

remember the fact that Scripture must be taken as a whole. The absoluteness of this passage ~~is~~ is contradicted by that by the fact that in verse 33 of chapter 10 it says that the ark of the Lord went before them for three days' journey to search out a resting place for them, ~~It's~~ It's contradicted by the fact that in this same chapter in verses 29 to 32 Moses said to Hobab, his brother-in-law, he said, "We are journeying to the place of which the Lord said, 'I will give it to you: come thou with us, and we will do thee ~~good~~ good." (not accurate quote) He said, "I won't go; I'll depart to my own kindred." Moses said, "Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes." There'd be no reason for Moses to think of this being a real advantage to them if it was were just a matter of blindly following that cloud as it moved without any ~~consideration~~ need of any further consideration. And then of course we have the spies a few chapters later sent into the land of ~~Canaan~~ Canaan, to spy out the land, and in the beginning of Joshua, when they went into Jericho, we have the spies sent to spy out the area there. And so it is clear that this passage is not as absolute as it seems at first sight. glance. So we take No. 3:

3. Possibilities regarding the historical ~~occurrence~~ occurrence.

If this this could simply always be visible, you'd always see it there, and know you're to stake camp, you'd always see it move if you were to move; other these ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~ matters we've looked at with hardly being possible (not clear) they'd hardly be mentioned. So what is the real situation about them? What full was the true/historical situation? Well, there are two possibilities that (not clear) occur to us. One of these will be a small "a" under "3"

a. Perhaps the cloud appeared only at special times. As you look at it in the English you would get the impression that it's always the case. The English translates the ~~verb~~ verb (s)? by a past. Whether it was (verse 22) (not clear) two days or a month or a year that the clouds tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents