



Spiritual
Lessons from
the life of
Moses

Lesson 8- The
Israelites at
Marah and Elim

Exodus 15

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- (1) Background: God led the Israelites across the parted Red Sea.
- (2) After crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites sang in praise of God (Exod 15:1-18).
- (3) They came to the waters of Marah and Elim (Exod 15:22-27)

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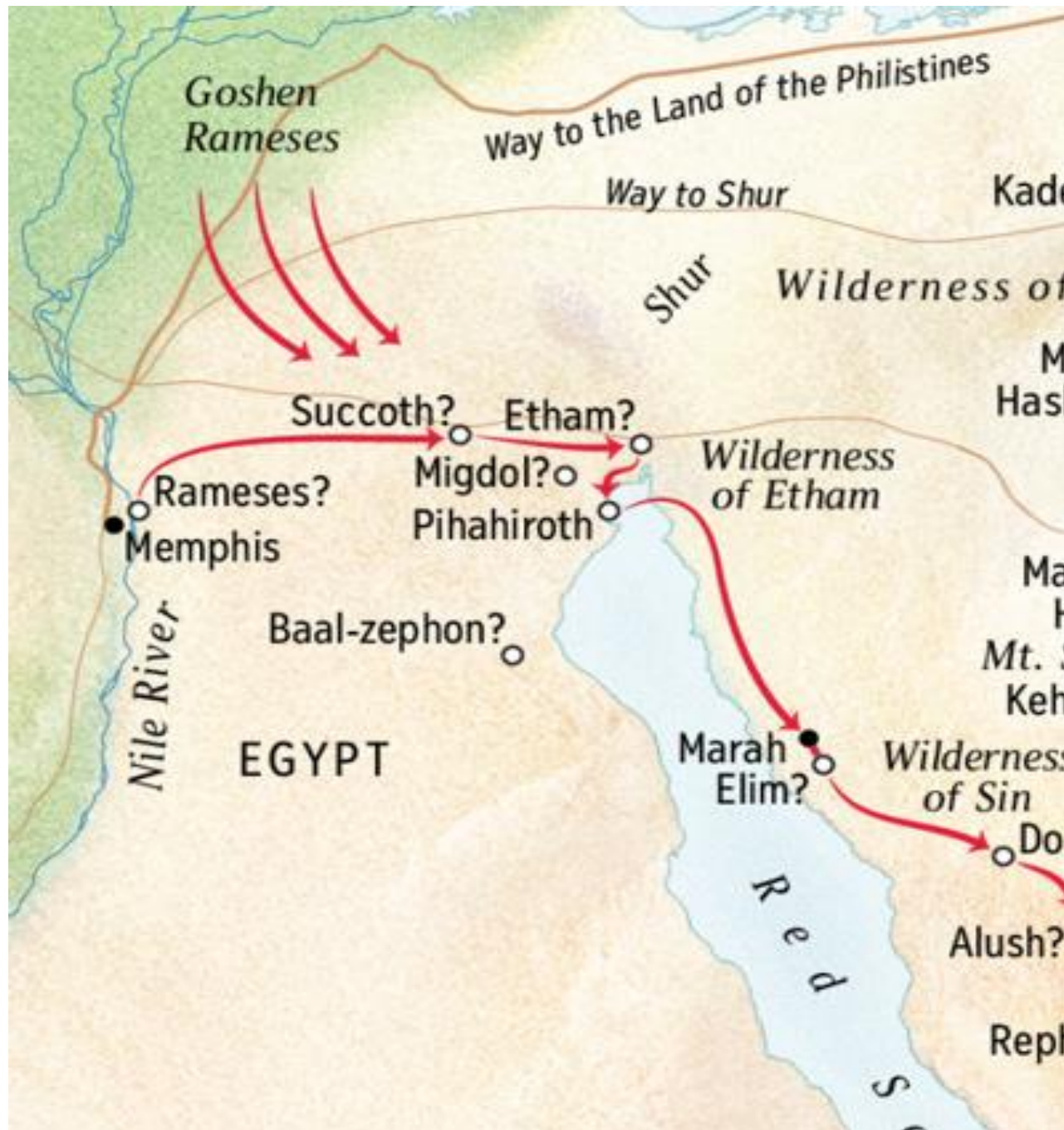
Moses: Food & Water in the Desert

Exodus 15:22 – 17:7



Exodus 15 v
22-27

The pillar of
cloud led the
people from
the Red Sea
into the desert
of Shur.



