



Exodus

GOD'S PROVISION FOR THE JOURNEY

Exodus 15:22-18:27

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The Journey Commences

Exodus 15:22 marks the beginning of a 40-year journey in the Wilderness. At this point, neither Moses nor the Children of Israel had any idea of how long this sojourn would take.

Testing and Grumbling

This journey would be marked by times of testing that often led to times of grumbling.

Water and Food

Obviously, traveling through this part of the world presented Israel with practical challenges. Food and water could be scarce along the way. How would there be enough water to drink and food to eat?

- Water - God provided water miraculously for Israel. We read in Exodus 15:22-27, 17:1-7 ---- where God provided sufficient water to drink.
- Food - How could there be enough food? Again, we read of God's provision of both manna and quail to eat - Exodus 16.

Protection

The arrival of Israel in both the wilderness and later in the Promised Land would be threatening to the Bedouin tribes and other ancient peoples who occupied this territory. The first skirmish was with the Amalekites - Exodus 17:8-16

Governance

Israel needed to be governed as they emerged into a nation. Moses was in charge of the people. His father-in-law, Jethro, arrived to offer Moses some wise counsel that would be used by Moses to develop an efficient and effective way of governing the people (Exodus 18).

Glory of God

God's glory was on display through the presence of cloud (Exodus 16:10) and through His provision for their needs throughout the journey.