

## Chukat: Numbers 21:4-22:1

(4) They set out from Mount Hor by way of the Sea of Reeds to skirt the land of Edom, and the people became impatient on the journey, (5) The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why did you make us leave Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread and no water, and we have come to loathe this miserable food." (6) YHVH sent seraph serpents against the people. They bit the people and many of the Israelites died. (7) The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned by speaking against YHVH and against you. Intercede with YHVH to take away the serpents from us!" And Moses interceded for the people. (8) Then YHVH said to Moses, "Make a seraph figure and mount it on a standard. And if anyone who is bitten looks at it, he shall recover." (9) Moses made a copper serpent and mounted it on a standard; and when anyone was bitten by a serpent, he would look at the copper serpent and recover.

(10) The Israelites marched on and encamped at Ovpt. (11) They set out from Ovot and encamped at Iye-Ha-Avarim, in the wilderness bordering on Moab to the east. (12) From there they set out and encamped at the wadi Zered. (13) From there they set out and encamped beyond the Arnon, that is, in the wilderness that extends from the territory of the Amorites. For the Arnon is the boundary of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. (14) Therefore the Book of the Wars of YHVH speaks of "...Waheb in Sufa, the wadis, Arnon (15) with its tributary wadis, stretched along the settled country of Ar, hugging the territory of Moab..." (16) And from there to Beer, which is the well where YHVH said to Moses, "Assemble the people that I may give them water."

(ד) ויסעוּ מֵהַר הָהָרָה יַם־סוּף לְסַבֵּב אֶת־אֶרֶץ אֱדוֹם וַתִּקְצַר נַפְשֵׁי־הָעָם בַּדֶּרֶךְ׃  
(ה) וַיְדַבֵּר הָעָם בְּאֱלֹהִים וּבַמֶּשֶׁה לֵּמָּה הֵעֲלִיתֵנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם לָמוֹת בַּמִּדְבָּר כִּי אֵין לָחֶם וְאֵין מַיִם וְנִפְשָׁנוּ קָצָה בַּלֶּחֶם הַקָּלֵקֵל׃ (ו) וַיִּשְׁלַח יְהוָה בָּעָם אֶת הַנְּחָשִׁים הַשֶּׂרְפִיִּים וַיִּנְשְׁכוּ אֶת־הָעָם וַיָּמָת עִם־רַב מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל׃ (ז) וַיָּבֹא הָעָם אֶל־מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמְרוּ חֲטֵאֵנוּ כִּי־דִבַּרְנוּ בַיהוָה וּבָךְ הַתְּפִלֵּל אֶל־יְהוָה וַיִּסַּר מֵעֲלֵינוּ אֶת־הַנְּחָשׁ וַיִּתְּפִלֵּל מֹשֶׁה בְּעַד הָעָם׃ (ח) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה עֲשֵׂה לָךְ שֵׁרֶף וְשִׂים אֹתוֹ עַל־גִּיס וְהָיָה כָּל־הַנִּשְׁוֹךְ וְרָאָה אֹתוֹ וְחָי׃ (ט) וַיַּעַשׂ מֹשֶׁה נְחָשׁ נְחֹשֶׁת וַיִּשְׁמְהוּ עַל־הַגִּיס וְהָיָה אִם־נִשְׁךְ הַנְּחָשׁ אֶת־אִישׁ וְהִבִּיט אֶל־נְחָשׁ הַנְּחֹשֶׁת וְחָי׃

