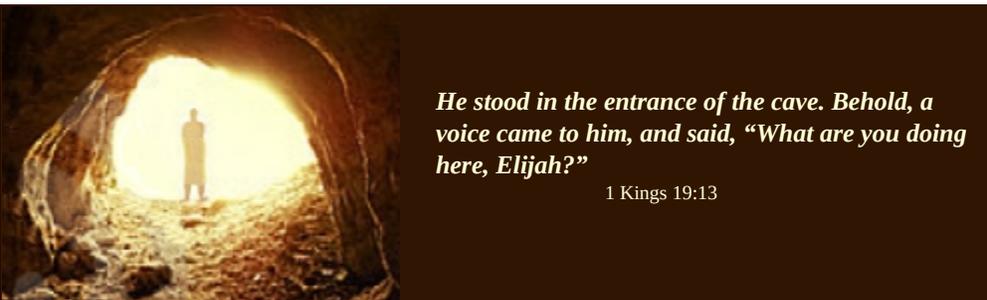


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## Elijah's Remnant Revelation



*He stood in the entrance of the cave. Behold, a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"*

1 Kings 19:13

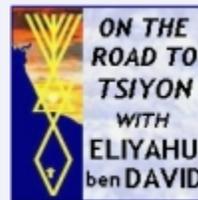
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God shines forth" Psalm 50:2*

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## June's EBD Crossword Contest

A new crossword puzzle entitled *Elijah at Mount Horeb* has been posted on my Eliyahu ben David website blog at [elijahubendavid.com](http://elijahubendavid.com). Give the puzzle a try.

## Is Mount Sinai in the Sinai?

Disclaimer - *Tsiyon Radio* here reproduces excerpts from an [article by BASE Institute](#) regarding Mount Sinai. We are not affiliated with BASE Institute and this is not an endorsement of their organization. However, Jabal al-Lawz, a mountain in Saudi Arabia being investigated by the BASE Institute, is worthy of consideration. Is it the Biblical Mt. Sinai? Some object vehemently while others are persuaded. The BASE Institute does not make the claim they have found Mount Sinai. Consider the facts and draw your own conclusions.

For centuries, Bible scholars and religious pilgrims have been seeking the location of Mt. Sinai. Today, most people are unaware that not one piece of hard evidence has been produced to verify that what is traditionally designated at "Mount Sinai" in the south central Sinai Peninsula is indeed the famed mountain of Moses and the Exodus. In fact, the only verifiable reason that the traditional site is designated "Mount Sinai" at all is because a Roman mystic designated it and Helena, mother of Constantine I, anointed it as the true Mount Sinai early in the 4th century AD. (Helena also claimed she discovered the true "holy sepulcher" in Jerusalem and the true cross of Christ.)

In the New Testament, Paul wrote in Galatians 4:25, "Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia . . ." Although some argue that here the Roman designation of Arabia includes the Sinai Peninsula, Arabia in Paul's day encompassed a larger region that primarily designated the populated regions of ancient Midian, or modern-day Saudi Arabia. As a "Hebrew of Hebrews," Paul's understanding of Arabia would have been one that was consistent with Old Testament passages like 1 Kings 10:15, 2 Chronicles 9:14, Isaiah 21:13, Jeremiah 25:24, and Ezekiel 27:21, in which Arabia is clearly identified with the region east of the Gulf of Aqaba,

where “kings” ruled and the “Dedanites” co-dwelt with other nomadic peoples.

Even more telling, Exodus 3:1 plainly identifies Mount Horeb (Sinai) as being in Midian: “Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.” Here, there are two important issues. First, the region of “Midian” referred to here is undeniably the same as present-day Saudi Arabia. Second, at the traditional site of Mt. Sinai on the Sinai Peninsula, there is nothing that would cause it to be geographically identified with the “back” of a desert, in distinction from its surroundings. By contrast, the site proposed by BASE Institute is, indeed, on the far side or margin of a vast desert in ancient Midian.

