

# WILDERNESS LESSONS # 19

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## Camp # 31 Ezion-geber

Num 33:35 journeyed from Abronah and camped at **Ezion-geber**.

### Definition:

Ezion = the spine

& geber = a valiant man or warrior;

“to be mighty, numerous, strong”; “to be great in bones,” hence, “to be mighty.”

Synonyms used more often in the OT for “strength, power” are “to be strong,” “to be great,” “to be numerous,” (Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament)

The backbone of a strong man

**Ezion-geber speaks of having backbone (courage), to be a strong warrior**

### Application:

#### 1. Valiant is used 49 times in the OT.

valiant warrior [s] (Jos 1:14; 6:2; 8:3; 10:7; Jdg 3:29; 5:22; 6:12; 11:1; 18:2; 20:44,46; 21:10; 1Ki 11:28; 2Ki 5:1; 2Ch 13:3,3; 14:8; 2 Ch 17:14,16,17; 25:6; 26:12; Neh 11:14; Dan 3:20)

valiant man [men] (Dt 3:18; 1Sam 10:26; 14:50 to; 18:17; 31:12; 2Sam 11:16; 2Sam 17:10; 23:20; 24:9; 1Ki 1:42; 1Ch 5:18; 10:12; 11:22; 26:7,9; 28:1; 2Ch 17:13; 26:17; 28:6; Isa 5:22; Jer 48:14)

be [is, the] valiant (2Sam 2:7; 13:28; 17:10; Job 24:22)

#### 2. The Lord is a Warrior fighting for you

The Lord is a warrior (Ex 15:3)

Jehovah Nissi - The LORD is my Banner (Ex 17:9-15)

The LORD will fight for you (Ex 14:13-14; Dt 1:30-31; 3:22; 20:1-4)

The Lord, mighty in battle (Psa 24:8-10)

#### Prophetic Scriptures:

His own arm brought salvation, He put on the armor [breastplate, helmet] (Isa 59:15-17)  
(see also Psa 98:1; Isa 52:10; 63:3-5)

The Lord in your midst is a victorious warrior (Zep 3:17)

#### 3. Jesus defeated [is victorious over] the devil

Col 2:15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

1 Jn 3:8 ... The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Heb 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

1Jn 5:4-5 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Rom 8:37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

Rom 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

Rev 12:11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

### **Be strong and courageous**

#### **OT:**

Dt 31:6 "Be strong and courageous , do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

(Dt 31:7, 23; 2Ch 32:7; Jos 1:6,7,9,18; 10:25; 2Sam 10:12; 13:28; 1Ch 19:13; 22:13; 28:10,20; Ezra 10:4; Dan 10:19)

David (Ps 18)

v 1-2 "I love You, O LORD, my strength ." 2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

v 32 The God who girds me with strength

v 39-40 For You have girded me with strength for battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. 40 You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, And I destroyed those who hated me.

See also Ps 20:6; 21:1,13; 28:7,8; 29:11; 31:2,4; 33:16-17; 37:39; 38:10; 43:2; 46:1; 59:16-17; 61:3; 62:7; 68:28,35; 73:26; 81:1; 84:5; 89:17; 118:14; 138:3; 140:7; 147:5; Isa 12:2; 33:2; 40:29-31

#### **NT:**

1Cor 16:13 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

2Cor 12:9-10 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong .

Heb 3:6 but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

Eph 6:10-11 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

2 Ti 2:1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

## **Camp # 32 Kadesh**

Nu 33:36-37 They journeyed from Ezion-geber and camped in the wilderness of Zin, that is, Kadesh. 37 They journeyed from Kadesh and ...

### **Definition:**

**Kadesh** = Consecrated; sanctified. apartness (set a part for a purpose)

This place is found in 18 References (Gen 14:7; 16:14; 20:1; Num 13:26; 20:1,14,16,22; 27:14; 33:36,37; Dt 1:46; 32:51; Jdg 11:16,17; Ps 29:8;Ezk 47:19; 48:28).

**Related words:**

Kadesh or kadash = a verb meaning "to be holy; to sanctify;" occurs 175 X.  
Kadosh = a noun meaning "holiness; holy thing; sanctuary;" occurs 464 X.  
Kadosh = an adjective meaning "holy;" occurs 118 X.

**Kadesh is in the wilderness of Zin**

Zin = A low palm tree; to prick, a thorn.

This place is found in 10X (Num; 20:1; 27:14,14 33:36; 34:3,4; Dt 32:51; Jos 15:1,3)

The word as thorn(s) is found 12X (Gen 3:18; Ex 22:6; Jdg 8:7,16; 2Sam 23:6; Ps 118:12; Isa 32:13; 33:12; Jer 4:3; 12:13; Ezk 28:24; Hos 10:8)

Gen 3:18 the earth produces thorns and thistles after the fall

**Application:****In Christ, I have been sanctified, I am a saint.**

Eph 5:26-27 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Heb 10:10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (See also 1Thes 4:7; 5:23; Heb 2:11; 10:14,29; 13:12; 1Cor 1:2 6:11; 2Tim 1:9)

**Sanctification is not an option, we are called to be holy**

1 Pt 1:16 be holy for I am holy (Heb 12:14; 1Tim 4:1-8; 2Pt 3:10-12)

**Ways to live holy that don't work:**

1. Making more rules  
1Cor 15:56 The power of sin is the law.  
Rom 7:9 when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died.
2. Trying harder  
Rom 7:14-17 I practice the very thing which I hate to do.  
Gal 3:3 having begun by the Spirit, are you now being protected by the flesh?
3. Keeping quiet (ignoring) about sin.  
Prov 28:13 Whoever covers his sin, will not prosper.
4. Giving up.  
Jude 4 Ungodly people turn the grace of God into licentiousness  
Rom 6:1 Continue to sin, that grace may increase.

**Ways to live holy that work:**

1. Admit your need.  
1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
  
Mat 11:28-30 Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
2. The cross.  
Rom 6:7 He who has died is freed from sin.  
Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

3. Abide in Jesus.  
Jn 15:1-11 we bear much fruit as we abide in Jesus  
Gal 2:20 Christ lives in me
4. New creations life.  
2Cor 5:17 I am a new creation in Christ, the old has passed away, the new has come.  
Eph 4:17-24 put off the old and put on the new.
5. Have others pray with and for you.  
Jas 5:16 confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.
6. The Holy Spirit.  
1Cor 6:9-11 the Holy Spirit sanctifies us.  
Rom 8:13 By the Spirit, we put to death the deeds of the body.  
Rom 8:2 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, has set us free from the law of sin and death.
7. The Bible.  
Jn 8:32 Abide in My word, and you'll know the truth, and the truth will set you free.  
2Cor 7:1 The promises of God enable us to cleanse ourselves from all defilement
8. Hope  
1Jn 3:3 Hope fixed on Him will enable you to purify yourself.