



Midbar / Wilderness

Transcript

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“They wandered in the *midbar* in a desolate place. They could find no path to an inhabited city.”

Midbar describes a wilderness land of scarcity—and often, danger. It’s the opposite of a garden, which is teeming with life and resources.

People’s vulnerability in the *midbar* can make it a testing ground where God invites them to trust in his provision and protection. For years, the Israelites wander in the *midbar*, struggling to rely on God as they long for a sense of security.

But sometimes the *midbar* serves as a refuge, like when David flees to the *midbar* to escape King Saul’s murderous pursuit.

The prophets use the metaphor of God sprouting a garden in the *midbar* as an image of God’s promise to overturn all danger, scarcity, and death.

“The *midbar* and the dry land will be glad, and the desert will rejoice and blossom like a flower.”