(י) וַיִּסְעוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיַּחֲנוּ בְּאֶבֶת׃ (יא) וַיִּסְעוּ מֵאֶבֶת וַיַּחֲנוּ בְּעֵי הַעֲבָרִים בַּמִּדְבָּר אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי מוֹאָב מִמִּזְרַח הַשָּׁמֶשׁ׃ (יב) מִשָּׁם נָסְעוּ וַיַּחֲנוּ בְּנַחַל זֶרֶד׃ (יג) מִשָּׁם נָסְעוּ וַיַּחֲנוּ מֵעֵבֶר אֲרָנוֹן אֲשֶׁר בַּמִּדְבָּר הַיָּצֵא מִגְּבֹל הָאֱמֹרִי כִּי אֲרָנוֹן גְּבוּל מוֹאָב בֵּין מוֹאָב וּבֵין הָאֱמֹרִי׃ (יד) עַל־כֵּן יֹאמַר בְּסֹפֶר מִלְחָמַת יְהוָה אֶת־זֶה־בְּסוֹפָה וְאֶת־הַנְּחָלִים אֲרָנוֹן׃ (טו) וְאֲשֶׁר הַנְּחָלִים אֲשֶׁר נָטָה לְשִׁבְתָּ עָר וְנִשְׁעַן לְגְבוּל מוֹאָב׃ (טז) וּמִשָּׁם בָּאָרְהָ הוּא הַבְּאֵר אֲשֶׁר אָמַר יְהוָה לְמֹשֶׁה אֶסַּף אֶת־הָעָם וְאֶתְּנָה לָהֶם מַיִם׃

(17) Then Israel sang this song: Spring up, O well—sing to it— (18) The well that was dug out by princes, that was excavated by the nobles of the people, with scepter, with their rods! Now from the wilderness to Mattanah, (19) and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamot, (20) and from Bamot to the valley that is in the country of Moab, at the peak of Pisgah, overlooking the wasteland.

(21) Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, (22) “Let me pass through your country. We will not turn off into fields or vineyards, and we will not drink water from wells. We will follow the king’s highway until we have crossed your territory.” (23) But Sihon would not let Israel pass through his territory. Sihon gathered all his people and went out against Israel in the wilderness. He came to Yahatz and waged war against Israel. (24) But Israel put them to the sword, and took possession of their land, from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as [Az] of the Ammonites, for Az marked the boundary of the Ammonites. (25) Israel took all those towns. And Israel settled in all the towns of the Amorites, in Heshbon and all its dependencies. (26) Now Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against a former king of Moab and taken all his land from him as far as the Arnon. (27) Therefore the bards would recite: “Come to Heshbon; firmly built And well founded is Sihon’s city.

(28) For fire went forth from Heshbon, Flame from Sihon’s city, consuming Ar of Moab, inhabitants of the heights of Arnon. (29) Woe to you, Moab! You are undone, O people of Chemosh! His sons are rendered fugitive and his daughters captive by an Amorite king, Sihon.” (30) Yet we have cast them down utterly, Heshbon along with Dibon; we have wrought desolation at Nofah, which is hard by Medeva.

(יז) אָז יִשְׂרָאֵל אָת־הַשִּׁירָה הַזֹּאת  
עָלֵי בְאֵר עֲנוּלָהּ: (יח) בְּאֵר חֲפְרוּהָ  
שָׂרִים כְּרוּהָ גְדִיבֵי הָעָם בְּמַחֲקָה  
בְּמַשְׁעֲנַתָּם וּמִמְדַּבֵּר מִתְנַהּ: (יט) וּמִמְתַּנָּה  
נַחְלֵי־אֵיֶל וּמִנַּחְלֵי־אֵיֶל בְּמֹת: (כ) וּמִבְּמֹת  
הַגִּיא־אֲשֶׁר בְּשִׁדְהָ מוֹאָב רֹאשׁ הַפְּסִגָה  
וּנְשַׁקְפָה עַל־פְּנֵי הַיַּשִּׁימֹן:  
(כא) וַיִּשְׁלַח יִשְׂרָאֵל מְלָאכִים אֶל־סִיחֹן  
מֶלֶךְ־הָאֲמֹרִי לֵאמֹר: (כב) אֶעֱבְרָה בְּאַרְצְךָ  
לֹא נִטָּה בְּשִׁדְהָ וּבְכָרֶם לֹא נִשְׁתָּה מִי בְּאֵר  
בְּדֶרֶךְ הַמַּלְּוָה לְלוֹהֵ עַד אֲשֶׁר־נַעֲבֹר גְּבֻלָּהּ:  
(כג) וְלֹא־נָתַן סִיחֹן אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל עֹבֵר  
בְּגִבְלוֹ וַיֹּאסֶף סִיחֹן אֶת־כָּל־עַמּוֹ וַיֵּצֵא  
לְקִרְאֵת יִשְׂרָאֵל הַמְּדַבְּרָה וַיָּבֵא יְהֻצָה  
וַיִּלְחֶם בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל: (כד) וַיִּכְהוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל לְפִי־  
חֶרֶב וַיִּירֹשׁ אֶת־אַרְצוֹ מֵאַרְנוֹן עַד־יַבְקָע־  
בְּנֵי עַמּוֹן כִּי עַז גְּבוּל בְּנֵי עַמּוֹן: (כה) וַיִּקַּח  
יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת כָּל־הָעָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וַיֵּשֶׁב  
יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל־עָרֵי הָאֲמֹרִי בְּחֶשְׁבֹּן וּבְכָל־  
בְּנֵי־יָהּ: (כו) כִּי חֶשְׁבֹּן עִיר סִיחֹן מְלֹךְ  
הָאֲמֹרִי הָיָא וְהָיָא גְּלוּחִים בְּמֶלֶךְ מוֹאָב  
הָרֹאשֹׁן וַיִּקַּח אֶת־כָּל־אַרְצוֹ מִדָּן עַד־  
אַרְנוֹן: (כז) עַל־כֵּן יֹאמְרוּ הַמְּשֻׁלִּים בְּאוֹ  
חֶשְׁבֹּן תִּבְנֶה וְתִכּוֹנֵן עִיר סִיחֹן:

