

The Holy Land Season 4: The Wilderness



Scriptures

En Gedi

- 1 Samuel 26:9
- Genesis 9:21-25
- Romans 13:1-2
- Hebrews 13:17

Sodom and Gomorrah

- Genesis 19
- Genesis 1:27
- Romans 12:2
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

Sinai Wilderness

- Exodus 5:1
- Exodus 13:21
- 2 Corinthians 1:8-9
- Matthew 4
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Main Points

- God is still connected to the physical land of Israel today.
- En Gedi:
 - We need to cultivate sensitivity to sin and authority.
 - We must learn to show respect and appreciation for authority figures.
- Sodom and Gomorrah
- Sinai Wilderness
 - It's often in the wilderness where we learn lessons that we carry with us for the rest of our lives.
 - Some things we can only learn in the wilderness.
 - The wilderness represents the fact that we have no provision other than God.
 - Don't waste your wilderness!

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Discussion Questions

1. Whose example of respect for authority was demonstrated at En Gedi? What did Rabbi mean when he said respect for authority causes us to “look taller”?

2. What is the lesson of Sodom and Gomorrah? How does the Hebrew Bible, biology, and science support God’s ultimate plan and purpose for the creation of male and female? All sins are forgiven in Christ, and all things become new. How does God break through the traps of any sin, including homosexuality?

3. Why can the wilderness times of life be the most beneficial to us? Rabbi pointed out that when we are in the wilderness, we find out what things we are leaning on that are really NOT God. Have you experienced this? Write about it here.

4. What might be some things we can do during wilderness times to ensure we don’t waste our wilderness, as Rabbi encouraged us not to do.