



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

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Succoth, 1940.

H. Two motifs ^{Umanat} (a) Desert (b) Sown Land.
 Wilderness - ~~the~~ Cultivated Land

(a) 2010 - 40 yrs. wandering in Umanat-fashion
~~for~~ across barren wastes, from
one tab to another, from one
well to another - Temporary Booths
 or shelters such as Berwin still
 erect. 1011, 1102, 12

(b) 2010 - 1011, 12 - settled life in
 fertile Palestine - rich valleys &
 plains - + ^{settled} ~~hill-side~~ dropping
 down sweet wine and the hills
 flowing with milk - when for -
 father but yield of grain, field,
orchard & vineyard.

2f. Thus the 2 motifs, Want & Plenty
Scarcity & Abundance, or, if you will
Adversity & Prosperity are symbolized here.

Both are realities. Neither should be
 overlooked.

① In adversity - "in a water & hungry
 wilderness" - "a land of drought & shadow of
 death"
 1011, 1102, 12

We should thank - on him, his deeds - (2)
is Promised Land - and Hope!

② In Prophecy - "grow thick and become
grass" - Wax fat and kick!

There is always possibility of drought &
famine, of loss of fortune, of econ. disast.
& sickness, accident, harassment &
sorrow - 'The desert creeping in on
the green land - "The Just Bewildered",
life - Refugees

Not to be proud, arrogant, But humble
and grateful, & charitable.

2/ Our forefathers were never permitted to
forget their 40 yrs. wanderings in the wilderness.

- To poet - desert folk - for countless centuries

- Stamp heel deep on character - to this day

- { Passions - lively imagination - strong
individual - fierce pride - love of freedom

✓ Life in the wilderness is hard -

Sinai Peninsula - "some of all desert
pastures" - water is scarce & commonly

(4)

- In despair - water from rock -
manna from Heaven - quartz from
the Sea!

3/. When they entered Pal - it was like
evening - Milk and Honey:- (Deut. 8.)
- Prophets - reminded them, the great
mercy - underscored their ingratitudes.

4/. Remembrance - looked back upon Desert experience
not with out nostalgia - its chances -
its freedom - the simple & uncomplicated
life - There was the Yarth of Israel spirit -
- Pure Faith, unclouded by sympathy
with Boal Worlds, Canaanites -
- moral abominations, their rituals

= Honey-moon period: "Thus saith the
Lord: I remember for thee the affection of thy
youth, ~~the love~~ your bridal love, how thou
followed me in the wilderness, in a land
that was not sown."
Out, the desert came the stern

meritor, the pure faith - like Elyah, in 15
his coat & cannibals hair - Uncompromising
zeal -

(a) Fierce love & Freedom - Kings
(note) Lawrence to do

5). Israel's devotion to Dem. Equality
have a very early origin - deep roots
& which also, in recalling our Israel's
desert - nomad life, reminds us.

6). Dictators, in attacking us, really seek
to destroy sp. & dem. Equality which
they rightly find inherent primarily in
us - and by us, symbolized in world

→ Aryan Tradition - Caste & Slavery ^{social distinctions}
submission - Judaism, Persecution - Antagonism
of State - Elite - Enslavement of all others

7). x100 like 1000 & 10000 - all
related to Exodus - Union 1/15 -

- And finally, to day, as 7 years, of Freedom
liberty - Pure faith - Clear thinking - truth