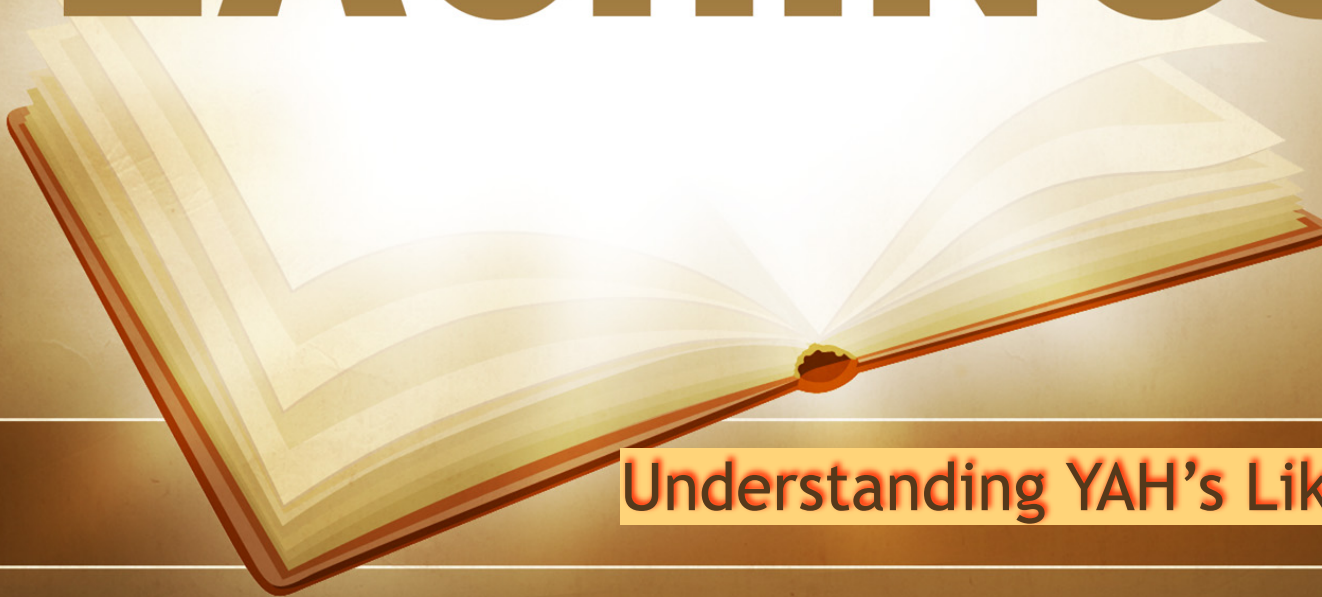


# TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

**#43 Mas'ei (מַסְעֵי)**  
— Hebrew for “journeys,”  
“departures”

**Torah: Numbers 33:1-36:13**  
**Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28; 4:1-2**



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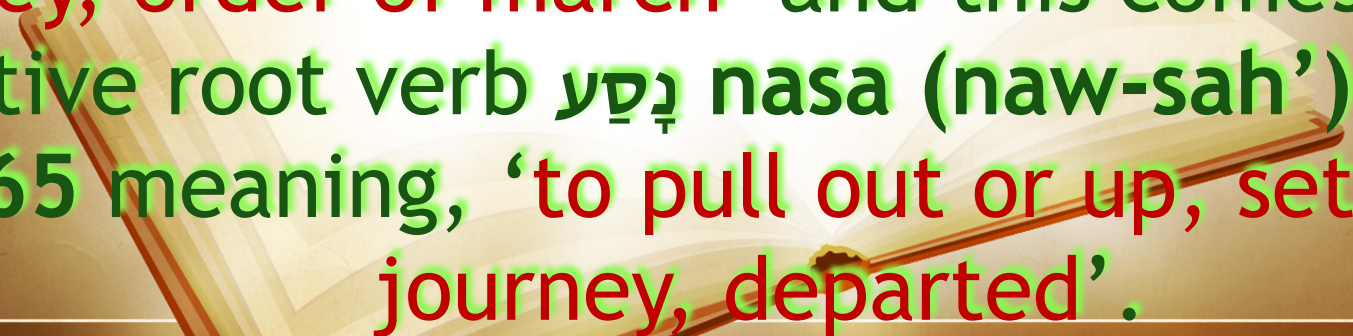
#43 Mas'ei (מַסְעֵי) – Hebrew for “journeys,”  
Chapter 36) Valuing Protecting inheritance (like  
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**Every choice affects a future...For  
blessings or curse...Life or death**



