



THE NORTHERN EDGE OF THE WILDERNESS

This land is at the northern edge of the Israelite wandering. Clearly, the people of Israel could not have survived without God's provision. They had to learn to depend on him. The small shrubs that grow here were called broom trees and frequently enter the biblical story (Gen. 21:15-16; 1 Kings 19:3-5). The burning bush may have been one of these trees (Ex. 3).