

Parsha Pearls

Devarim

"Words"

Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22
Katan Bet/Gadol



In This Edition:
44.2 - Journey On!
Deuteronomy 2-3



DEVARIM OVERVIEW

'Words'...Devarim

Today, we are starting the fifth and final book of the Torah, called Devarim. The parsha begins with "These are the words"; therefore Devarim means 'words'. In English, however, the 5th book of the Torah is called Deuteronomy, which has a different meaning from the Hebrew. Deuteronomy means a reiteration of the law, which is the main theme of the book of Devarim.

The 4th book of the Torah, Bemidbar/Numbers, ends with the 12 tribes of Yisra'el having received instruction regarding land inheritance that they are to divide amongst the tribes before they enter into Kena'an.

Because each parsha is so rich in information, we will only be able to examine certain parts of each parsha per lesson. We do encourage parents and their children to do their own studies. In future years, we will fill in the pieces from each parsha that we did not cover previously.

We start off the book of Devarim with the next generation of Yisra'elites prepared to enter in and conquer the land of Kena'an. But they won't enter in until Mosheh finishes taking a long, backward look at the main events and ways that Yahweh has dealt with the young nation up to this point. Mosheh's speech will impress some crucial lessons upon this next generation, and also reiterate the commands, laws, and right-rulings Yahweh has given them so that they may be successful and blessed. As he prepares to transfer the leadership over to Yehoshua, who is anointed to lead the children of Yisra'el over the Yarden, we will hear the wonderful blessings that Mosheh pronounces over Yisra'el before his death at the age of 120.

Here is a breakdown of the 11 parashot in the book of Devarim:

- Devarim (Words) - Ch. 1-3
- Va'etchanan (I pleaded) - Ch. 3-7
- Eikev (Because or Consequence) - Ch. 7-11
- Re'eh (Look or See) - Ch. 11-16
- Shoftim (Right rulers or Judges) - Ch. 16-21
- Ki Teitzei (When you go out) - Ch. 21-25
- Ki Tavo (When you come in) - Ch. 26-29
- Nitzavim (You are standing) - Ch. 29-30
- Vayeilech (And he went) - Ch. 31
- Ha'azinu (Give ear or Listen) - Ch. 32
- V'zot HaBracha (And this is the blessing) - Ch. 33-34

We pray that you will be blessed as we begin our study in the final book of the Torah. Let's dig in!

SHALOM FROM YMTOI/MTOI

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This page will provide quick links to get to the portion of the document for which you are looking. When you hover over the title a finger will appear. Click on it and you will be taken directly to that page.

If you are new to Parsha Pearls, we have created an [Introduction](#) document outlining how to use our lessons, as well as a [Scriptural Inspiration](#) document, which explains our titles and the Scriptural inspiration for them. We pray that Parsha Pearls blesses your home and that your children will grow to love the Word and to never depart from keeping Torah. As always, feel free to email us at parshapearls@mtoi.org if you have any questions.

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Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

- Monday: Chapter 1:1-18 Mosheh recounts the events at Horeb (Mt.Sinai)
- Tuesday: Chapter 1:19-46 Mosheh recounts the appointing of leaders and the rebellion of the 10 spies
- Wednesday: Chapter 2:1-23 Mosheh recounts Yahweh's past instructions to avoid conflict with Edomites, Mo'abites and Ammonites as they traveled
- Thursday: Chapter 2:24-37 Yisra'el defeats sovereign Sihon of the Amorites
- Friday: Chapter 3:1-22 Yisra'el defeats the giant sovereign Og of Bashan

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will take a look at some of the Yisra'elites' encounters with other nations during their 40-year journey in the wilderness. There were times when Yahweh instructs them to engage in battle with certain nations, and other times when they were instructed merely to pass by and stay clear of conflict, trusting in Yahweh's sovereignty, guidance and leadership on their way to the land of Kena'an. Now, let's read Deut. 2-3.

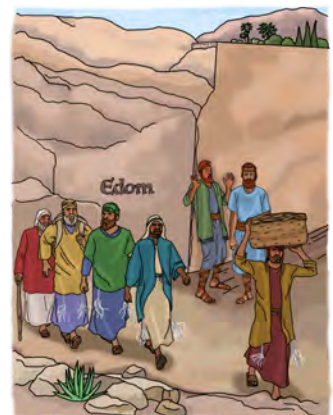
PARSHA POINTS

Chapter 2

- After the Yisra'elites had been in Qadesh Barnea (Chapter 1) for many days, they traveled from the Sea of Reeds towards the hill country of Se'ir, as Yahweh had commanded them - 2:1
- After traveling around Mount Se'ir for many days, Yahweh told them that they had gone around the mountain long enough and to turn northward - 2:2-3

Avoiding Conflict with the Edomites (Numbers 20:14-21)

- Yahweh instructed them to pass over into the border of the Edomites, the descendants (**bnei**) of Esaw, their relatives - 2:4
- Yahweh told them to be on guard because the Edomites were afraid of them - 2:4
- Yahweh told the Yisra'elites to avoid provoking the Edomites, as He would not give them any of the Edomites' land (**arsow**) - 2:5
- Yahweh told the Yisra'elites that He had given Mount Se'ir to Esaw as a possession (**yerushah**) - 2:5



- They were not to go ahead and gather food or water from the land, but to use silver to purchase from the inhabitants what provisions they needed. - 2:6
- Yahweh reminded them of all the blessings He had provided for them during the past 40 (**arba'im**) years, for they had not lacked any matter (hinting that He would continue to take care of them) - 2:7
- Formerly the Horites had dwelt in Se'ir, but Esaw had dispossessed them and now dwelt in their place, just as the Yisra'elites were dispossessing the inhabitants in the land of Kena'an that Yahweh was giving them - 2:12
- The Yisra'elites then passed through Edom and moved toward Mo'ab - 2:8



Avoiding Conflict with the Mo'abites (Numbers 21:12-15)

- Similarly to Edom, Yahweh instructed the Yisra'elites not to harass the Mo'abites or engage in battle with them, as He would not give them any of Mo'ab's land either - 2:9
- Yahweh told the Yisra'elites that He had given the place called Ar to the descendants of Lot (the Mo'abites) as a possession - 2:9
- Formerly the Emmites (a race of giants like the Anakim and the Rephaites) had dwelt in Ar, but were dispossessed by the Mo'abites - 2:10-11
- The Yisra'elites crossed the Wadi Zered, noting that 38 (**shloshim v'shmoneh**) years had passed since they left Qadesh Barnea, and all the warriors from the older generation (age 20 and up - Num. 32:11) had died - 2:13-16



