

The Wilderness Journey

Its difficult to place all the locations Israel visited before the Promised Land. Your bible likely features maps with a more traditional route. The location of Kadesh Barnea is discussed in detail at the link below.

The modern map included here features some of the more certain locations and a suggested route. See if you can label the following cities:

Eziongaber
Kadesh Barnea
Rabbath Ammon
Heshbon
Edrei
Jericho
Jerusalem

Kadesh Barnea

<https://www.bible.ca/archeology/bible-archeology-exodus-kadesh-barnea.html>

Israel may have spent most of the 38 years living in this area. Check out the evidence of tool manufacturing, food processing, animal slaughter and human graves. Take a virtual tour of Petra online, and learn about Wadi Musa (the valley of Moses) and Ain Musa (Moses' water spring).

Edrei (Where Og, King of Bashan made his last stand)

"Our day's journey ended at Ed Deraah, the site of Edrei, the capital and last battlefield of Og, King of Bashan. It is still the largest town in Bashan (De 3:10). It is exactly such a spot as a military eye would choose for a fortress. It is the only high hill in the plain, and is a watchtower for a vast circuit. It has some 5000 inhabitants, and is the seat of the Turkish governor. The buildings are miserable vaults, and all of one model. They are built of basalt stones, which must have belonged to much older edifices, as many of them are elaborately carved. The roofs are of stone and built on the principle of the cantilever or bracket. The houses are thus veritable Stonehenges. But we found none of the stone doors or windows that are common in other parts of the country. Some remnants of cyclopean masonry however, suggested Bashan's 60 great cities with walls and brazen doors (1 Ki 4:13). But we were most interested in the old Edrei underground. It resembles the underground city at Beit Jibrin. It is hewn out of the soft limestone rock, and is first-rate work. It has rock hewn streets, houses, shops, stairs, cisterns, pillars, air holes, a market place and plenty of water. It was possibly the labyrinth residence of Og and his people in times of war. It is believed to be the work of the Amorites and Horims, "the giants" of Scripture (Deut 2:20). May there not be a reference to such hiding places in Deut 7:20, and Joshua 24:12 where we are told that hornets were sent among those who hid themselves from their pursuers? The only living things we found in underground Edrei were countless bats hanging from the roofs, like hams in a ham curers store. Underground Edrei was a fit residence for that mysterious king who appeals so powerfully to the imaginations of our children." The Living Age, Vol 211, page 128

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