

purely a guess on the part of the translators that the Sea of Reeds would mean the Red Sea. When an ~~excavation~~ expedition in Egypt last year stated that ~~it~~ they did not believe it was the Red Sea that was crossed but the area of the Bitter Lakes which is north of the Red Sea. We recieved considerable publicity in our newspapers last year that the Bible was wrong. The Israelites hadn't crossed ~~there~~ the Red Sea. Actually, of course, Bible scholars have believed for ~~some~~ at least a decade that it was the Bitter Lakes that was crossed and not the Red Sea. The Bible does not say the Red Sea here; it says the Sea of Reeds.

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That is a place where a mistranslation or a translation that tries to use modern terminology and makes a wrong guess on it and later leads the people thinking that the Bible is wrong. Now the Red Sea then has these two branches, the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Achan, and from the statement connected here where Ezion Geber is mentioned it was conjectured that Ezion Geber was here. But immediately one questions the wisdom of Solomon. Why should he build a navy of ships down here at Ezion Geber? Here is the Wilderness of Zin, a great desert area down here, an area which ~~was~~ if full of great cliffs and hills and difficult to get across and full ~~of~~ of serpents ( if you have read the book, Seven Pillars of Wisdom, you remember how when he went through this great area, serpents were so numerous there that it was necessary for one of them get up very easily in the morning and take a stick and go around and chase away the serpents that were lying tight against the others as they lay there before they

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to build his navy there and from there he could have gone in ships down to here and with a small portage where the canal is now, he could have carried the stuff to ~~the~~ the edge of the sea and then carried it with ships down here also. Instead of having to make this long ~~trip~~ trip of several week s here through this very difficult country down here to Ezion Geber. If he was just a powerful ruler with lots of power he might have said, "Yes, I want to build that thing down there." They