(כח) כִּי־אֵשׁ יֵצְאָה מִחֶשְׁבֹּן לְהִבָּה  
מִקְרִית סִיחֹן אֶכְלָה עָר מוֹאָב בְּעָלֵי  
בְּמֹת אַרְנוֹן: (כט) אוֹיֵלָהּ מוֹאָב אֲבַדְתָּ  
עַם־כְּמוֹשׁ נָתַן בְּנָיו פְּלִיטִים וּבְנֹתָיו  
בְּשָׁבִית לְמֶלֶךְ אֲמֹרִי סִיחֹן: (ל) וַנִּירָם  
אֲבַד חֶשְׁבֹּן עַד־דִּיבֹן וַנִּשִּׁים עַד־נֹפַח  
אֲשֶׁר עַד־מִידְבָּא:

**Misheberach for Healing**  
(words and music by Debbie Friedman)

*Mi shebeirach avoteinu*  
*M'kor habracha l'imoteinu*

May the source of strength who blessed the ones before us,  
Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing  
And let us say: Amen.

*Mi shebeirach imoteinu*  
*M'kor habracha l'avoteinu*

Bless those in need of healing with refuah sh'leimah  
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit  
And let us say: Amen.



(31) So Israel settled in the land of the Amorites. (32) Then Moses sent [men] to scout Ya'azer, and they captured its dependencies and dispossessed the Amorites who were there. (33) They marched on and went up the road to Bashan, and King Og of Bashan, with all his people, came out to Edrei to engage them in battle. (34) But YHVH said to Moses, "Do not fear him, for I give him and all his people and his land into your hand. You shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites who dwelt in Heshbon." (35) They defeated him and his sons and all his people, until no remnant was left him; and they took possession of his country. (1) The Israelites then marched on and encamped in the steppes of Moab, across the Jordan from Jericho.

(לא) וַיָּשֶׁב יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאֶרֶץ הָאֱמֹרִי:  
(לב) וַיִּשְׁלַח מֹשֶׁה לְרַגֵּל אֶת־יַעֲזֵר וַיִּלְכְּדוּ  
בְּנִתְיָהּ (וַיִּירָשׁ) [וַיִּירָשׁ] אֶת־הָאֱמֹרִי  
אֲשֶׁר־שָׁם: (לג) וַיִּפְּנוּ וַיַּעֲלוּ דֶרֶךְ הַבְּשָׁן  
וַיֵּצֵא עֹג מֶלֶךְ־הַבְּשָׁן לִקְרֹאתָם הוּא וְכָל־  
עַמּוֹ לְמַלְחָמָה אֲדָרְעִי: (לד) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה  
אֶל־מֹשֶׁה אַל־תִּירָא אֹתוֹ כִּי בְיָדִי נֹתַתִּי  
אֹתוֹ וְאֶת־כָּל־עַמּוֹ וְאֶת־אֶרְצוֹ וְעַשִּׂיתָ לוֹ  
כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ לְסִיחֹן מֶלֶךְ הָאֱמֹרִי אֲשֶׁר  
יָוֹשֵׁב בְּחֶשְׁבֹן: (לה) וַיִּכּוּ אֹתוֹ וְאֶת־בְּנָיו  
וְאֶת־כָּל־עַמּוֹ עַד־בְּלִתֵּי הַשָּׁאִיר־לוֹ שָׂרִיד  
וַיִּירָשׁוּ אֶת־אֶרְצוֹ: (א) וַיִּסְעוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
וַיַּחֲנוּ בְּעַרְבֹת מוֹאָב מֵעַבְרָ לְיַרְדֵּן יְרִחוֹ:

