

## Timeline of Truth: Edom Refuses Israel and the Death of Aaron (Numbers 20:14-21:4)

### I. Israel at Mount Sinai (1-10:10)

### II. Israel in the Wilderness (10:11-36:13)

1. The Israelites Move (10:11-36)
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12. Moses Strikes the Rock (20:1-13)

<p><b>Numbers 20:14</b> Now Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom. "Thus says your brother Israel: 'You know all the hardship that has befallen us, <sup>15</sup> 'how our fathers went down to Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians afflicted us and our fathers. <sup>16</sup> 'When we cried out to the LORD, He heard our voice and sent the Angel and brought us up out of Egypt; now here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your border. <sup>17</sup> 'Please let us pass through your country. We will not pass through fields or vineyards, nor will we drink water from wells; we will go along the King's Highway; we will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed through your territory.' "</p>	<p><b>1. Moses' _____ Request to Edom</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Moses calls Israel Edom's brother</li> <li>b. Moses argues that Edom knows Israel's hardship</li> <li>c. Moses reviews Israel's time in Egypt</li> <li>d. Moses tell how God has been with Israel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angel - מַלְאָכִים – <i>malak</i> - messenger</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Moses' request – too pass through their land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They will stay out of their fields</li> <li>• They will not drink from their wells</li> <li>• They will stay on the highway</li> <li>• They will pass through Edom's territory</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Genesis 25:30</b> <sup>30</sup> And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red <i>stew</i>, for I <i>am</i> weary." Therefore his name was called Edom.</p> <p><b>Numbers 34:1-3</b> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Command the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land of Canaan, this <i>is</i> the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance -- the land of Canaan to its boundaries. <sup>3</sup> 'Your southern border shall be from the Wilderness of Zin along the border of Edom; then your southern border shall extend eastward to the end of the Salt Sea;</p> <p><b>1 Samuel 14:46-47</b> <sup>46</sup> Then Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place. <sup>47</sup> So Saul established his sovereignty over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, against the people of Ammon, against Edom, against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines. Wherever he turned, he harassed <i>them</i>.</p>	
<p><sup>18</sup> Then Edom said to him, "You shall not pass through my <i>land</i>, lest I come out against you with the sword."</p>	<p><b>2. Edom _____ Israel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edom threatens physical force</li> </ul>
<p><sup>19</sup> So the children of Israel said to him, "We will go by the Highway, and if I or my livestock drink any of your water, then I will pay for it; let me only pass through on foot, nothing <i>more</i>."</p>	<p><b>3. Moses' _____ Request to Edom</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Moses asks a second time</li> <li>b. Moses reiterates that they will not take any of Edom's water</li> <li>c. Moses offers to pay if they do take any water</li> <li>d. Moses again emphasizes that Israel will just pass through</li> </ol>
<p><sup>20</sup> Then he said, "You shall not pass through." So Edom came out against them with many men and with a strong hand. <sup>21</sup> Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory; so Israel turned away from him.</p>	<p><b>4. Edom Refuses Israel _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. They once again say no to Israel</li> <li>b. They send their army to stop Israel</li> <li>c. Israel went another way</li> </ol>

<p><sup>22</sup> Then the children of Israel, the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh and came to Mount Hor. <sup>23</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor by the border of the land of Edom, saying: <sup>24</sup> "Aaron shall be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land which I have given to the children of Israel, because you rebelled against My word at the water of Meribah.</p>	<p><b>5. God _____ Aaron's Death</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The reason – he rebelled against God's word "He was disobedient to the mouth of the Lord"</li> <li>b. This again was a judgment from God – Aaron would have entered the land if he would have obeyed God.</li> </ul>
<p><sup>25</sup> "Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor; <sup>26</sup> "and strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; for Aaron shall be gathered <i>to his people</i> and die there."</p>	<p><b>6. God's _____ for Aaron and Eleazar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. They were to go up the mountain</li> <li>b. Aaron was to have his priestly garments removed</li> <li>c. Eleazar was to wear the priestly garments</li> <li>d. Aaron was to stay up on the mountain to die.</li> </ul>
<p><sup>27</sup> So Moses did just as the LORD commanded, and they went up to Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. <sup>28</sup> Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. <sup>29</sup> Now when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, all the house of Israel mourned for Aaron thirty days.</p>	<p><b>7. Moses _____ God's Command</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Moses obeys all that the Lord told him to do.</li> <li>b. The congregation mourns for Aaron</li> <li>c. The mourning lasted 30 days.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Joshua 14:1</b> <i>These are the areas</i> which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel distributed as an inheritance to them.</p>	<p><b>8. Eleazar Also _____ the Land</b></p>