

A SONG OF ISRAEL'S JOURNEY

Numbers 21:16-18

During all the journeys of the Israelites toward their Promised Land, and during their forty years of wandering in the wilderness, one great problem kept arising over and over again. Read below to see what this problem was, and how the people felt about it:

A. The Great Problem of the Wilderness: Locate each place on the map, page 18.

1. Immediately after the people left the Red Sea, what great problem arose? Exodus 15:22

2. What was the problem at Marah, their next stop? Exodus 15:23-24

3. How did the Lord solve the problem there? Exodus 15:25

4. What refreshing thing did they find at Elim, their next stop? Exodus 15:27

5. What was one great problem at Rephidim? Exodus 17:1-4

6. How did the Lord meet their need there? Exodus 17:5-7

7. After their year's stay at Mt. Sinai (during which time they received the Ten Commandments and built the Tabernacle) and after the spies had brought back the evil report and the forty years of wandering had begun, what problem arose when they reached Kadesh? Numbers 20:2-5

8. What different instructions did God give Moses for getting water from the rock at this time? Numbers 20:8

9. What did Moses do to get the water? Numbers 20:11

10. What did God say would happen to him because of this? Numbers 20:12

11. When they reached Horman, what problem again arose? Numbers 21:3-5

12. What did the Lord do to the people because they complained at this time? Numbers 21:6

13. What remedy did God provide for the people after this? Numbers 21:7-9

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14. After they had crossed the Arnon River, which separates the Moabites from the Amorites (see map, page 23) what did they find? Numbers 21:16

15. How do you think you would feel about this if you had been through all that the Israelites had been through? (THINK!)

16. What did the Israelites do on this occasion? Numbers 21:17a

B. The Song After the Wilderness Journeys: Read Numbers 21:16-18

1. Who had dug this well? Numbers 21:18a

2. What tools did they use in digging it? Numbers 21:18c

3. How did they know where to dig it? Numbers 21:18b

4. How had he known that there was water in this place? Numbers 21:16

5. What was the people's song to the well? Numbers 21:17

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What had God promised Israel before they began this journey? Exodus 6:8. How should they have felt when needs arose?

2. Have I learned to trust God to meet my needs, or do I murmur and complain until the need is met? Can I sing beforehand, or only afterwards?