Avoiding Conflict with the Ammonites

- Yahweh then instructed the Yisra'elites to move on, passing across Ar, the boundary of Mo'ab, and coming near to the territory of Ammon. They were to avoid conflict with the Ammonites (another group descended from Lot), for He would not give them any of the Ammonites' land - 2:17-19
- Yahweh told the Yisra'elites that He had given the children of Ammon, the descendants of Lot, the land of Ammon as a possession - 2:19
- Mosheh recalled the former inhabitants of that land as well - 2:20-23
- Later, after defeating Sihon, the sovereign of Heshbon, the Yisra'elites were told not to go near the land of Ammon as Yahweh had forbidden them - 2:37



The Complete Defeat of Sihon and the Amorites (Numbers 21:21-32, Yehoshua 12:2-3)

- Yahweh instructed the children of Yisra'el to pass over the wadi Arnon and to prepare for battle to defeat Sihon the Amorite sovereign (**melek**) of Heshbon and to possess his land - 2:24
- Yahweh encouraged the children of Yisra'el on their way to Kena'an, stating that all peoples would have a fear of them as they began to hear of their victories and conquests - 2:25



- Yahweh instructed them to first approach the sovereign Sihon diplomatically with words of peace, saying: (2:26-29)

- Let us pass through your land, staying on the highway and not entering into any towns, villages, etc...
- We will pay in silver for any food or water that we need.
- Let us pass through peaceably, on foot, as we did with the Edomites, Mo'abites and Ammonites



- But the sovereign hardened his spirit and strengthened his heart, and did not allow them to pass through - 2:30
- The Yisra'elites engaged in battle with them at Yahats and smote the sovereign and his sons - 2:33
- They took all the cities and smote the men, women and little ones, leaving no survivors - 2:34
- They took the livestock and the spoil of the cities as booty for themselves - 2:35



Chapter 3

The Complete Defeat of Og and the Amorites (Numbers 21:33-35, Yehoshua 12:4-5)

- The Yisra'elites journeyed on to Bashan, where the sovereign Og of Bashan rose out against them at Ashtaroth in Edre'i - 3:1
- Yahweh encouraged them to engage in battle and not to fear, for they would be victorious, as they were in the battle with Sihon - 3:2-3
- The Yisra'elites engaged in battle and smote everyone, leaving no survivors - 3:3, 6
- They took all 60 (**shishim**) of the cities—ones that had high walls, gates and bars, as well as many unwall'd towns - 3:4
- They took the livestock and the spoil of the cities as booty for themselves - 3:7
- The battle killed Og, who was the last remaining Repha'ite - 3:11
- Og's bed was described as an iron bed 9 (**tesha**) cubits in length (13 ½ feet long) and 4 (**arba**) cubits (6 feet wide) in width - 3:11



Division of the Conquered Lands (Yehoshua 13:7-32)

- The territories captured from the Amorite sovereigns, Sihon and Og, were divided among the tribes of Re'uben, Gad, and half of the tribe of Menashsheh with specific regions and boundaries detailed - 3:12-17
- Mosheh reminded the tribes of Re'uben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Menashsheh of their commitment to fight alongside their fellow Yisra'elites in capturing the land west of the Yarden - 3:18-20



- The women, children and livestock of these tribes would remain behind in their captured cities - 3:19
- After the land of Kena'an was possessed, the men of these tribes would be able to return across the Yarden to their families and possessions - 3:20; Yehoshua 22:1-9

Yehoshua's Leadership Affirmed

- Mosheh encouraged Yehoshua, telling him not to fear the upcoming battles because Yahweh would fight for Yisra'el, just as He did against the 2 (**shtayim**) Amorite kings - 3:21-22; Yehoshua 1:9
- Mosheh recalled his plea to Yahweh to let him enter the land of Kena'an, based on all the things he did for Yahweh - 3:23-24
- Yahweh became enraged with his request, telling him not to speak of it anymore - 3:25
- However, Yahweh allowed Mosheh to climb up to Pisgah, on the peak of Mount Nebo, to view the land from afar - 3:27
- Yahweh instructed Mosheh to encourage and strengthen Yehoshua and make him brave, for he would lead the children of Yisra'el into Kena'an - 3:28



DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Why do you think Yahweh instructed the Yisra'elites to avoid conflict with certain nations on their way to Kena'an?
- How can we distinguish between battles we're meant to fight and those we should sidestep? Discuss the wisdom in recognizing the difference.
- Discuss how you can trust Yahweh and allow Him to lead and guide you, even when you don't understand or have fear.
- How does Chapter 2 emphasize the importance of patience in our journey with Yahweh?
- Recount the many times Yahweh protected and guided His people in their journeys.
- How can we cultivate a sense of trust in Yahweh's timing, even in periods of uncertainty?
- Research the origins of the Edomites, Moabites, Ammonites and Amorites. What can we learn from their past?
- Research the sovereigns Sihon and Og of the Amorites. Why do you think the details of the size of Og's bed is mentioned? What does the victory over Og signify about Yahweh's power?
- Why was the division of the land significant to the tribes of Yisra'el?
- How would you handle a disappointment similar to Mosheh not being allowed to enter the land of Kena'an? Discuss the feelings you would have not getting something you really wanted and thought you deserved.
- Why do you think Mosheh chose Yehoshua as the next leader? Factor in that Kaleb and Yehoshua were the only ones from age 20 and up who were told they would enter the land.

Searching Out Hebrew

Parents/Teachers can print out the '[Hebrew Pronunciation Guide](#)' to help with the pronunciation of Hebrew names and words. They can be cut out and used in conjunction with the Flashcards.

WORDS

Parents/Teachers see the following page for 3 x 5 card cut outs of the words from this week's parsha. If printed on cardstock, they can be kept in a box to reinforce learning.

Bnei (בְּנֵי) descendants

Arsow (אֶרְצוֹ) land

Yerushah (יְרוּשָׁה) possession

Melek (מֶלֶךְ) king

NUMBERS

Parents/Teachers can print out these numbers to have as additional resources. These can be found under the 'Resources' tab on the YMTOI website.

2 - shtayim

4 - arba

9 - tesha

38 - shloshim v'shmoneh

40 - arba'im

60 - shishim

WORD MATCH

Match this week's Hebrew words to their correct definition.