The waters of Marah

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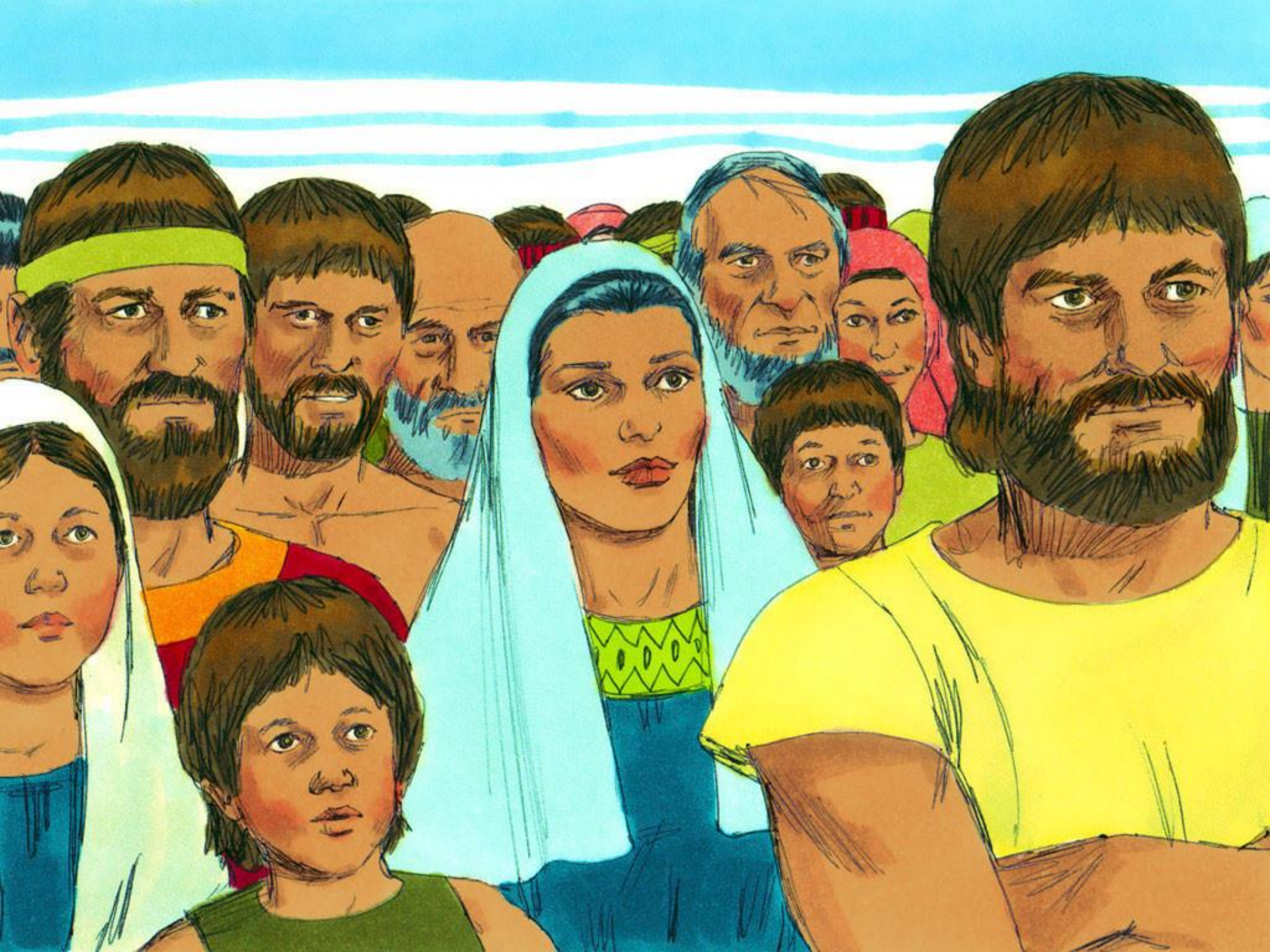
Exod 15:22

They travelled for three days without finding any fresh water.



Exod 15:23

Then, when they came to a place with water, it was bitter and undrinkable. (They named it Marah, the Hebrew word for bitter).



