Empty Quarter

White projections of cloud cast elongated shadows on the Rub’ al Khali, or Empty Quarter, near the border between Saudi Arabia and Yemen. The lines of wind-swept sand are characteristic of immense sand dunes, or sand seas, and the Rub’ al Khali is one of the largest features of this type in the world. A highland ridge is just high enough to disturb the flow of the lines. In the center of that interruption lies a Saudi Arabian town of Shimalah.