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The Wilderness Generation

26: 63-65



These verses are an editorial comment that differentiates the Second Census (to see link click Ec - The Second Census: The New Generation of Hope) from the First One (see Ai - The First Census: The Old Generation of Rebellion), and reminds the reader that the curse of 14:29-30 had become a reality (see Cb - God's Response). These are the ones numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest when they counted the Israelites on the plains of Mo'ab by the Jordan across from Jericho. Not one of the Exodus generation was among those counted in the First Census by Moses and Aaron the priest when they counted the Israelites in the Desert of Sinai. For YHVH had told those Israelites they would surely die in the wilderness, and not one of them was left except Caleb, and Joshua. It was now the wilderness generation that would enter the Promised Land.