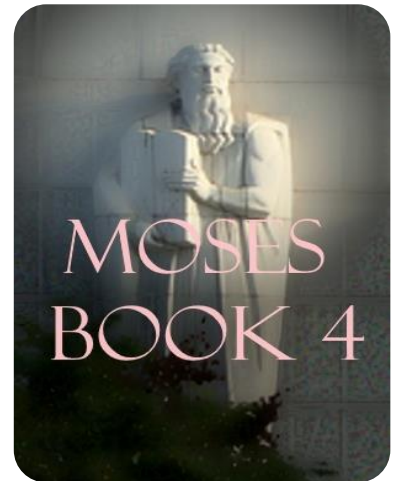


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In the preface to this Book of Moses we read: The titles of the five books of Moses, which we use in our Bibles, are all borrowed from the Greek translation of the Seventy, the most ancient version of the Old Testament what we know of. But the title of this book we only turn into English; in all the rest we retain the Greek word, for which difference I know no reason, but that the Latin translators have done the same. Otherwise this book might as well have been called: **Arithmoi**. Where we get our word: **arithmetic**. The Greek title = the numbering; as it shows the promise of God to Abraham that his children would be as the stars of heaven. In this book are two numberings: one at Mount Sinai in Arabia – chapter 1; and the other on the plains of Moab 39 years later. -- Matthew Henry.



The bronze serpent

¹ And when the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them prisoners.

/ and again most scholars agree this is 40 years after the exodus from Egypt. And remember, one of the first things we read about in the days of Noah, was that he cursed the grandchild of Ham's descendants.

² So Israel made a vow to the LORD, and said, If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

³ And the LORD listened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and the name of the place was called Hormah.

⁴ And they moved from Mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to go around the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the journey.

⁵ And the people spoke against God and Moses, Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no food and no water; and we loathe this miserable bread.

⁶ And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; so many people of Israel died.

⁷ So the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against you; intercede with the LORD, that He remove the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole: and it will happen, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live.

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⁹ **And Moses made a serpent of bronze**, and put it on a pole, and it happened, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked on the bronze serpent, he lived.

The defeat of Sihon and Og

¹⁰ Now the children of Israel moved out, and camped in Oboth.

¹¹ And they journeyed from Oboth, and camped at Iyeabarim, in the wilderness which faces Moab, toward the sunrising.

¹² From there they moved, and camped in Wadi Zered.

¹³ From there they moved, and camped on the other side of the Arnon river, which is in the wilderness that comes from the border of the Amorites: for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

¹⁴ Therefore it is said in The Book of the Wars of the LORD, What He did in the Red sea, and in the wadis of the Arnon,

¹⁵ and at the slope of the wadis that extend to the place of Ar, and sits on the border of Moab.

¹⁶ And from there they continued to Beer: that is the well where the LORD spoke to Moses, Assemble the people, and I will give them water.

¹⁷ **Then Israel sang this song**, Spring up, O well; sing to it:

¹⁸ The leaders dug the well, the nobles of the people dug it with their staffs; at the direction of the lawgiver. And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah:

¹⁹ and from Mattanah to Nahaliel: and from Nahaliel to Bamoth:

²⁰ and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which overlooks toward Jeshimon. / and it sounds like they finally had one victory after another.

²¹ And Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

²² Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into any field, or vineyard; we will not drink water from any well: but we will go by the king's highway, until we pass through your borders.

²³ And Sihon would not permit Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

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24 And Israel struck him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from the river Arnon to Jabbok, even to the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon was strong.

25 And Israel took all these cities: and Israel lived in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its villages.

26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who fought against the former king of Moab, and took all his land from his hand, even to the Arnon.

27 Wherefore those who speak in proverbs say, Come to Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared:

28 for a fire went out from Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon: it devoured Ar of Moab, and the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29 Woe to you, O Moab! you are ruined, O people of Chemosh: he has given his sons as fugitives, and his daughters as captives to Sihon, king of the Amorites.

30 We have shot at them; Heshbon is ruined even to Dibon, then we laid them waste even to Nophah, which reaches to Medeba.

31 Thus Israel lived in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spy out Jazer, and they took its villages, and drove out the Amorites who were there.

33 Then they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.

34 But the LORD said to Moses, Do not fear him: for I have given him into your hand, and all his people, and his land; and you will do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.

35 So they struck him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was no one left: and they possessed his land. / and all this might sound a little brutal; but that is mostly because you probably haven't studied who these ancient groups were. Many of them were cousins to Israel; others were squatters who had moved into their homes, while Israel was in Egypt for a period of time.

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How long was Israel in Egypt?

We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses.