

PROMISED LAND

Part 15: Water | Text: Exodus 17:1-7

Review:

1. The manna was a picture of Jesus coming as the Incarnate God. (John 6)
2. The manna had to be gathered daily. (Matthew 4:4)
3. They had the provision for 40 years. (Psalm 78:24, 25)

Exodus 17:1 (NKJV)

Rephidim: Rest, resting place: Hebrews 4:2, 3 | Romans 1:17

Hebrews 4:2 (MSG) We received the same promises as those people in the wilderness, but the promises didn't do them a bit of good because they didn't receive the promises with faith.

Exodus 17:2, 3

We see the same _____ as we saw with the manna. (5th of 12 complaints)

- Acts 16:10, 25 Paul and Silas
- John 6:5, 6 Jesus and Philip
- Psalm 89:32-34 (NLT) Mercy of the Lord

Psalm 89:32 (NLT) ...then I will punish their sin with the rod, and their disobedience with beating. (33) But I will never stop loving him nor fail to keep my promise to him. (34) No, I will not break my covenant; I will not take back a single word I said.

Exodus 17:4-7

Moses cries out to the Lord and he receives instruction.

- Take elders - Exodus 3:16
- Take rod of judgment
- Jesus was standing before him
- Smite the rock (Sur) - 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

The people doubted the Lord. He responded with provision, not anger.

We see here a picture of _____. When the rock was struck, it was a "type" of Jesus being struck.

- Isaiah 53:4,5
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

The _____ was that water came out for all the people.

Acts 2:17 | John 7:37-39 | Hebrews 13:20, 21

Acts 2:17 "In the last days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."

Numbers 20:1-5 (11th of 12 complaints)

This is close to 40 years later and it sounds like the same thing!

- Deuteronomy 6:6, 7
- Proverbs 22:6

Numbers 20:6-11

Once again, God spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them direction.

- Rod: Aaron's priestly rod that budded (Numbers 17)
- Rock: Cella which is a rock on the cliff; fortress
- Speak to the rock: Romans 6:9, 10; Hebrews 9:26-28
- Water came forth: Luke 11:13

Romans 6:9, 10 (NLT) We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. (10) When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God.

Moses misrepresented the character of God to Israel and it cost him the opportunity to go into Canaan with the people.

- Matthew 17:1-3
- Matthew 7:7, 8

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

D12 Discussion Points

1. Talk about the test that the Israelites went through and where these tests led them.
2. Talk about the miracle provision of the water and how it relates to the Holy Spirit being poured out on us.
3. Discuss how Numbers 20 parallels Exodus 17 but is different. How does this apply to our lives?
4. How is this a picture of the mercy of God and His commitment to His Word?

Prayer Agreement

Let's agree together that as the kids go back to school they will influence their friends for Christ and not allow their friends to influence them away from Christ.