Arsow

Descendants

Bnei

King

Melek

Land

Yerushah

Possession

FLASHCARDS

ארצו

ArsoW

Ar-SOW

land

מלך

Melek

Me-lek

king

בני

Bnei

B-nei

descendants

ירשה

Yerushah

Ye-ru-shah

possession

WRITING HEBREW

Arso (land)

ארצו

Vav Tsade Resh Aleph
ו צ ר א

Melek (king)

מלך

Kaf Soft Lamed Mem
כ ל מ

Bnei (descendants)

בני

Yud Nun Bet
י נ ב

Yerushah (possession)

ירשה

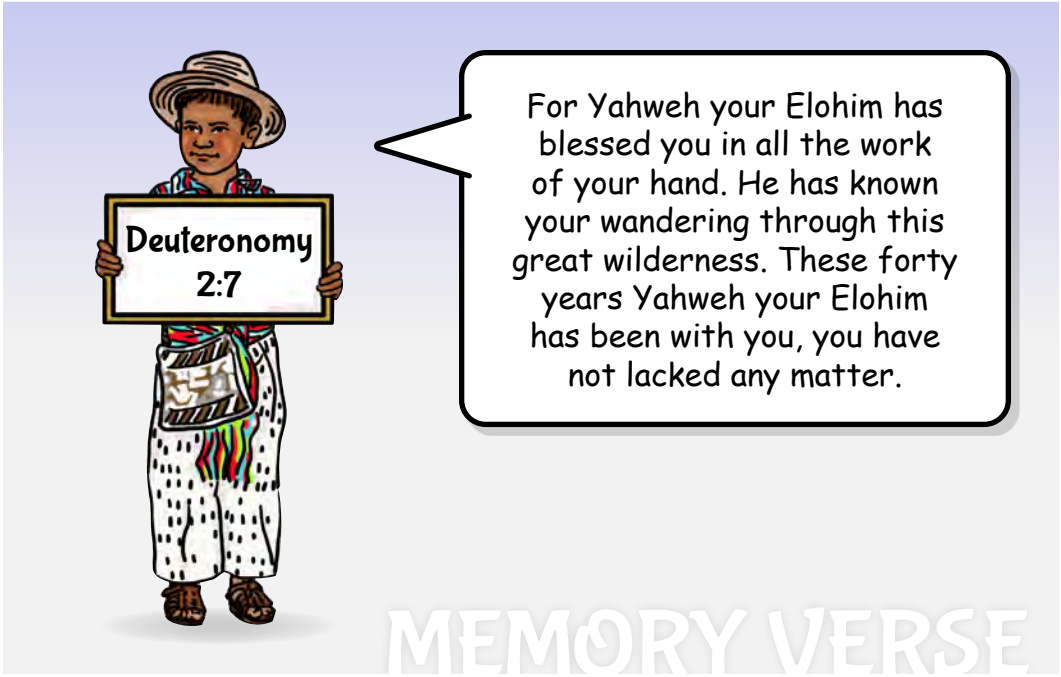
Hey Shin Resh Yod
ה ש ר י

Counting What You Gained

This next section is intended to be reinforcement of the lessons learned during this parsha. Choose the activities that best fit your child.

STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

The Katan Bet and Gadol memory verse is Deuteronomy 2:7. You can review the verse with them by reciting it out loud, acting it out, putting it to music... whatever works for you.



Deuteronomy
2:7

For Yahweh your Elohim has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He has known your wandering through this great wilderness. These forty years Yahweh your Elohim has been with you, you have not lacked any matter.

MEMORY VERSE

Use this space to draw a picture of the verse memorized.

Use this space to write out the verse memorized.



SEEKING TREASURE

1.



You have _____ around this
_____ long enough.

(2:3)

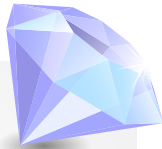
2.



Edom belonged to the descendants
of _____.

(2:5, 8)

3.



The Yisra'elites were to take whatever they
wanted from the Edomites without paying.

T / F

(2:6)

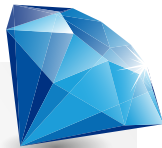
4.



For _____ your _____
has _____ you in all the
_____ of your _____. He has
known your _____ through this
great _____. These
_____ years Yahweh your Elohim
has been with _____, you have
not _____ any matter.

(2:7)

5.



Mo'ab belonged to the descendants
of _____.

(2:9)

7.



Ammon belong to the descendants
of _____.

(2:19)

6.



How many years did it take to cross from
Qadesh Barnea to the wadi Zered?

Circle the correct choice.

7 20 38 40

(2:13)

8.

Sihon and Og were sovereigns of the Amalekites.

T / F

(2:24; 3:8)



9.

Sihon and Og were taken into captivity.

T / F

(2:33; 3:3)



10a.

Og sovereign of Bashan was the last remaining _____.

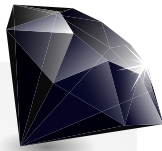
10b.

Og's bed was made of this metal:

Circle the correct choice.

bronze gold silver iron

(3:11)



11.

Which tribes came to possess and live in the land of the Amorites?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

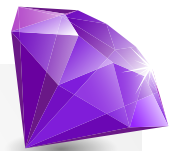
(3:12, 3, 16)



12.

Do not _____ them, for Yahweh your Elohim Himself _____ for you.

(3:22)



13.

Mosheh went to the top of Mt. Nebo and looked over at the land of Kena'an before he died.

T / F

(3:27)



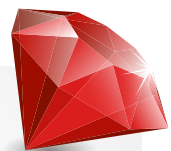
14.

Who was going to lead the people into the Promised Land?

Circle the correct choice.

