

(wandering)

77<sup>7</sup> 3. The migration through the wilderness and the arrival at Sinai, ch. 15.22-18.27. First, one assigns 15.22 and vss. 23 and 27 to Q.

Admitting that Q contained these places- it is likewise certain that JE contained them, because if Elim is not <sup>presently</sup> evident here any further, then the situation for Q regarding the Yom-Suph is not any different. How can one correctly make JE here incomplete, in order to make Q complete? According to the coherence, JE has a close connection with these verses; vss. 22b and 23 stand in completely clear connection to vss. 24ff (1. cf. Kayser, p.50. Cf. Joshua 24.25 to 15.25.). Very meaningful formal bases must exist for Q in order to justify the pulling-out. However, the case is just the opposite. In vs.22,  $\text{DWD } \text{y}^{\text{d}}$  is foreign to this source, as similarly  $\text{S}^{\text{X}}\text{7W}$  (instead of that  $\text{S}^{\text{X}}\text{7J}$  or  $\text{S}^{\text{X}}\text{7L}$ ); in vs.23, the characteristic  $\text{J}^{\text{D}}\text{y}^{\text{d}}$  lacks at the start. Likewise in vs. 27, ~~as well as the last verse, having~~ an episodal content nearer to JE than to Q. With Numbers 33, one doesn't accomplish anything, if he hadn't achieved his purpose (proof) previously that it may be impossible or improbable that the author of this catalogue is later than JE.- Further, according to Nöldeke, ch.16 should stem entirely from Q, only that one may accept some small insertions perhaps (1. The prolepsis in 16.33f is surely not more offensive than  $\text{S}^{\text{X}}\text{77}$  in 12.17. In opposition to deWette, Beiträge, II, p.223.). The insertions, however, are not so small. If vss. 9ff derives from Q, then vss. 4-8 certainly do not, because we unquestionably know everything already in vss. 4-8 which we should only experience from vss. 9ff. As vss. 4-8 between Q's vss 1-3 and vss. 9ff, vss. 27-30 similarly presses between Q's vss. 22-26 and 31ff. In vs. 24 to 26, it has already for a long time been Sabbath