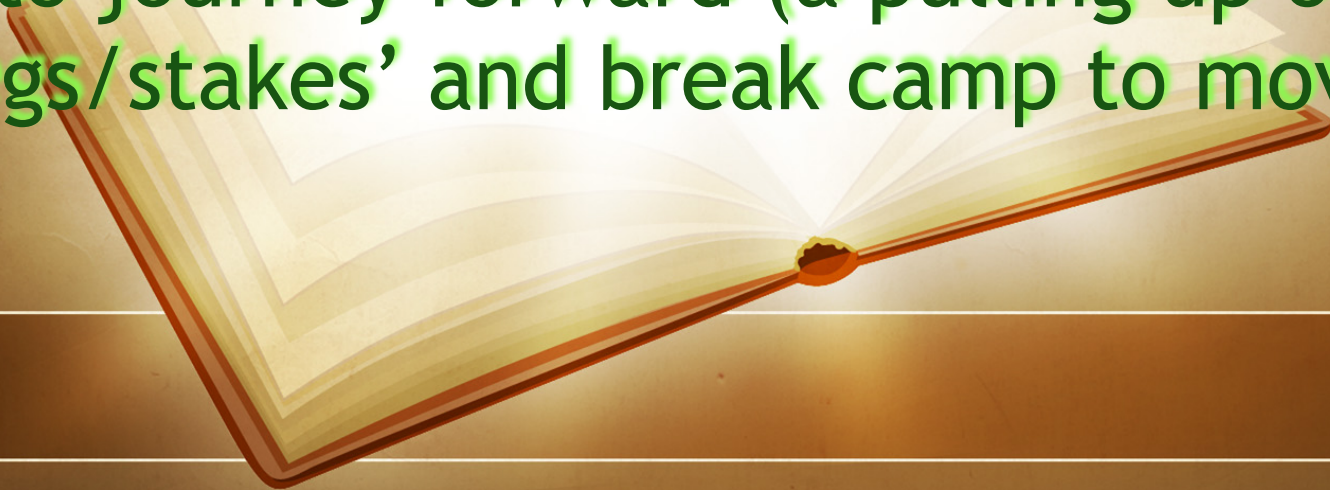


This week's Torah portion is called מַסְעֵי "masei/  
masey" which means, 'departures, stages,  
journeys', and comes from the root word מָסַח  
massa (mas-sah')- Strong's H4550 which means,  
'a pulling up, breaking (camp), setting out, a  
journey, order of march' and this comes from the  
primitive root verb נָסַח nasa (naw-sah')- Strong's  
H5265 meaning, 'to pull out or up, set out on a  
journey, departed'.





What is, in essence, the meaning behind the term for the departures of the children of Yisra'ěl, can be understood as a 'pulling up of the stakes', in order to journey forward (a pulling up of the 'tent pegs/stakes' and break camp to move on).



When we consider this analogy, or picture, of ‘pulling up stakes to move on/depart’, we are quickly reminded of the words of our Master **יהושע** Messiah:

Mattithyahu/Matthew 10:38 “And he who does not take up his stake and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.”