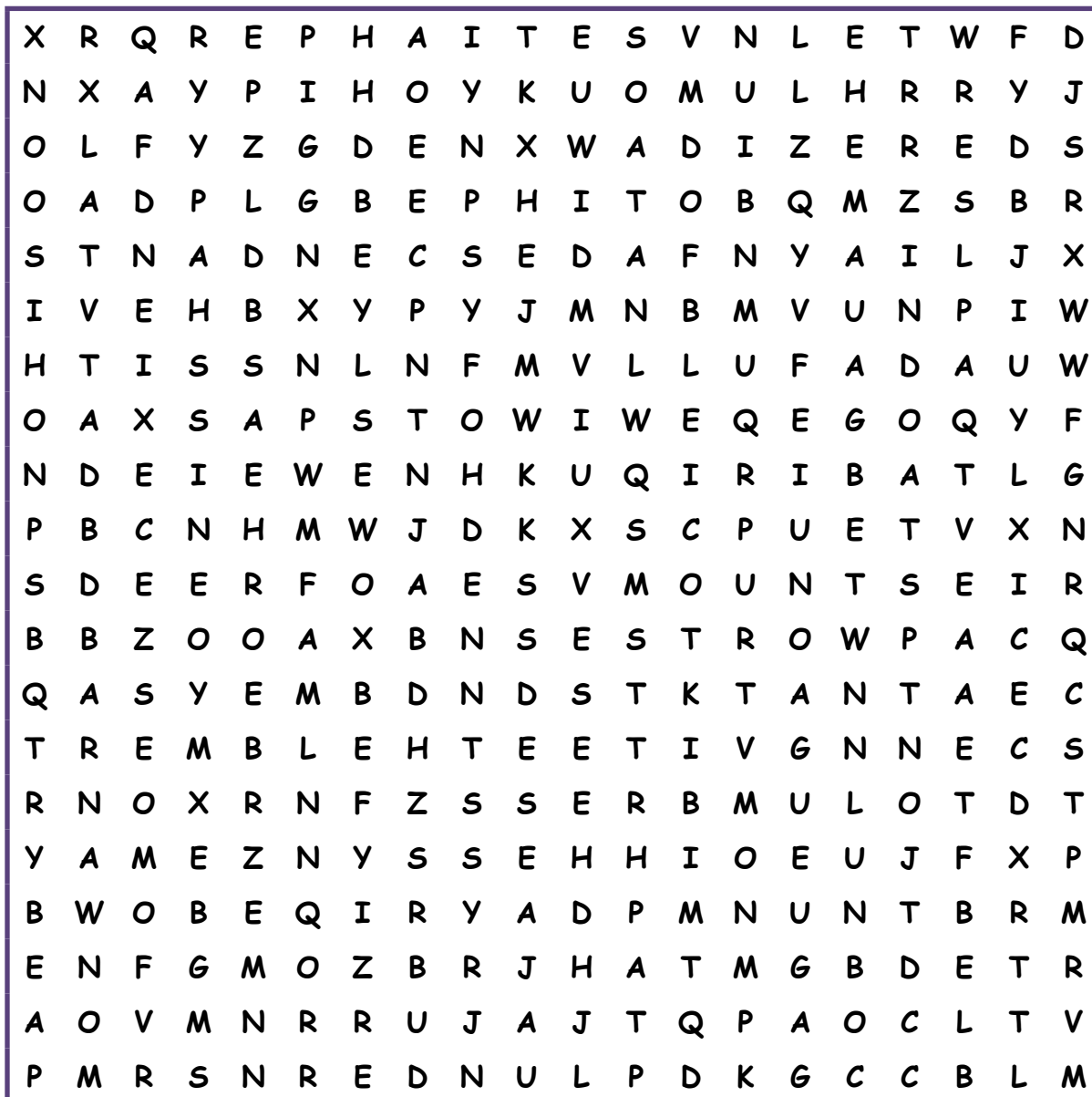
Kaleb El'azar Yehoshua Deborah

(3:28)



WORD SEARCH

Search for the hidden words from this week's parsha.



