

XXI. SUMMARY OF THE JOURNEYS FROM EGYPT TO THE PLAINS OF MOAB.

xxxiii.1-49

This tabulation summarizes the journeys described in Ex.xiii-xvii and in Nu.x-xxii. It was written by Moses at the express command of God (2). Since Moses was trained in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and the Egyptians had been adept in writing for more than a thousand years before this time, it is not at all strange that he should be able to keep careful records and to write all the books which are ascribed to him.

XXII. PLANS FOR THE DIVISION OF CANAAN. xxxiii.50-xxxvi.13

a. The general command (xxxiii.5-56)

Division of the land is to be proportional to the size of the tribes (54). All the paraphernalia of idolatry are to be destroyed (52). Severe warning is given against leaving the conquest incomplete (55-56).

b. Delimitation of the land yet to be apportioned (xxxiv.1-15)

The borders of the land to be divided among the remaining nine and a half tribes are described (1-13), since the other two and a half tribes have already received their inheritance, in Transjordan (14-15)/

c. Designation of officials to conduct the apportionment (xxxiv.16-29)

Even before the conquest of Canaan, the officials to divide the land were designated. It must have been a real test of faith to these men, to receive this appointment while the land was still in the hands of the powerful race which had so terrified the spies (Nu.xiii.31-33). In addition to Eleazar the priest and Joshua the successor of Moses, ten men are listed, one from each of the tribes which had not yet received their full territory. It is interesting to observe, not only that none of these tribal princes listed in Nu.1 is included (all of these having died in the wilderness), but also that no one of these is the son of a member of that list.