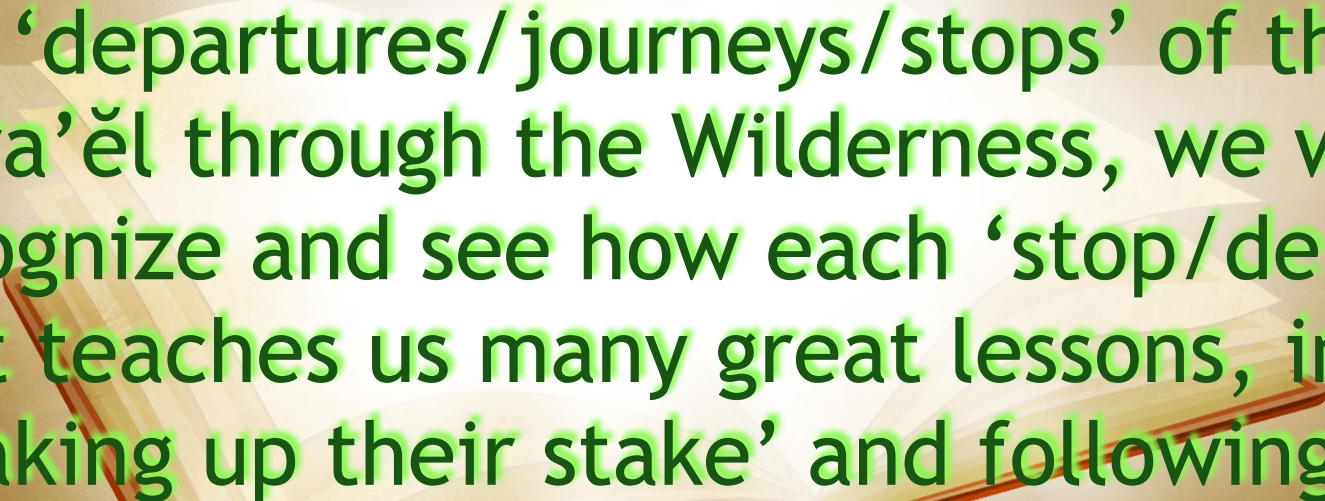
Mattithyahu/Matthew 16:24 “Then **יהושע** said to His taught ones, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his stake, and follow Me.”



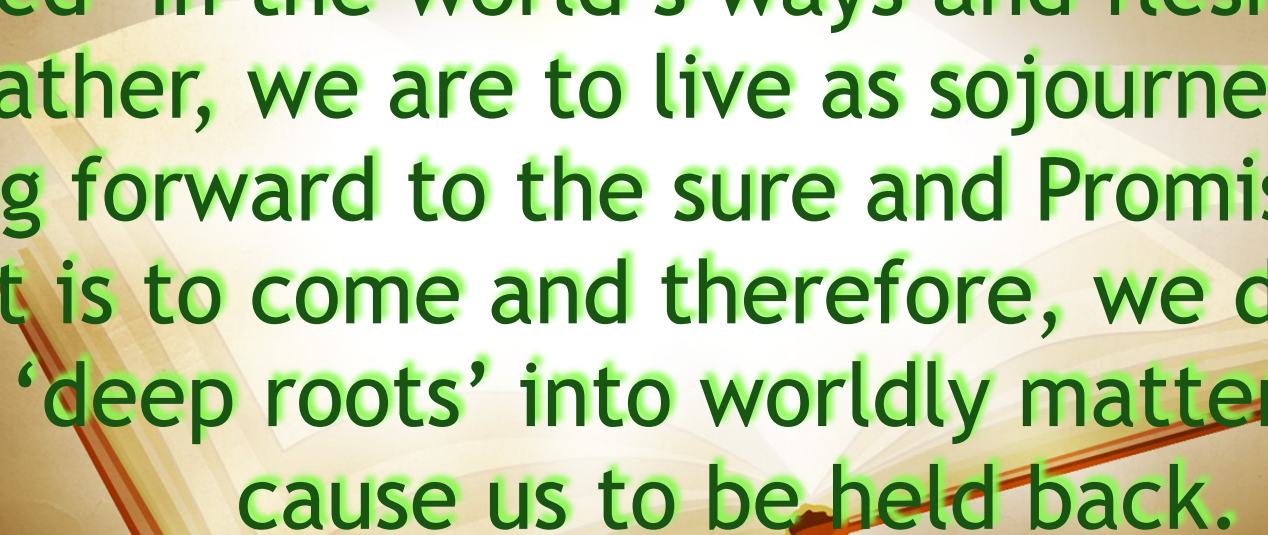
Lugas/Luke 14:27 “And whoever does not bear his stake and come after Me is unable to be My taught one.”

