE WELL** of which YHVH said to Moses;

CENTRAL AXIS) 21:16C “**GATHER THE PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND I WILL GIVE THEM WATER;**” {s}

2B) 21:17-18A Then Israel sang this song: “Spring up, O well—all of you, sing to it— **18** The well, which the princes dug, which the nobles of the people delved with the sceptre and with their staves;”

2A) 21:18B-20 And from the wilderness to Mattanah; **19** and from Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth; **20** and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the field of Moab, by the top of Pisgah, which looks down upon the desert (*i.e.*, **ISRAEL’S JOURNEYS**); {p}

2c) 21:21-35a **Israel utterly defeated** Sihon of Heshbon and Og of Bashan;

1A.1) 21:21-23 And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, **22** “Let me pass through your land; we will not turn aside into field, or into vineyard; we will not drink of the water of the wells; we will go by the king’s highway, until we have passed your border.” **23** And Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his border; but **SIHON GATHERED ALL HIS PEOPLE** together, **AND WENT OUT AGAINST ISRAEL** into the wilderness, and came to Jahaz; and he fought against Israel;

1A.2) 21:24 And **ISRAEL STRUCK HIM** with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, even to the children of Ammon; for the border of the children of Ammon was strong;

1B) 21:25 And Israel took all these cities; and **ISRAEL DWELT IN ALL THE CITIES OF THE AMORITES**, in Heshbon, and in all its towns;

1C) 21:26 For Heshbon was the city of **SIHON THE KING OF THE AMORITES**, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even to the Arnon;

CENTRAL AXIS) 21:27-29A THEREFORE THOSE WHO SPEAK IN PARABLES SAY, “**COME TO HESHBON! LET THE CITY OF SIHON BE BUILT AND ESTABLISHED! 28 FOR A FIRE HAS GONE OUT OF HESHBON, A FLAME FROM THE CITY OF SIHON; IT HAS DEVoured AR OF MOAB, THE LORDS OF THE HIGH PLACES OF ARNON. 29 WOE TO YOU, MOAB! YOU ARE UNDONE, O PEOPLE OF CHEMOSH; HE HAS GIVEN HIS SONS FOR FUGITIVES, AND HIS DAUGHTERS INTO CAPTIVITY;**

2C) 21:29B To **SIHON KING OF THE AMORITES**;

2B) 21:30-31 We have shot at them—Heshbon is perished—even to Dibon, and we have laid waste even to Nophah, which reaches to Medeba. Thus **ISRAEL DWELT IN THE LAND OF THE AMORITES**;

2A.1) 21:32-34 And Moses sent to spy out Jazer, and they took its towns, and drove out the Amorites who were there. **33** And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan; and **OG THE KING OF BASHAN WENT OUT AGAINST THEM, HE AND ALL HIS PEOPLE**, to battle at Edrei. **34** And YHVH said to Moses, “Do not fear him; for I have delivered him into your hand, and all his people, and his land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon;”

2A.2) 21:35A So **THEY STRUCK HIM**, and his sons, and all his people, until there were none remaining left of him;

2b) 21:35b And **they possessed his land**;

2a) 22:1 And the children of **Israel journeyed**, and pitched in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho. {s}