SEA OF REEDS

MOUNT SEIR

POSSESSION

AR

ANAQIM

AMMON

TREMBLE

MOUNTAIN

WANDERING

DESCENDANTS

EMITES

WADI ZERED

SIHON

PLUNDER

ESAW

MO'AB

LOT

REPHAITES

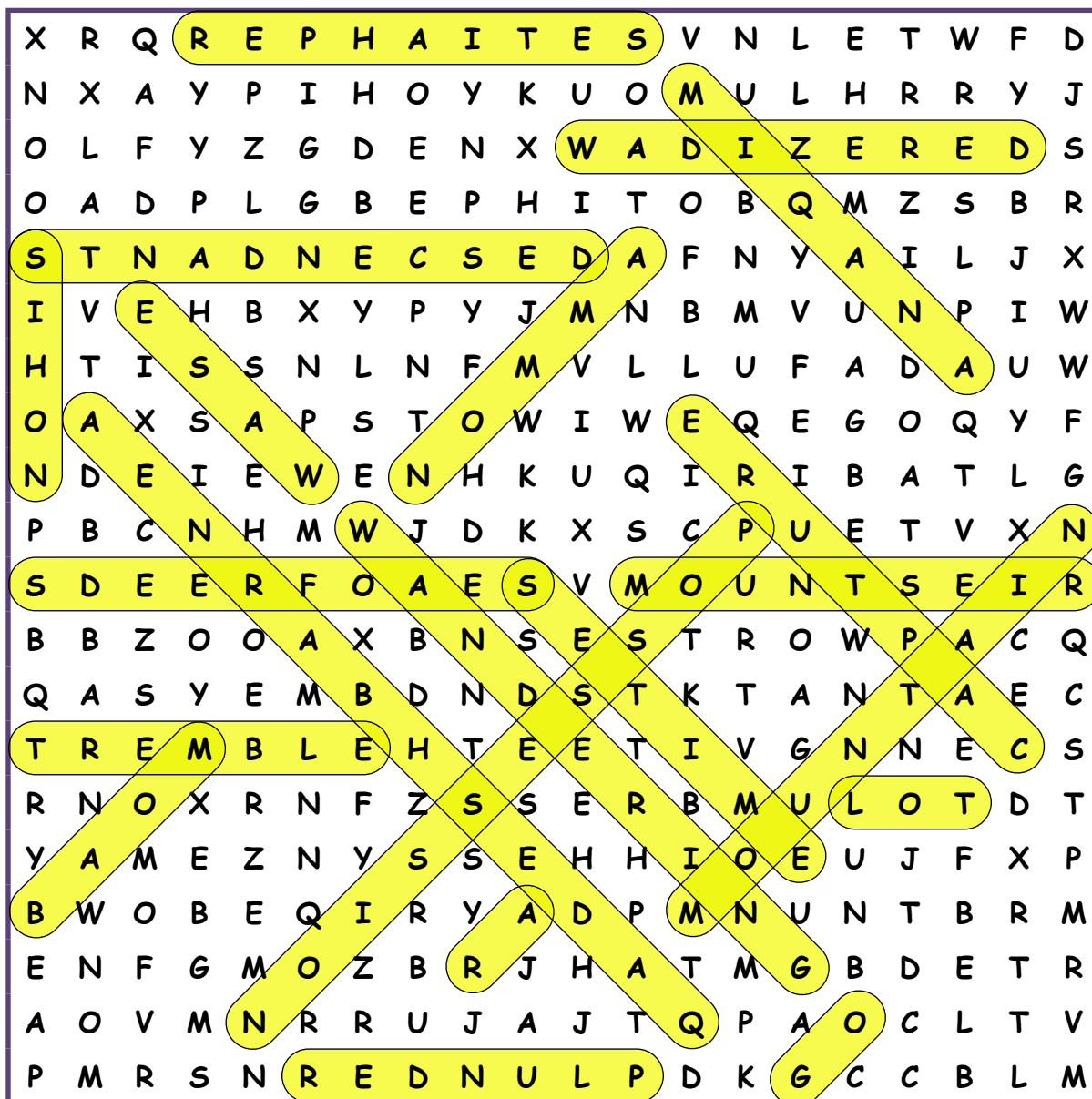
QADESH BARNEA

OG

CAPTURE



Answer Key



SEA OF REEDS

MOUNT SEIR

POSSESSION

AR

ANAIQIM

AMMON

TREMBLE

MOUNTAIN

WANDERING

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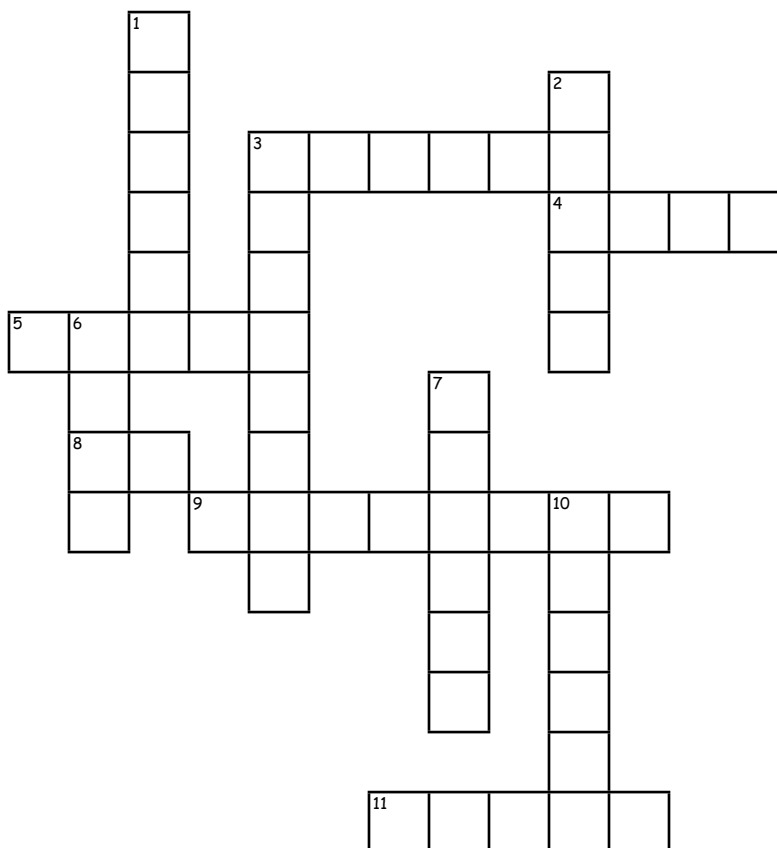
QADESH BARNEA

OG

CAPTURE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Complete the crossword using words from this week's parsha.



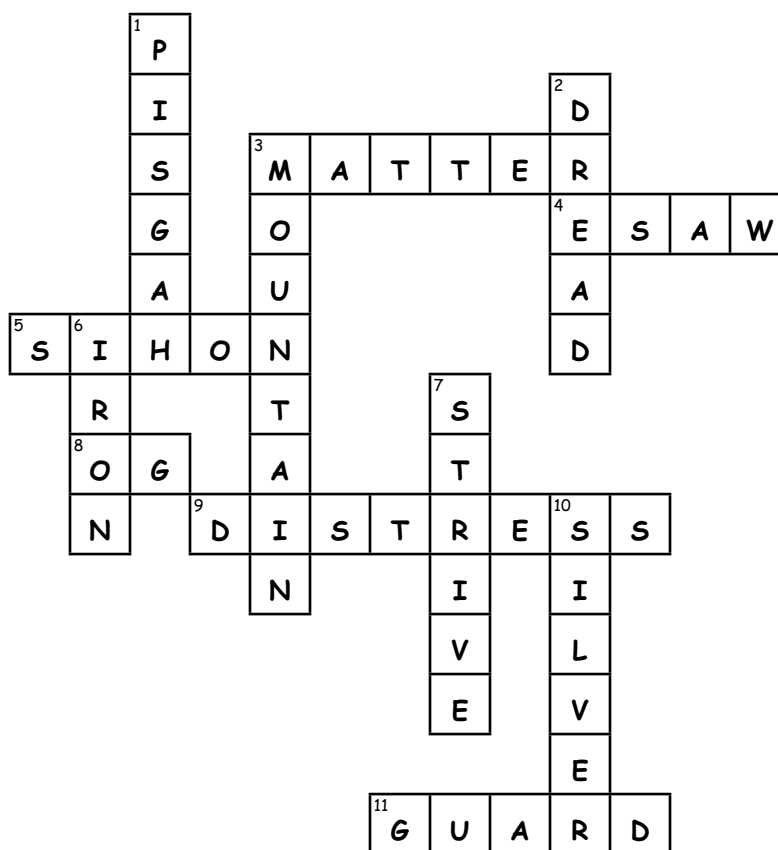
Across

3. You have not lacked any _____.
4. I have given Mount Se'ir to _____ as a possession.
5. _____ sovereign of Heshbon would not let us pass over.
8. _____ sovereign of Bashan came out against us.
9. Do not _____ Mo'ab.
11. Be on your _____.

Down

1. Go up to the top of _____ and look with your eyes.
2. This day I begin to put the _____ and fear of you upon the peoples.
3. You have gone around this _____ long enough.
6. Og's bed was an _____ bedstead.
7. Do not _____ with them.
10. Buy food and drink from them with _____.