However, can ancient Midian be identified with the Sinai Peninsula, which in the time of Moses, was considered a part of Egypt (although designated as the “wilderness” of Egypt)? It is apparent from Exodus 2:15 that the two were separate entities. After killing an Egyptian, Moses fled Egypt for safer ground: “When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian.” Egypt and its holdings would not have been safe for Moses under any circumstances. He would not have fled to the Sinai Peninsula, where archaeology shows that Pharaoh had multiple mining interests and military outposts. The Bible is clear that Moses went out of Egypt, to the land of Midian east of the gulf of Aqaba.

Many Bible references pointed away from the traditional Mount Sinai and toward Saudi Arabia as the location of the historical mountain of Moses. And archaeological evidence (or lack thereof) contributed to our belief that a site inspection was necessary to determine if other evidence could be found to support this theory. Saudi Arabia’s closed borders made it impossible for a team of scholars and archaeologists to enter the country. As a result, Larry Williams and I surreptitiously slipped into the country, traced what appears to be the Exodus route, and climbed the mountain which many scholars now consider to be the true Mount Sinai.

What follows is an account of our adventures and findings, and how they relate directly to the Bible.

**RED SEA CROSSING SITE**

In 1 Kings 9:26, the Bible tells us, “King Solomon also built ships at Ezion Geber, which is near Elath in Edom, on the shore of the Red Sea.” This verse provides us with some compelling clues: First, Solomon had his port at Elath (modern Eilat) on the shores of the northern tip of the Gulf of Aqaba (which forms the eastern “finger” of the Red Sea proper). The NIV Study Bible references this verse as follows: “Red Sea. The Hebrew for this term, normally read as Yam Suph (‘sea of reeds’), refers to the body of water through which the Israelites passed at the time of the Exodus. It can also be read, however, as Yam Soph (‘sea of land’s end’), a more likely reading when referring to the Red Sea, and especially . . . to its eastern arm, the Gulf of Aqaba.

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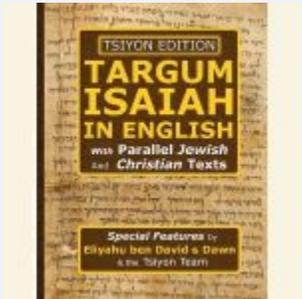
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This could well mean that the “sea of land’s end,” at the tip of the Sinai Peninsula, was the site of the Israelites’ crossing. At the very least, the use of the same Hebrew term--both for the place where the Israelites crossed and for the Gulf of Aqaba at Elath--shows that the body of water in question is not an isolated lake, but includes the bulk of what we know as the Red Sea.

#### BITTER LAKES

Many scholars suggest that the actual crossing of the “sea of reeds” was in the Bitter Lakes region, north of the Gulf of Suez, where some observers have claimed that wind can cause the lake level to fluctuate several feet. However, this simply is not consistent with numerous other Biblical references. Such references include: 1) the account of an entire, Egypt-engulfing locust swarm being blown into Yam Suph (Exodus 10:19), 2) Solomon sailing a fleet of ships on Yam Suph (1 Kings 9:26), and 3) the description of the way in which Pharaoh’s soldiers died at Yam Suph: “But You blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters” (Exodus 15:10). The Bitter Lakes region is a marsh with no mighty waters. At the tip of the Sinai Peninsula, however, at the entrance of the Gulf of Aqaba, the “mighty waters” of the Red Sea can reach incredible fury and awesome depths.

#### UNDERWATER LAND BRIDGE

Following a theory that the route of the Exodus actually took the Hebrews past (not through) the bitter Lakes and then southward along the west coast of the Sinai Peninsula, we traveled to the tip of the Sinai. There, we explored the underwater topography (bathymetry) of the Strait of Tiran, where the Gulf of Aqaba is narrowest, between the Sinai Peninsula and Saudi Arabia. And we discovered an underwater land bridge existing there today that is so problematic for shipping that two separate routes or “lanes” are designated for northbound and southbound ships to pass through. Further correlation of the Bible’s account of the route of the Exodus causes us to realize that this unusual submarine formation may well have been trod by the Hebrews themselves.