## Haftarah: Micah 6:1-8

(1) Hear what YHVH is saying: Come, present [My] case before the mountains, and let the hills hear you pleading. (2) Hear, you mountains, the case of YHVH— You firm foundations of the earth! For YHVH has a case against His people, He has a suit against Israel. (3) “My people! What wrong have I done you? What hardship have I caused you? Testify against Me. (4) In fact, I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. (5) My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted against you, and how Balaam son of Beor responded to him. [Recall your passage] From Shittim to Gilgal— and you will recognize the gracious acts of YHVH.” (6) With what shall I approach YHVH, Do homage to God on high? Shall I approach Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? (7) Would YHVH be pleased with thousands of rams, With myriads of streams of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, The fruit of my body for my sins? (8) “God has told you, humanity, what is good, and what YHVH requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk modestly with your God.

(א) שְׁמַעוּ־נָא אֶת אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אָמַר  
קוֹם רִיב אֶת־הַהָרִים וְתִשְׁמַעְנָה  
הַגְּבָעוֹת קוֹלְךָ: (ב) שְׁמַעוּ הָרִים אֶת־  
רִיב יְהוָה וְהֵאתַנִּים מִן־סִדֵי אֲרָץ כְּי  
רִיב לְיְהוָה לְעַם־עַמּוֹ וְעַם־יִשְׂרָאֵל  
יִתּוֹפֵחַ: (ג) עַמִּי מָה־עָשִׂיתִי לָךְ וּמָה  
הִלַּאתִיךָ עֲנֵה בִי: (ד) כִּי הֶעֱלֵתִיךָ  
מֵאֲרָץ מִצְרַיִם וּמִבֵּית עַבְדִּים פְּדִיתִיךָ  
וְאִשְׁלַח לְפָנֶיךָ אֶת־מֹשֶׁה אֶהְרֹן  
וּמִרְיָם: (ה) עַמִּי זְכַר־נָא מַה־יַּעַץ בְּלֶקַח  
מֶלֶךְ מוֹאָב וּמָה־עָנָה אֹתוֹ בְּלַעַם בֶּן־  
בְּעֹר מִן־הַשֹּׁטִים עַד־הַגִּלְגָּל לְמַעַן  
דַּעַת צְדָקוֹת יְהוָה: (ו) בַּמָּה אֶקְדָּם  
יְהוָה אִפְרָ לֵאלֹהֵי מָרוֹם הָאֶקְדָּמְנוּ  
בְּעוֹלוֹת בַּעֲגָלִים בְּגִי שָׁנָה: (ז) הֲיִרְצֶה  
יְהוָה בְּאַלְפֵי אֵילִים בְּרִבְבוֹת נַחְלֵי־  
שָׁמֶן הָאֵתָן בְּכוֹרֵי פִשְׁעֵי פִרִי בְטָנִי  
חֲטָאת נַפְשִׁי: (ח) הֲגִיד לָךְ אָדָם מַה־  
טוֹב וּמָה־יְהוָה דוֹרֵשׁ מִמֶּךָ כִּי אִם־  
עֲשׂוֹת מִשְׁפָּט וְאַהֲבַת חֶסֶד וְהִצַּנֵּעַ  
לִבְּת עַם־אֱלֹהֶיךָ: