

## The Israelites Leave Sinai

### Numbers 10

Group <sup>1</sup>	C	V	Description
The Silver Trumpets		1-10	Silver Trumpets used to signal different things for the camp
The Tribes Leave Sinai	10	11-16	The cloud lifted and the camp prepares to move; Judah, Issachar and Zebulun leads the way
		17-20	Gershonites and Merarites perform their duties; Reuben, Simeon, and Gad next
		21-24	Kohathites perform their duties; Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin
		25-28	Dan, Asher and Naphtali
		29-32	Moses asks his father-in-law, Hobab, to come with them
		33-34	The ark of the testimony leads the camp three days into the wilderness
		35-36	Moses' declarations at the start and end of their journeys

### Reflections

God gives instructions on using two silver trumpets to signal the tribes to prepare to break camp and to follow the cloud by day and the fire by night until it came to rest in a place. The trumpets are to be blown at the first of the month when offerings and sacrifices are given.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> year since the exodus, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> month, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, the cloud lifted and the tribes broke camp and set out. The camp moved from Sinai to Paran, a three day journey (see map below<sup>2</sup>). The key verse to this event is verse 13.

**Numbers 10:13 NASB** So they moved out for the first time according to the commandment of the LORD through Moses.

The ark of the testimony was to precede all the tribes and lead the way. Moses is given instructions on what he was to say at the beginning and end of their journeys.

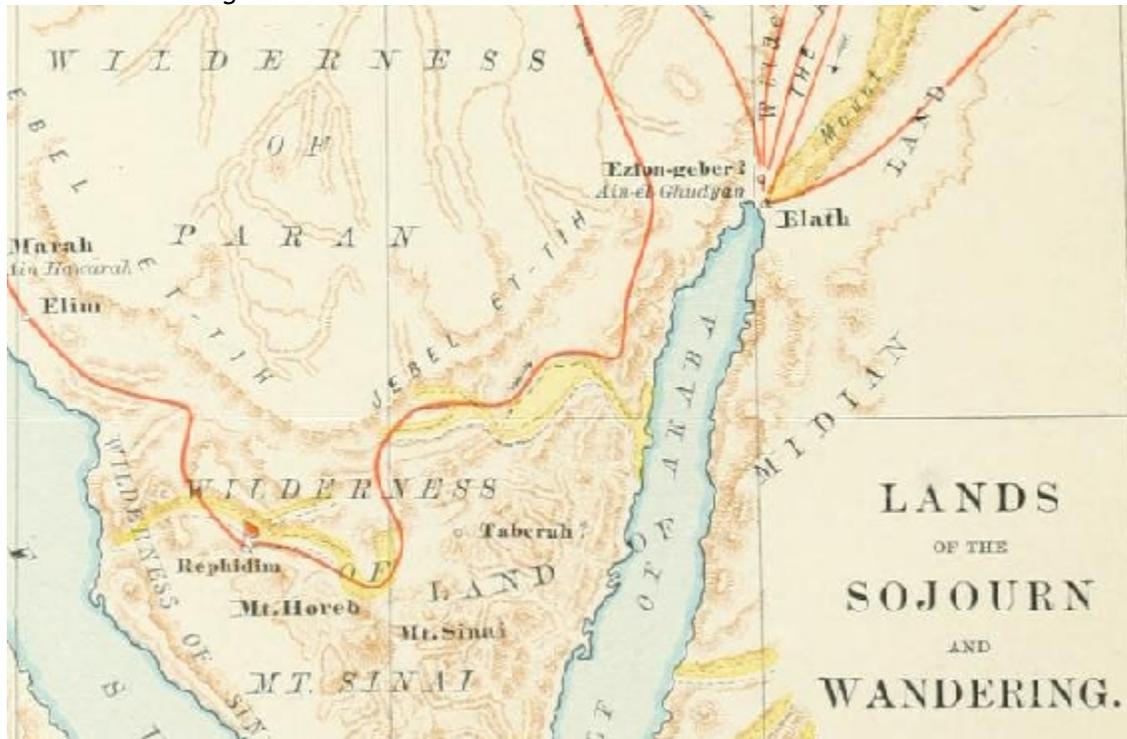
<i>Beginning</i>	<i>End</i>
"Rise up, O LORD! And let Your enemies be scattered, And let those who hate You flee before You."	"Return, O LORD, To the myriad thousands of Israel."

1 (NASB) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

2 (Rand-McNally Lands of the Sojourn and Wandering)

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### Sinai Peninsula Region



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