Marqos/Mark 10:21 “And יהושע, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One matter you lack: Go, sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven. And come, follow Me, taking up the stake.”

As we begin this portion, by looking at a summary of the 'departures/journeys/stops' of the children of Yisra'el through the Wilderness, we will clearly recognize and see how each 'stop/departure' point teaches us many great lessons, in 'pulling up/taking up their stake' and following Messiah.





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We must remember that we are 'sojourners' here and are continually reminded to not become 'settled' in the world's ways and fleshly desires, but rather, we are to live as sojourners who are looking forward to the sure and Promised hope of what is to come and therefore, we do not put down 'deep roots' into worldly matters that may cause us to be held back.

## Recounting Israel's Journey

Num 33:1 These are the departures of the children of Yisra'ěl, who went out of the land of Mitsrayim by their divisions under the hand of Mosheh and Aharon.

Num 33:2 And Mosheh wrote down the starting points of their departures at the mouth of יהוה, and these are their departures according to their starting points:



Num 33:3 So they departed from **Ra'meses** in the first new moon, on the fifteenth day of the first new moon, on the morrow of the Pěsaḥ the children of Yisra'ěl went out with boldness before the eyes of all the Mitsrites,

Num 33:4 and the Mitsrites were burying all their first-born, whom **יהוה** had stricken among them.

Also on their mighty ones **יהוה** had executed judgments.

Num 33:5 Then the children of Yisra'ěl departed from Ra'meses and camped at **Sukkoth**.

Num 33:6 And they departed from Sukkoth and camped at **Ĕtham**, which is on the edge of the wilderness.

Num 33:7 And they departed from Ĕtham and turned back to **Pi Haḥiroth**, which is east of Ba'al Tsephon. And they camped near Miḡdol.



Num 33:8 And they departed from before Hahiroth and passed over through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, went three days' journey in the Wilderness of Ėtham, and camped at **Marah**.

Num 33:9 And they departed from Marah and came to **Ėlim**. And at Ėlim were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, so they camped there.

Num 33:10 And they departed from Ėlim and camped by the **Sea of Reeds**.

Num 33:11 And they departed from the Sea of Reeds and camped in the Wilderness of **Sin**.

Num 33:12 And they departed from the Wilderness of Sin and camped at **Dophqah**.

Num 33:13 And they departed from Dophqah and camped at **Alush**.

Num 33:14 And they departed from Alush and camped at **Rephidim**, and there was no water for the people to drink.



Num 33:15 And they departed from Rephidim and camped in the Wilderness of Sinai.

Num 33:16 And they departed from the Wilderness of Sinai and camped at Qibroth Hatta'awah.

Num 33:17 And they departed from Qibroth Hatta'awah and camped at Hatsěroth.

Num 33:18 And they departed from Hatsěroth and camped at Rithmah.

Num 33:19 And they departed from Rithmah and camped at **Rimmon Perets**.

Num 33:20 And they departed from Rimmon Perets and camped at **Libnah**.

Num 33:21 And they departed from Libnah and camped at **Rissah**.

Num 33:22 And they departed from Rissah and camped at **Qehĕlathah**.



Num 33:23 And they departed from Qehělathah and camped at Mount **Shapher**.

Num 33:24 And they departed from Mount Shapher and camped at **Haradah**.

Num 33:25 And they departed from Haradah and camped at **Maqhěloth**.

Num 33:26 And they departed from Maqhěloth and camped at **Tahath**.

Num 33:27 And they departed from Taḥath and camped at **Terah**.

Num 33:28 And they departed from Terah and camped at **Mithqah**.

Num 33:29 And they departed from Mithqah and camped at **Hashmonah**.

Num 33:30 And they departed from Hashmonah and camped at **Mosëroth**.



Num 33:31 And they departed from Mosěroth and camped at Beněi Ya'aqan.

Num 33:32 And they departed from Beněi Ya'aqan and camped at H̄or Haggidgād.

Num 33:33 And they departed from H̄or Haggidgād and camped at Yotbathah.

Num 33:34 And they departed from Yotbathah and camped at Ab̄ronah.

