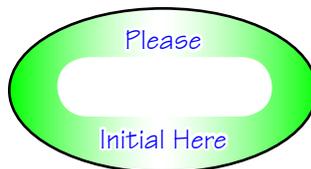


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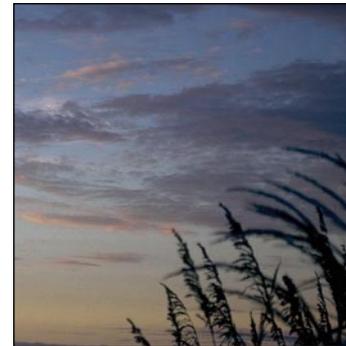
The Travels of the Chosen Children of Israel

- Lesson Three -

God's Provision

I. Overview.

After God had delivered Israel from the hand of Pharaoh and had led them across the Red Sea, they stood on the edge of the wilderness. There were probably close to two million people among them. They had a long journey ahead of them to reach the land of Canaan. They would need much food, water and protection in order to get there safely, but these things were not available to them in the wilderness. If they were going to make it, God would have to do something.



Early each morning God provided manna to eat.

But God never leaves His people without the necessary supplies. He knew everything about their situation and had every intention of taking care of their needs. He provided food for them in the form of manna. He gave them plentiful water out of a rock. He was also with them in a strong way when they battled their enemies in the wilderness. In all these ways God cared for His people.

II. Memory Verse.

“And Moses said to them, it is bread which Jehovah has given you to eat.”

(Exo. 16:15)

III. Lesson.

There was no way that Israel would survive long in the wilderness without food and water. But God provided food and water for them in miraculous ways.



There was no food, water or protection for Israel in the wilderness.

The Manna

Every morning God sent manna – bread from heaven for Israel to eat. The manna appeared on the ground every morning for the children of Israel to gather and eat. It was small and round and tasted sweet. The children of Israel gathered the manna each morning and ate as much as they wanted.

Water From a Rock

One of the most critical needs in the desert is water. Israel had no water. Again, God came in to supply the need. God told Moses to strike a rock and water would pour forth. Moses did so in the sight of the leaders of Israel. Immediately water began to pour out of the rock. The water was sufficient to meet the needs of all the people.

Protection From Their Enemies

As the children of Israel began to travel across the wilderness they encountered people who attacked them. Moses told Joshua, his faithful young helper, to choose men from among Israel to go out and fight against the enemy. Moses stood on top of a hill overlooking the valley where the battle was taking place. When Moses lifted up his hands Israel prevailed and when Moses let his hands down, the enemy prevailed. Moses

became quite tired, so they placed a stone under him for him to sit on and Aaron and Hur helped hold his hands up. Because of this Israel won the battle. God was certainly with them.

Israel Comes to Mount Sinai

Israel then came to the area of the wilderness near Mount Sinai. God told Moses that Israel was His personal treasure and that they were a holy nation. God told Moses to sanctify the people – to prepare them for God’s presence. He then called Moses and Joshua up Mount Sinai. God had much to say to Israel. In the next lesson we will see what God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What did Israel eat in the wilderness?

2. What did Israel drink in the wilderness and where did it come from?

3. When did the manna come?”

4. How did God help Israel defeat their enemy?

