

SHEPHERD AND LEADER MOSES

Exodus 14:1 - 18:27

Key verse 17:15

* Israel's crossing of the Red Sea and God's desert training (14:1 - 16:36)

1. Contrast the Israelites' reaction with Moses' command in the desperate situation. (14:1-14) What did God want to teach his people? What can we learn from Moses? In what way did God reveal his glory? (15-31; Jos 2:10,11; Ps 106:7-11) How did the Israelites praise God's power and wonder demonstrated through the crossing of the Red Sea? (15:1-21; Ps 106:12)
2. What repeated challenges and discipline from God did the people experience? (15:22-24,27; 16:1-3; 17:1) What did Moses do as a leader? (15:25a; 16:4-8) Think about God's first training course in the desert: How did God solve the problems? What was God's purpose and how did God bring them to Elim? (13:8,20; 14:2,9,21,22; 15:23,27)
3. What did God command them for the collection of the manna? (16:16-30) How did Moses help the people to keep God's commands? (32-34) Which priority does the collection of the manna teach us for our life of faith? Why did God give such "Daily bread training"? (16:4; Deut 8:2,3) Think about the God who gave the Israelites manna for forty years daily and let them rest on the Sabbath! (16:29,35)

* The Lord is my Banner (17:1 - 18:27)

4. What did God want to teach the Israelites through the event in Rephidim? Why did they grumble repeatedly? (17:2-7) How did God give them victory against the Amalekites? (17:8-13) Why did Moses build an altar and called it "The Lord is my Banner"? (17:15) What was Jethro's advice to Moses, and what can we learn from Moses? (18:1-27; Eph 4:1-3,15,16)