Exod 15:24

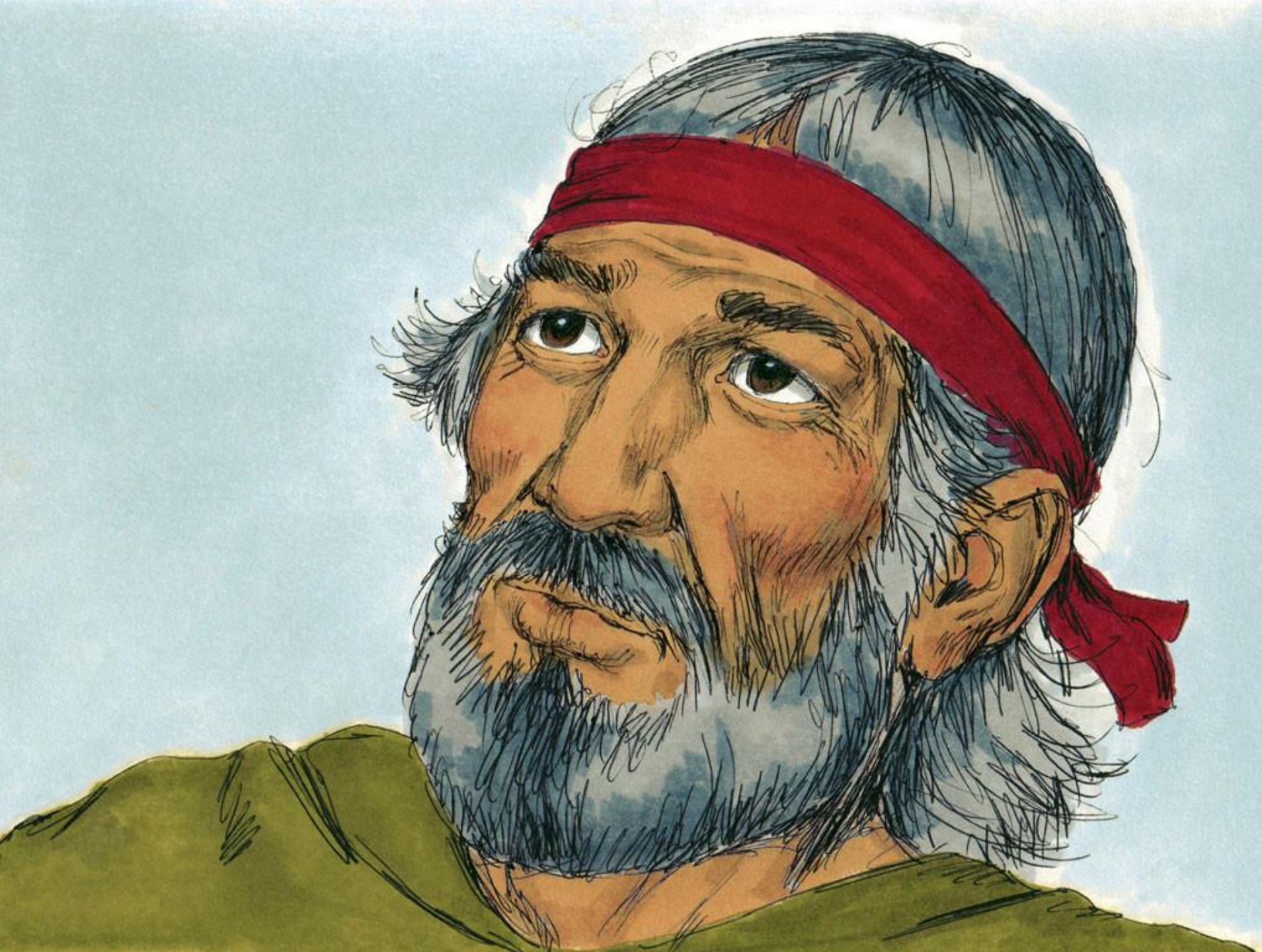
The thirsty crowd grumbled angrily to Moses, 'What are we going to drink?'

Moses cried out to God for help.

Exod 15:25

Moses cried
out to the
Lord for help.





Exod 15:25

The Lord showed him a piece of wood and Moses threw it into the water.



Exod 15:25

Immediately
the water
became fit to
drink



Exod 15:26

'If you listen and obey God,' Moses declared, 'He will keep you from any diseases He brought on the Egyptians. He is the Lord who heals you.'



Exod 15:27

The people then travelled on through the desert to an oasis called Elim where they found 12 springs of water and 70 palm trees.



Exod 15:27

Here they
camped by
the water and
rested.

(3) Spiritual Lessons

Song of Praise (Exodus 15:1-21)

- Praising God (Exodus 15:1-6)
- Overthrowing the Egyptians (Exodus 15: 7 – 12)
- In the future, overcoming Philistia, Edom and Moab (Exodus 15: 13- 16)

Now what for us?

