
THE MYSTERY OF *MAON*

...so he descended to the rock and stayed in the wilderness of Maon.” – 1 Samuel 23:25

“**rock**” = סלע (*sela*) 1st occurrence – Num.20:8-11

“**wilderness**” = במדבר (*bemidbar*)

“The Torah was given in the presence of three things – fire, water, and the desert.” – Bemidbar Rabbah 1:7

“**Maon**” = מעון = “habitation/shelter”

עון = “iniquity/punishment/guilt”

מ+עון = “from iniquity/punishment/guilt”

1 Samuel 18:9

“And Saul eyed David from that day on.”

ויהי שאול עון [עוין] את דוד מהיום ההוא והלאה:

Written → עון

Read → עוין (“eyed”)