Num 33:35 And they departed from Abronah and camped at Etsyon Geber.

Num 33:36 And they departed from Etsyon Geber and camped in the Wilderness of Tsin, which is Qadēsh.

Num 33:37 And they departed from Qadēsh and camped at Mount Hor, on the boundary of the land of Edom.



Num 33:38 Then Aharon the priest went up to Mount Hor at the mouth of יהוה, and died there in the fortieth year after the children of Yisra'el had come out of the land of Mitsrayim, on the first day of the fifth new moon.

Num 33:39 Now Aharon was one hundred and twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

Num 33:40 And the sovereign of Arad, the Kena'anite, who dwelt in the South in the land of Kena'an, heard of the coming of the children of Yisra'ēl.

Num 33:41 So they departed from Mount Hor and camped at Tsalmonah.

Num 33:42 And they departed from Tsalmonah and camped at Punon.

Num 33:43 And they departed from Punon and camped at Oboth.

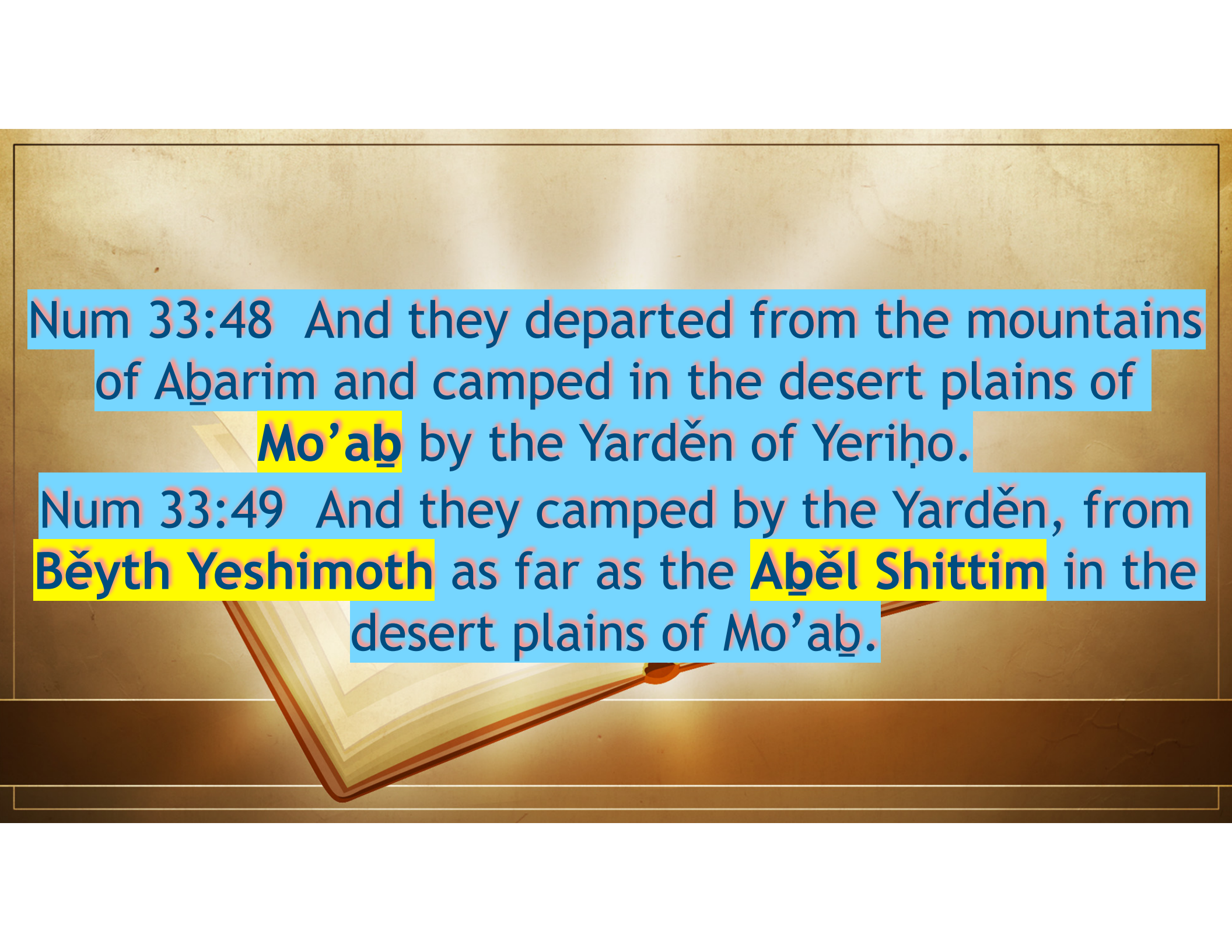


Num 33:44 And they departed from Oboth and camped at **Iyě Ha-Abarim**, at the border of Mo'ab.

Num 33:45 And they departed from Iyim and camped at **Dibon Gad**.

Num 33:46 And they departed from Dibon Gad and camped at **Almon Diblathayemah**.

Num 33:47 And they departed from Almon Diblathayemah and camped in the **mountains of Abarim**, before Nebo.



Num 33:48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim and camped in the desert plains of Mo'ab by the Yardēn of Yeriho.

Num 33:49 And they camped by the Yardēn, from Bēyth Yeshimoth as far as the Abēl Shittim in the desert plains of Mo'ab.



## Drive Out the Inhabitants

Num 33:50 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the desert plains of Mo'ab by the Yardēn of Yeriho, saying,

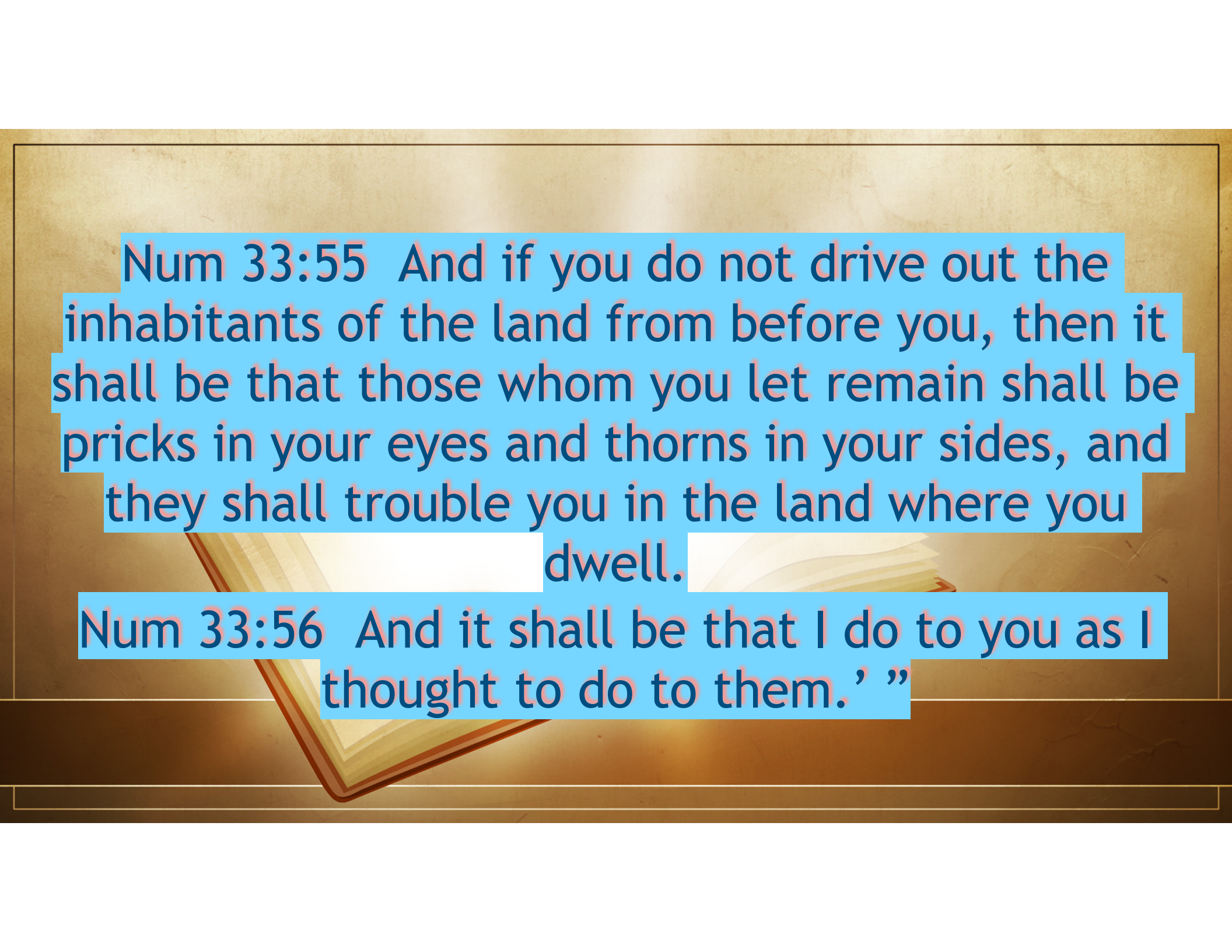
Num 33:51 “Speak to the children of Yisra'ēl, and say to them, ‘When you have passed over the Yardēn into the land of Kena'an,