Answer Key



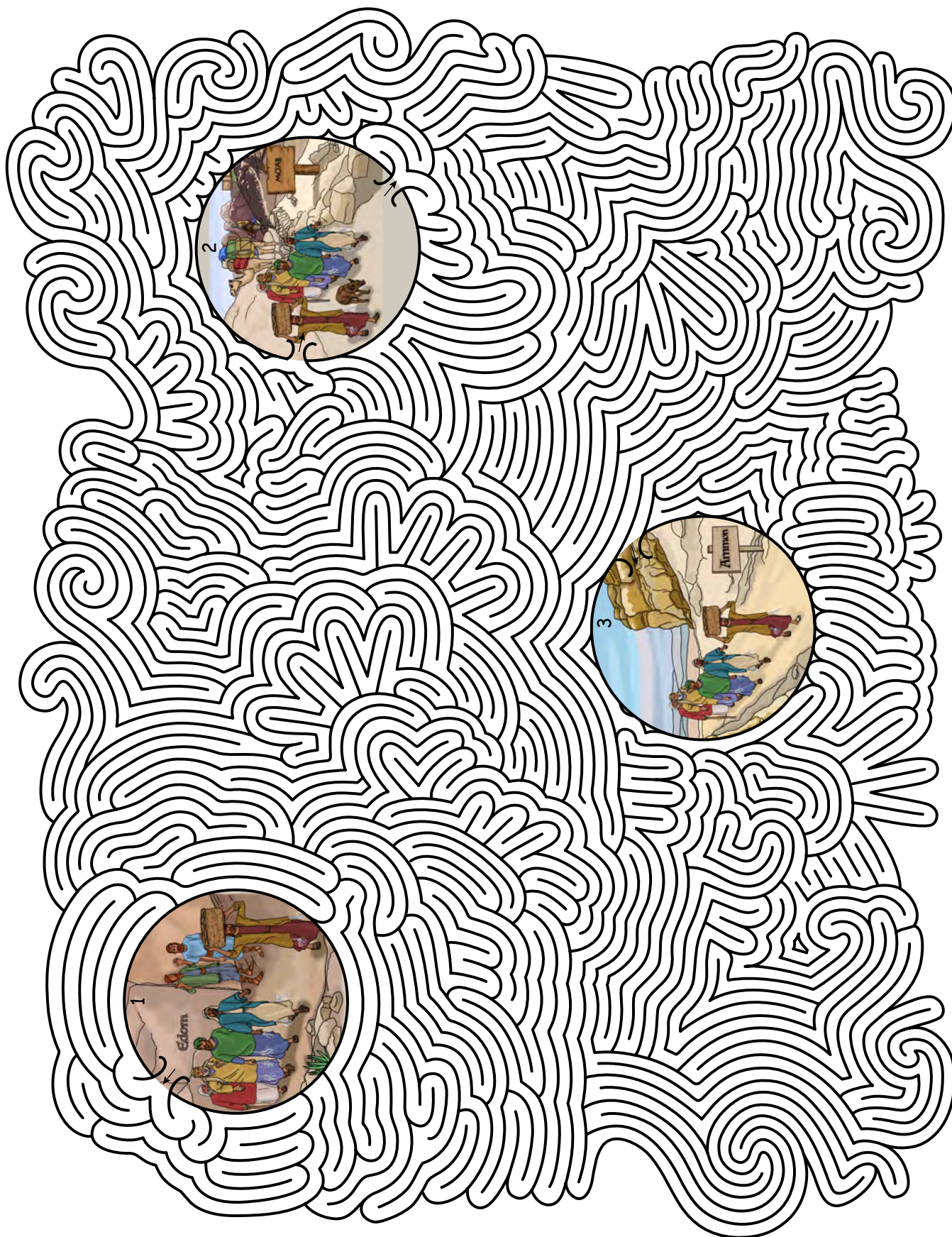
Across

3. You have not lacked any **matter**.
4. I have given Mount Se'ir to **Esaw** as a possession.
5. **Sihon** sovereign of Heshbon would not let us pass over.
8. **Og** sovereign of Bashan came out against us.
9. Do not **distress** Mo'ab.
11. Be on your **guard**.

Down

1. Go up to the top of **Pisgah** and look with your eyes.
2. This day I begin to put the **dread** and fear of you upon the peoples.
3. You have gone around this **mountain** long enough.
6. Og's bed was an **iron** bedstead.
7. Do not **strive** with them.
10. Buy food and drink from them with **silver**.

MAZE



Precious Possessions

NOTEBOOK PAGE

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Ruler (to assist in folding tabs)
- Double-sided adhesive tape
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons, or markers
- Notebook Page Templates: Main Page & A (BW) or Main Page & B (color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Notebook Page Templates of choice on white cardstock.

Yisra'el's 40 Year Journey

Deuteronomy 2-3



Instructions for the Notebook Page:

- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all characters. (P1)
- Using a ruler to assist you, fold the tabs outward on the characters. (P2a, P2b)



P1



P2a



P2b

Instructions for the Notebook

Page cont'd:

Adding the Men to the Main Page

- Run double-sided adhesive tape onto the back of the tabs of the characters and adhere to the land on the Main Page as follows: (P3a)
 - Og in the Amorite territory in Bashan (3b)
 - Lot (Ammon) in Ammon (P3c)
 - Sihon near Heshbon in Sihon's territory (P3d)
 - Lot (Mo'ab) in Mo'ab (P3e)
 - Esaw (Edom) in Edom (P3f)
- Your page is now ready for the Hebrew Words. (P4)

Hebrew Words

- Write the following onto a piece of colored cardstock and glue to the page:
 - 1) Yerushah
 - 2) ירשה
 - 3) Possession (P5)
 - 1) Bnei
 - 2) בני
 - 3) Descendants (P6)
 - 1) Arsow
 - 2) ארצו
 - 3) Land (P7)

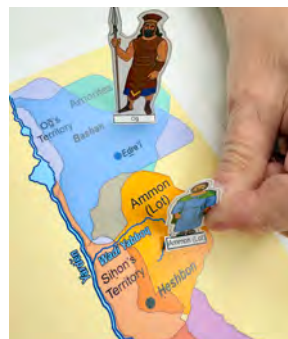
You now have a visual representation of the lands that the Yisrae'lites passed through on their journey to the Promised Land.



P3a



P3b



P3c



P3d



P3e



P3f



P4



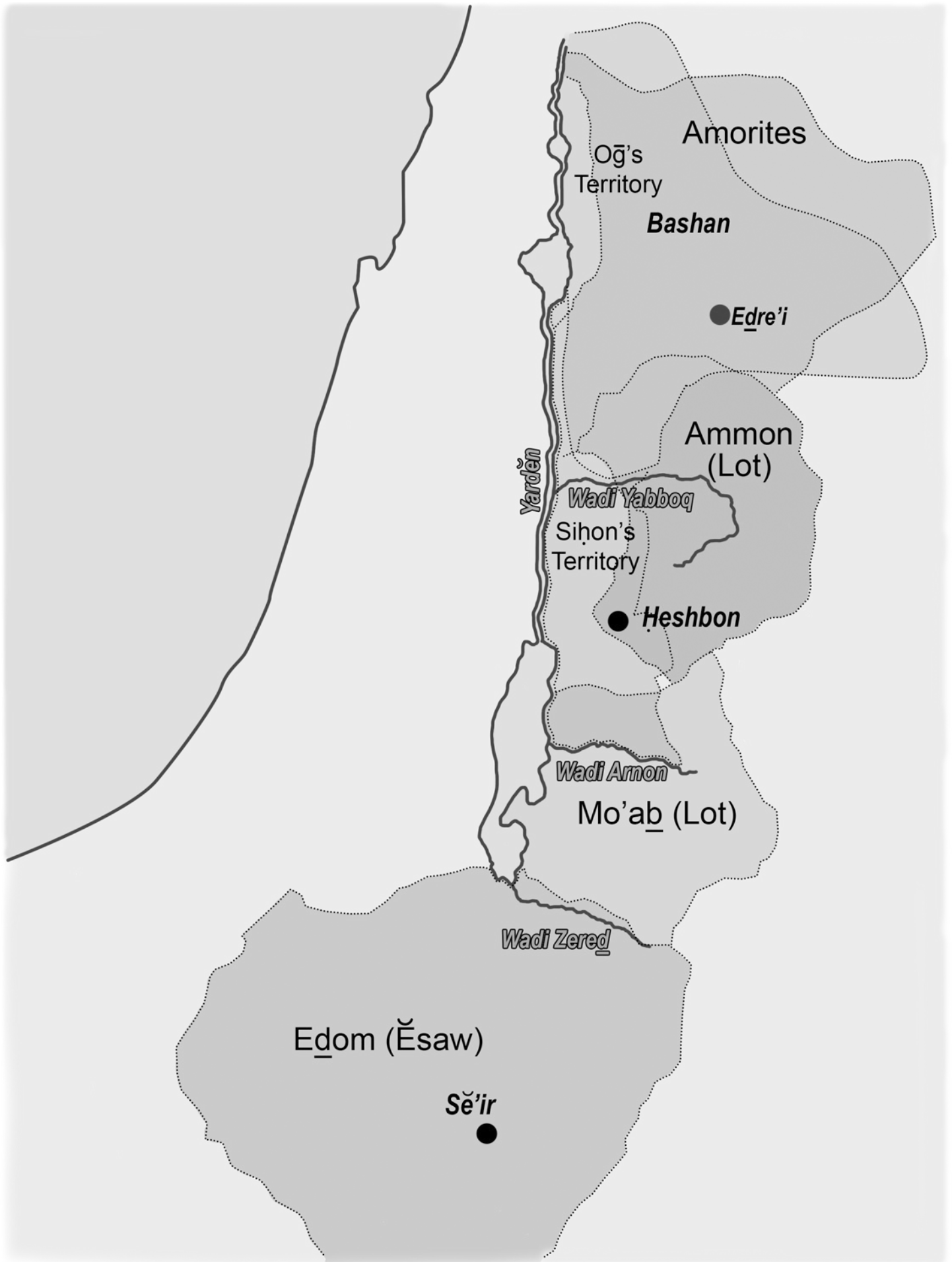
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P6



