

into what towns we shall come.

[23] And the proposal pleased me well; and I took Shneyam Asar, (Twelve) of you, one of each shevet (tribe);

[24] And they turned and went up into the hill country, and came unto the Eshkol Valley, and explored it.

[25] And they took of the pri ha'aretz in their hands, brought it down unto us, brought us word, and said, It is a tovah ha'aretz which Hashem Eloheinu doth give us.

[26] Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of Hashem Eloheichem;

[27] And ye murmured in your oholim, and said, Because Hashem hated us, He hath brought us forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim, to deliver us into the hand of HaEmori, to destroy us.

[28] Where shall we go up? Our brethren have discouraged levavenu (our hearts), saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to Shomayim; moreover we have seen the Bnei Anakim there.

[29] Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

[30] Hashem Eloheichem which goeth before you, He shall fight for you, according to all that He did for you in Mitzrayim before your eyes;

[31] And in the midbar, where thou hast seen how that Hashem Eloheicha did bear thee, as a man doth carry his ben, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

[32] Yet in this thing ye were not ma'aminim (believers) in Hashem Eloheichem,

[33] Who went in the way before you, to search you out a

place to pitch your tents in, in eish by lailah, to show you by what way ye should go, and in an anan (cloud) by day.

[34] And Hashem heard the sound of your words, and was angry, and on oath, said,

[35] Surely there shall not one of these men of this dor harah see ha'aretz hatovah, which I swore to give unto Avoteichem.

[36] Except Kalev ben Yephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give ha'aretz that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed Hashem.

[37] Also Hashem was angry with me because of you, saying, Thou also shalt not go in there.

[38] But Yehoshua ben Nun, the one assisting thee, he shall go in there; encourage him, for he shall cause Yisroel to inherit it.

[39] Moreover your little ones, which ye said would be taken captive, and your children, which as yet do not have knowledge between tov and rah, they shall go in there, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

[40] But as for you, turn, take your journey into the midbar by the way of the Yam Suf.

[41] Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against Hashem; we will go up and fight, according to all that Hashem Eloheinu did command us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye made light of going up into the hill country.

[42] And Hashem said unto me, Say unto them. Go not up, neither fight; for I am not in your midst; lest ye be struck down before your enemies.

[43] So I spoke unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the com-

mandment of Hashem, and went presumptuously up into the hill country.

[44] And HaEmori, which dwelt in that hill country, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, even unto Chormah.

[45] And ye returned and wept before Hashem; but Hashem would not listen to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

[46] That is why ye abode in Kadesh as long as ye did.

2 Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Yam Suf, as Hashem spoke unto me; and we circled Mt Seir yamim rabbim (many days).

[2] And Hashem spoke unto me, saying,

[3] Ye have circled hahar hazeh (this mountain) long enough; turn you northward.

[4] And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the territory of your brethren the Bnei Esav, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you; be shomer me'od of yourselves therefore:

[5] Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a regel (foot) breadth; because I have given Mt Seir unto Esav for a yerushah (possession, inheritance).

[6] Ye shall get by trade okhel (food) of them for kesef, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy mayim of them for kesef, that ye may drink.

[7] For Hashem Eloheicha hath bestowed a berakhah on thee in all the works of thy hand; He knoweth thy walking through this midbar hagadol (great wilderness); these arba'im shanim Hashem