- After we have been delivered from any difficulties, we must:
 - (a) praise the Lord, and
 - (b) testify of His goodness (Psalm 66:16-20)

(3) Spiritual Lessons

(a) At Marah



Exod 15:22-23

- Travelled 3 days without water.
- Then they came to a place with water, but it was bitter and undrinkable.
- Instead of trusting God, they grumbled against Moses.
- The Lord told Moses to throw in a piece of wood, then it became sweet water.
- **The lesson here is to pray than to complain.**

(b) At Elim



- God led the Israelites to camped by the water of Elim and they rested.
- There they were refreshed and comforted with the 12 springs and 70 palms.
- After the trial at Marah, God led them to a place of rest at Elim.

(c) Similar to the Israelites, we soon forget what God had done for us and we complain when things do not go our way.

Israelites experienced the power of God:

- the 10 plagues.
- parting and crossing the Red Sea.
- destruction of the Egyptian army.



Israelites soon forgot God and complained:

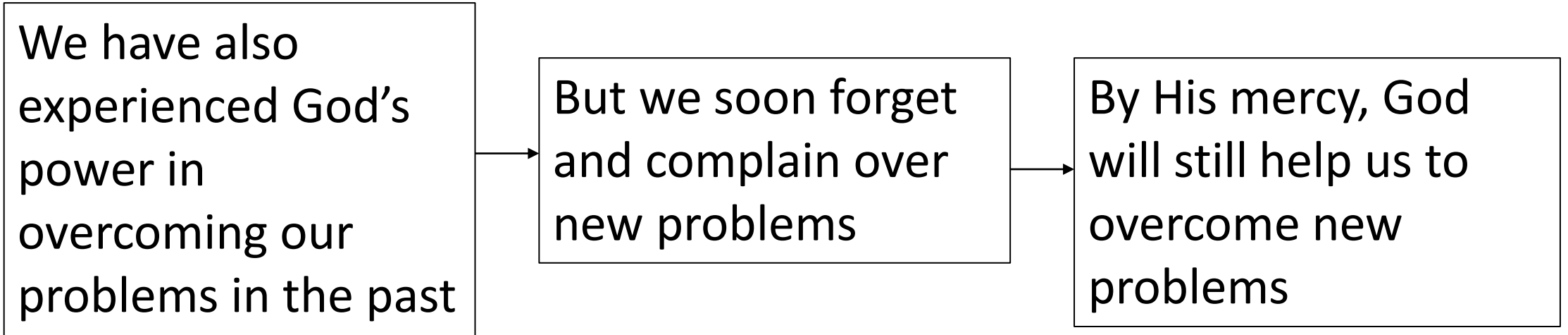
- No water for 3 days
- Bitter water at Marah.



God changed bitter to sweet water

Now what for us?

Our similar attitude with the Israelites:



We must:

- (a) Remember how God had helped us in the past.
- (b) This will help us grow in our faith.

(d) Now what for us?

- We have to pray than to complain when obstacles come.
- God may answer our prayer:
 - (i) Yes,
 - (ii) No, or
 - (iii) Wait
- Don't be impatient. Don't leave God out.
- His answer is the best answer for us.

(e) No what for us?

Exodus 15:26-

If you:

- Listen carefully to God
- Do what is right in God's eyes
- Pay attention to God's laws

- God will not bring any of the Egyptian diseases on the Israelites.
- I am the Lord who heals you.

Hence, we have to:

- (a) Do what is right according to the bible,
- (b) Turn away from sin and evil

Obedience will please the Lord and bring favour. Disobedience will displease the Lord and bring disfavour.

S/N	Location	Complaints	God's action	Now what for us?
1.	Pi Hahiroth Exodus 14:2	<p>That Moses brought the Israelites out to the wilderness to die.</p> <p>[They were hemmed in between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parted the Red Sea for the Israelites to cross safely. • Destroyed the Egyptian army when they cross the Red Sea. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When we are in difficult situations, God is in control. • As the righteous, God will hear our cry and deliver us.

S/N	Location	Complaints	God's action	Now what for us?
2.	Marah (Exod 15:23)	No water for 3 days. Bitter water at Marah.	God turned the bitter to sweet water.	Pray and trust God.
3.	Elim	NIL	God led them to Elim to rest. There were 12 springs and 70 palm trees.	After a trial, God will deliver us to a place of rest.