#### BITTER SPRINGS OF MARAH

Exploring the further possibility that the Israelites passed through the waters of the Red Sea at the Strait of Tiran, we picked up our search for landmarks on the Saudi Arabia side of the Gulf of Aqaba. There we started at the coastline on the eastern side of the Strait of Tiran and traveled the most natural route approximately 30 kilometers inland to a group of springs where the water in some of the springs was terribly bitter. Exodus 15:22-23 tells us, “So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter.”

#### THE 70 PALMS AND 12 SPRINGS OF ELIM

As we traveled generally toward Jabal al-Lawz (the Saudi Arabian mountain that is held by generations of Bedouins to be the mountain of Moses), we next encountered a group of clear water springs, with a grove of palm trees adjacent to them. We marveled at the description in Exodus 15:27: “Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.”

#### CHARRED PEAK AND MELTED ROCK

Continuing to Jabal al Lawz, and after a great deal of maneuvering to gain access to the mountain, we found the top of the mountain to be thoroughly blackened, as if the rocks had been severely scorched from without. When we broke open the rocks, we found that they were actually granite rocks with a blackened “rind” that contained an untouched core of pure granite inside. We had already read in Exodus 19:18, “Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire . . . .”

#### BOUNDARY MARKERS

As we explored further around the base of the mountain, we discovered large piles of rocks arranged in a semicircle around the front of the mountain, spaced about every 400 yards. Measuring about 5 and 20 feet across, these piles could be the boundary markers set up by Moses, as he had been instructed by God: “. . . You warned us saying, ‘set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it’” (Exodus 19:23).

#### GOLDEN CALF ALTAR

In a flat area at the base of the mountain, we also discovered that large boulders had been placed together, creating an altar-like formation 30 feet tall and 30 feet across--quite possibly the altar where the golden calf was set up and worshiped by God’s disobedient people. On the rocks were etched ancient drawings of a bull god, as described in Exodus 32:4, where Aaron “. . . received the gold from the hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf.”

#### MOSES’ ALTAR and the 12 PILLARS

At the foot of the mountain, we found a V-shaped altar, with each arm approximately 60 feet long and 20 feet wide. Next to it were several toppled pillars in sections measuring about 22 inches in diameter and 20 inches in length. Exodus 24:4 records that Moses “. . . built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.”

#### SPLIT ROCK AT HOREB

(Full credit for verification and documentation of the split rock at Horeb goes to Jim and Penny Caldwell, who conducted their research while living in Saudi Arabia.) One of the most startling discoveries at Jabal al-Lawz was a massive, prominent, split rock on the west side of Jabal al-Lawz, which showed evidence of gushing water from within--jagged rocks that had been smoothed off by an abundant flow of water. Exodus 17:6 records God’s instructions to Moses when the Israelites were dying of thirst in the

wilderness: "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink."

CAVE OF ELIJAH

High on the mountain, was a cave by which Elijah may have stood to hear God's voice, as described in 1 Kings 19:8-9, 13b: ". . . and he went . . . as far as Horeb, the mountain of God . . . and he went out and stood in the entrance of the cave . . ."

This expedition yielded the first of a wealth of compelling new evidence to suggest that the Strait of Tiran on the Gulf of Aqaba was the crossing point for the route of the Exodus, and that Jabal al-Lawz in Saudi Arabia is the true Mount Sinai.

**From Eliyahu**

In our latest program we travel with Elijah to Mount Horeb, "the Mountain of God." There Elijah experienced a life-changing meeting with the Almighty - the first and last such meeting with YHWH recorded in that place since Moses met YHWH there centuries earlier. There, on Horeb, YHWH reveals truth to Elijah that still reverberates down through the centuries to our day, to reach as far as the ears of the faithful remnant of Israel presently scattered throughout the earth. Yes, what YHWH revealed to Elijah that day is meant to bless you!

Shalom,

Eliyahu ben David  
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