Num 33:52 then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and shall destroy all their engraved stones, and shall destroy all their moulded images, and lay waste all their high places,

Num 33:53 and you shall possess the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.

Num 33:54 And you shall divide the land by lot as an inheritance among your clans. To the larger you give a larger inheritance, and to the smaller you give a smaller inheritance. Wherever the lot falls to anyone, that is his. You inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.





Num 33:55 And if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be pricks in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall trouble you in the land where you dwell.

Num 33:56 And it shall be that I do to you as I thought to do to them.' ”

In verse 1 we see that this is how the children of Yisra'el came out of Mitsrayim - **‘by their divisions’** and **‘under the hand of Mosheh and Aharon’**.

The Hebrew word that is translated as **‘by their divisions’** is **לְצִבּוֹתָם** - **“letsibotam’** which comes from the root word **צָבָא** **tsaba** (tsaw-baw’)- **Strong’s H6633** meaning, **‘army, war, warfare, to wage war, serve, perform’**.



This is a very militaristic style language and speaks of great discipline and order being followed and adhered to, as they came out.

They came out 'by their divisions' ... 'under the hand of Mosheh and Aharon'!

The Hebrew term used here for 'under the hand' is **בַּיָּד** beyad which comes from the root word **יָד** yad (yawd)- Strong's H3027 which is a primitive root which is translated as, 'hand, command, authority, power, tenons, side', and the primary meaning of this noun is "the terminal part of the arm used to perform the functions of a man's will."



This has the letter 'Běyth' - בְּ - in front of the word for hand, which can be understood to give us the meaning of 'in, under' and therefore, we are able to see that this speaks of submitting 'under the authority and leadership' of another and we are therefore able to see that they came out in an orderly manner under the proper appointed leadership of Mosheh and Aharon!