P7



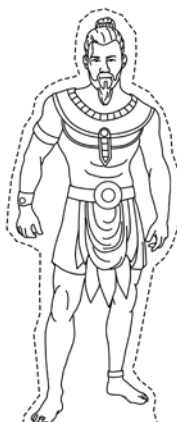
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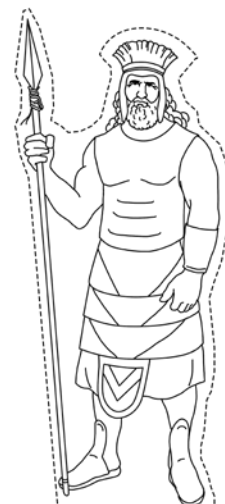
Ammon (Lot)



Mo'ab (Lot)



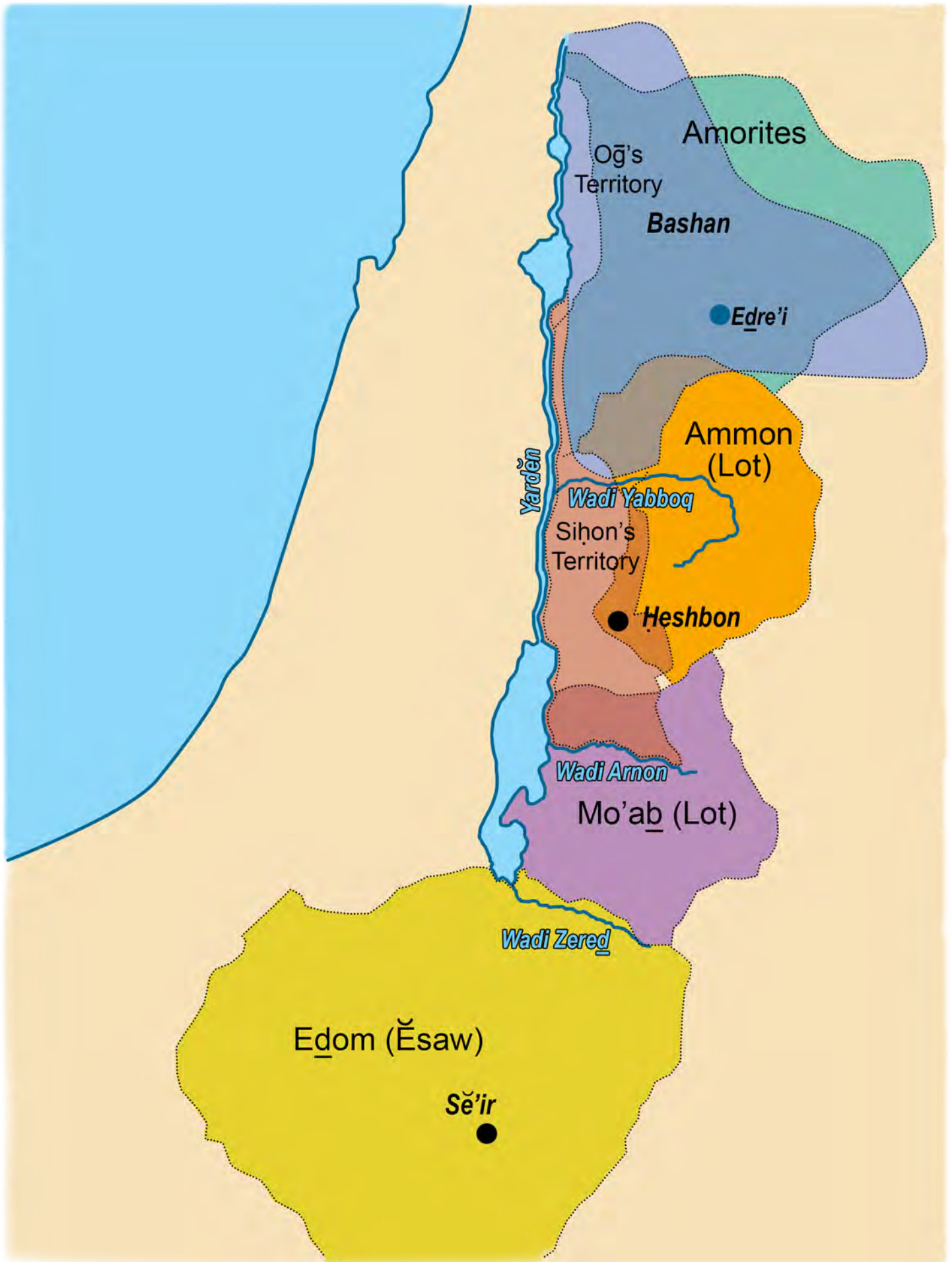
Sihon



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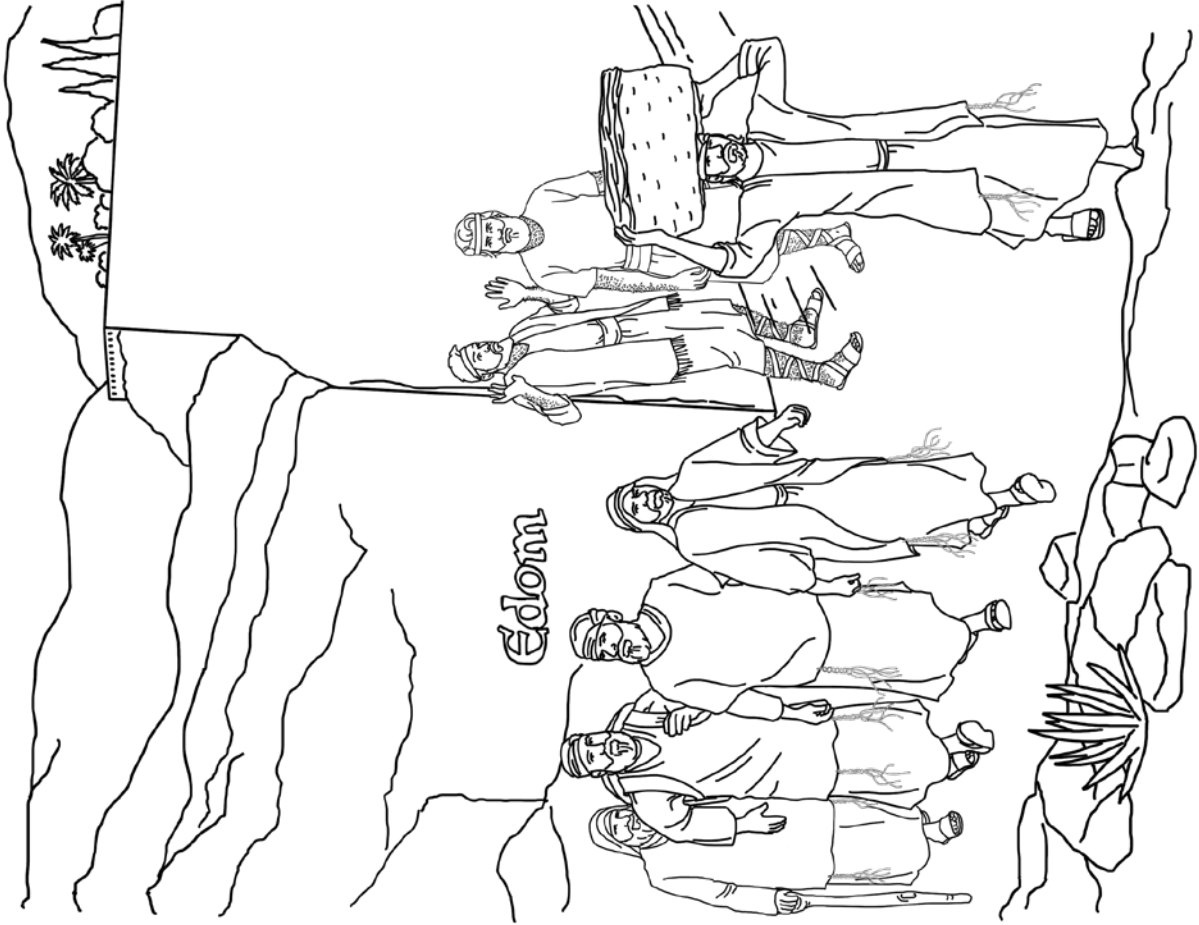
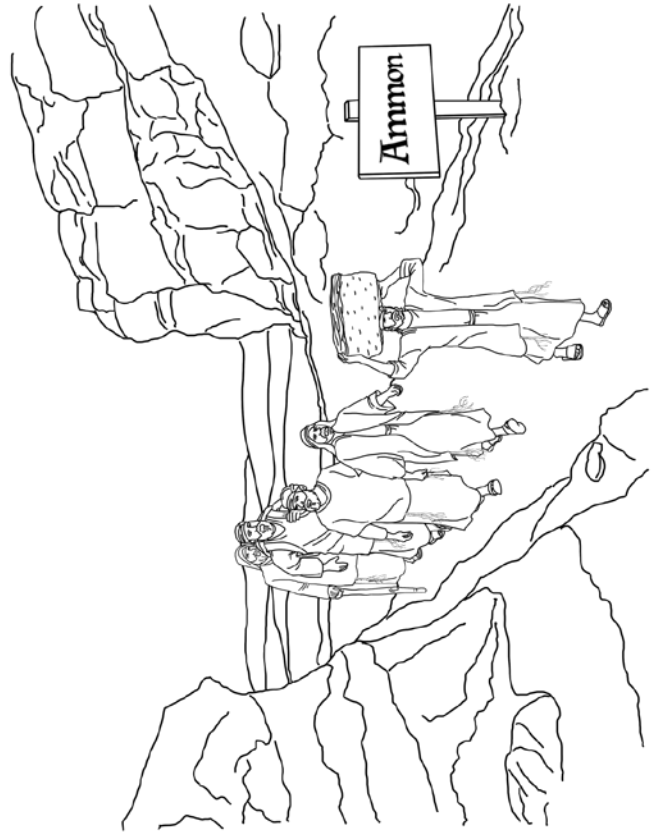


Edom (Esaw)



Notebook Template B (color)





Deuteronomy

"Words"
Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22

Read

Sweetness of Torah

SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song:

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2026-07-09T11_36_26-07_00

Journey On

In our lives there are cracks in the path
And hard times come around
But you've gotta keep goin' in the right way
Don't turn around, journey on

Chorus:

Nobody says it's easy to be His servant
It's not hard to turn away
But keep going in this faith
Journey On, Journey, Journey On
Journey On

I saw the writing on the wall
I went from place to place, job to job
Now I know my calling is to be His servant, Forever
Until the kingdom, I'll journey on...

Chorus:

Nobody says it's easy to be His servant
It's not hard to turn away
But keep going in this faith
Nobody says it's easy to be His servant
It's not hard to turn away
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SWEET TASTE OF TORAH

