

## *An Introduction to Called to Canaan - Volume 2*

The second volume in the *Called to Canaan* series is titled: *Choosing the Sons of God – Lessons from the Middle Fourteen Camps.*

The 42 campsites, listed in Numbers 33, may be divided into three parts, just as the 42 letters which spell the most sacred Name of our Elohim may be divided into three parts. This pattern of 42 with three divisions is also present in the genealogy of Messiah (Matthew 1:17). In the sanctuary model given to Moses on the Mount, there were to be 42 sockets holding the curtains that formed the outside wall of the sanctuary (Exodus 26:19-21). Thus, in numerous ways we find that 42 is figurative of the ministry of Yahshua, Who covers us with His righteousness, that we may enter into Yahweh's holy Presence.

In every use of the number in Scripture where it applies to mankind, 42 is associated with probationary time and judgment. When the number 42 is identified with the name, righteousness, and holiness of the Almighty Creator and Redeemer, the number cloaks His Grace and Goodness. Looking at the Hebrew Gematria (meaning hidden in numbers) of 42, we find that all numbers in the forties reveal judgment versus mercy: Judgment to the rebellious, and mercy to the repentant.

The Apostle Paul appeals to Messiah's followers in every age to be aware of the parallels between the experiences and lessons of the wilderness journey and the personal development of the Kingdom of God in our hearts, and in the End Time purging of the righteous and destruction of the wicked.

*"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the*

*sea. And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea. And did eat the same spiritual meat. And did drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Now all these things happened unto them for examples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 11.*

Book I covered the first fourteen camp-lessons to *Kadesh*, called *Rithmah* then. They visited the significant sites of their ancestors with courage and pride. They ate of the wonderful fruit of that symbolic land, but they refused to visualize the promise of their Mighty God in the face of "giants." Thus, they were sent back into the wilderness, where they would die never having attained the Promised Land.

Now, in Volume 2, we pick up the story-lessons where the faithless Children of Israel received their "death decree" of judgment, and are sent back into the wilderness for the middle fourteen camp-lessons. Here, too, are vital lessons as Yahweh prepares another generation for the conquest of Canaan, calling them out of death to be the Sons of God.

While the lessons to be learned during the first two years of travel were about forming a "relationship" (the meaning of two) with God's people, with Moses, and, most importantly, with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, this middle stint of the journey will be about surrender. Surrender is vital to the process of being chosen to be the Sons of God. In this volume, following Israel's wilderness wanderings in the middle 14 encampments, we will plainly outline the steps Yahweh takes His people through in "choosing" them as His Sons.

Time and time again, throughout this segment of the journey, there was a "calling out," a "separation" between the complainers and the compliers; a kind of "cutting away" of that which would leaven and destroy the whole. This back-tracking-journey lasted less than one year, but brought intensity and earnestness to the "remnant" of their

ordeal. Theirs is our example of Yahshua's words, "Many are called but few are chosen (Matthew 22:14). And as we study the process of Yahweh's choosing in this second volume, we will find keys to ensure that we will comprehend the difference between the called, who are ultimately lost, and the and chosen, who will enter Canaan at last.