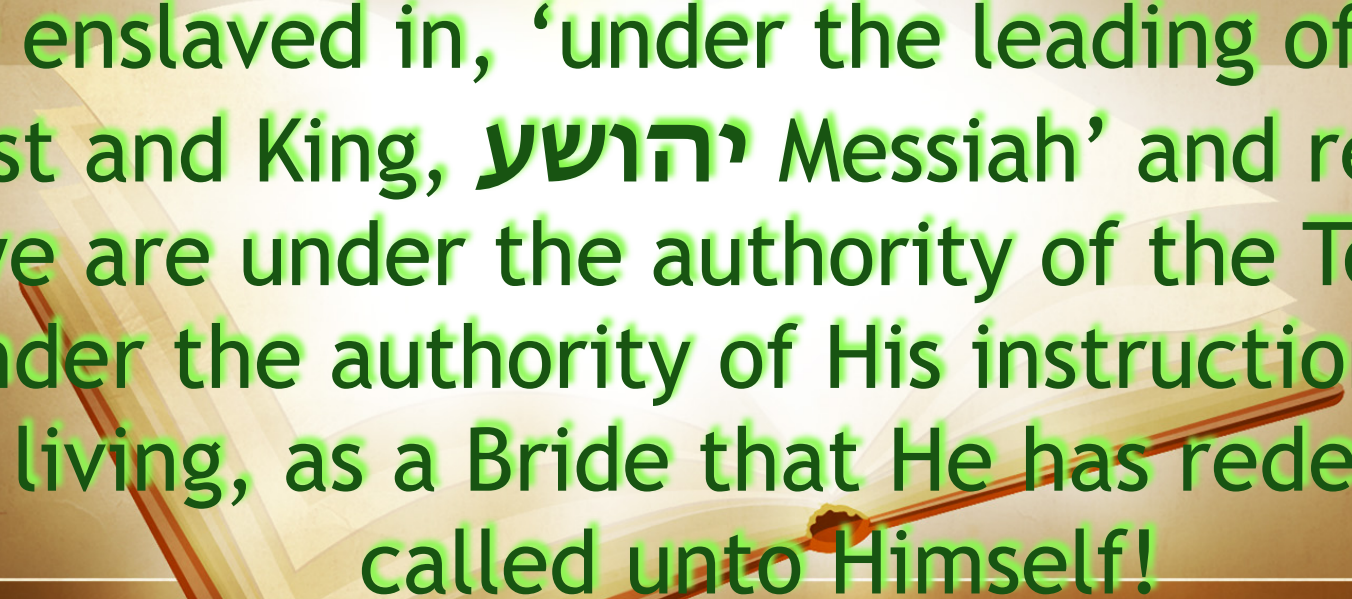
Those who claim that they do not need to study,  
meditate and walk according to the Torah  
(instructions) of Elohim are disorderly and lawless  
and cannot properly follow our Master and High  
Priest and King!

They went out 'under the hand of Mosheh and  
Aharon':

Mosheh can be metaphorically likened to the Torah  
& Aharon can be likened, as a metaphor, to  
Messiah, as High Priest!



We therefore go/come out of 'Babylon/Mitsrayim/Church', or whatever falsified worship system we were enslaved in, 'under the leading of our High Priest and King, **יהושע** Messiah' and recognize that we are under the authority of the Torah - that is - under the authority of His instructions for set-apart living, as a Bride that He has redeemed and called unto Himself!





What we must fully understand is simply this: the only way we can be led forth in victory, and in Truth, is under the authority of the Truth!!!

We must come out from being under the authority of empty and vain traditions that have enslaved and man-made dogmas (those dogmas that were written against us) that have corrupted the Truth, to walking fully under the authority of the Living Word, by being obedient to the Torah (instructions) of our Elohim and High Priest, **יהושע** Messiah!



They came out under the hand - that is, under the leadership and instructions - of Mosheh and Aharon, which is a shadow picture of Messiah, who is the Living embodiment of the Torah and is our High Priest under whom we 'march', or walk, and sojourn!

In order for us to walk faithfully, we too must recognize the orders and commands of our Commander and Chief and 'put on' the whole armour of Elohim - that is to be armed and clothed with the Torah, with our firm footing on the Rock of our Deliverance that we may 'fight to good fight of our belief' and be over-comers in Messiah.



What we also take note of here, is that with this clear order and discipline of a great multitude of people, under the hand of Mosheh and Aharon, we cannot walk this walk of faith alone!

We do this together as a body/community as no army is a one man show!!!

We also see, that in order to start our journey, we must come out from being 'under' the authority of traditions, that have for so long enslaved us and we are to come out from the 'dogmas' of man that have restricted us from walking in the Torah of Freedom!



In verse 2 we are clearly told that Mosheh wrote down the 'starting points' of their departures, according to the commands of יהוה.

The Hebrew word that is translated as 'starting points' is מוֹצָא **motsa** (mo-tsaw')- Strong's H4161 which means, 'a place or act of going forth, source, spring, exit, proceed, starting place', which comes from the root verb יָצָא **yatsa** (yaw-tsaw')- Strong's H3318 which means, 'to go or come out, brought, came, go forth, depart, go forward, proceed'.