This snack relates to this week's parsha. Please take these as suggestions and make necessary changes based on your individual dietary needs.

Og's Bed

Deut. 3:11



Ingredients:

- Graham cracker (for bed frame)
- Kit Kat - 3 stuck together (for headboard)
- Chocolate fudge cookies - 2 cut in half (to make 4 legs)
- Fruit leather - 3 (to make bed spread)
- Kosher or Vegan marshmallow (for pillow)

Instructions:

Using a knife, carefully cut 2 fudge cookies in half trying to make equal length legs.

Lay 1 graham cracker over the 4 legs.

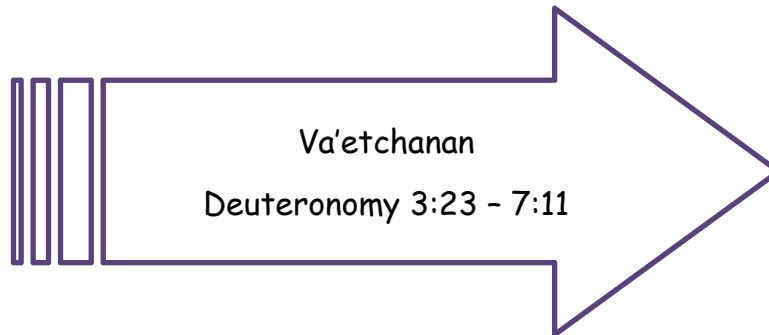
Using a knife, carefully trim the ends of the 3 Kit Kat bars to make a slanted headboard and lay against the back of the bed.

Place 3 fruit leather strips on top of the bed.

Place a marshmallow over the bed spread to make a pillow.

Next Week's Treasure Hunt

Next Week's Torah Portion



Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Deut. 3:23-28	Mosheh recounts his plea to enter the land; Yahweh instructs Mosheh to pass leadership to Yehoshua
Tuesday:	Deut. 4:1-49	Yahweh gives Yisra'el His laws and right-rulings
Wednesday:	Deut. 5:1-33	The 10 Commandments reviewed
Thursday:	Deut. 6:1-25	Yahweh gives Yisra'el commands, laws and right-rulings
Friday:	Deut. 7:1-11	Yahweh instructs Yisra'el on their interaction with the nations