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<p>12Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.”</p> <p>13This was the water of Meribah, because the children of Israel contended with the Lord, and He was hallowed among them.</p>	<p>Moses and Aaron did not believe and hallow God. What is the sin?</p> <p>(Massah and) Meribah Ps 95 Heb 3:8 rebellion and testing Ex 17:7 Meribah Ps 81:7 I tested you as the water of M.</p>

<p>14Now Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom. “Thus says your brother Israel: ‘You know all the hardship that has befallen us, 15‘how our fathers went down to Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians afflicted us and our fathers. 16‘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. 17‘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>While at Kadesh, Moses sent a request to Edomite King</p> <p>Moses’ Song-Exodus 15 had foretold: “Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; The mighty men of Moab, Trembling will take hold of them; All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away” (v.15). Genesis 36:6-8, 43 Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all ... and went to a country away from the presence of his brother Jacob. ⁷For their possessions were too great for them to dwell together, and the land where they were strangers could not support them because of their livestock. ⁸So Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. Esau is Edom. ... ⁴³Esau was the Father of the Edomites”</p>
<p>18Then Edom said to him, “You shall not pass through my land, lest I come out against you with the sword.” 19So 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 more.” 20Then he said, “You shall not pass through.”</p> <p>So Edom came out against them with many men and with a strong hand. 21Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory; so Israel turned away from him.</p>	<p>The Edomite response was an unbrotherly, “NO!”</p> <p>Deut 2:4-6</p>
<p>22Then the children of Israel, the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh and came to Mount Hor. 23And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor by the border of the land of Edom, saying:</p> <p>24“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>25“Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor; 26“and strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; for Aaron shall be gathered to his people and die there.” 27So Moses did just as the Lord commanded, and they went up to Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. 28Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there on the top of the mountain.</p> <p>Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. 29Now when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, all the house of Israel mourned for Aaron thirty days.</p>	<p>From Kadesh to Mt. Hor (Num 33:8) by the border of the land of Edom (that is the region of Mt. Hor also called Mosera Deut 10:6, and Moseroth Num 33:30.</p> <p>Aaron (123 years old) dies in the 5th month (Num 33:38) on Mt Hor (see Numbers 20:12) and Eleazar is invested as high priest.</p> <p>Gathered to his people</p>

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