



1 Cor. 10:4 And did **all** drink the same spiritual drink:  
for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed  
them: and **that Rock was Christ.**

Two weeks ago, we began looking at the typology of  
Moses, the Exodus, the Red Sea, and how it revealed  
the Lord Jesus Christ as “the Rock” in 1 Cor. 10:1-5.  
Last week, we began with...

## I. THE PATH OF LIFE SUFFERS ADVERSITY, 17:1

A. Life is an Adventure with Varied Experiences

B. Life is According to Victorious Edicts

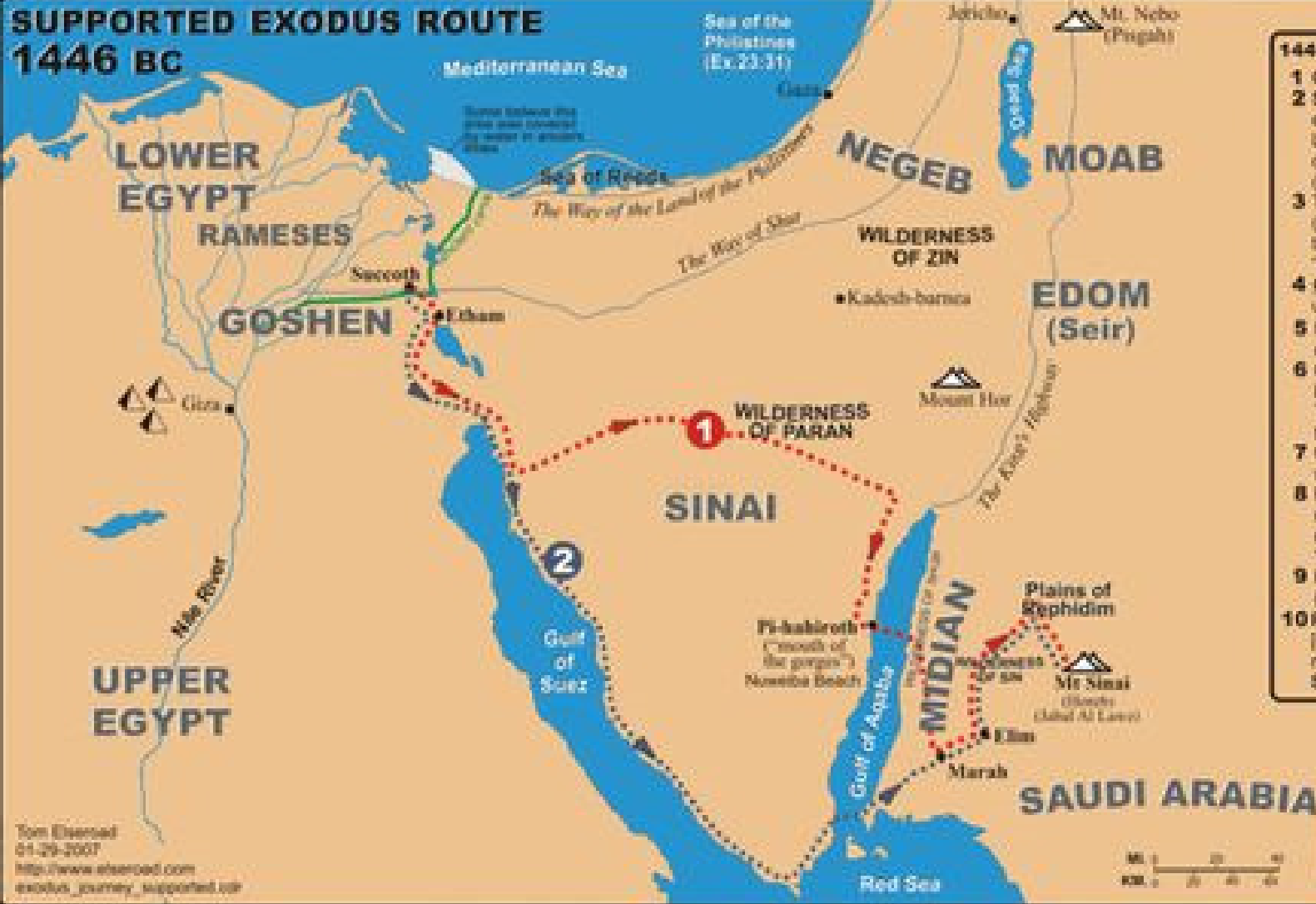
## II. THE PROBLEMS OF LIFE STIMULATE ACCUSATIONS, 17:2-3

A. Life is an Attitude with Vocal Emotions

B. Life is an Accusation that will be Vigorously  
Expressed

This evening, we will continue looking at the passage in Ex. 17, taking a closer look at the “Smitten Rock.”

# SUPPORTED EXODUS ROUTE 1446 BC



- 1446 BC — (Ex.13-Nu.14)**
- 1** Goshen to Succoth (Ex. 13:18)
  - 2** Succoth to Etham (encamped in the edge of the wilderness, Ex. 13:20). The Lord went before the people in a pillar of a cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night (Ex. 13:21-22).
  - 3** Turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth (between Migdol and the sea) over against the Baal-zephon (Ex. 14:1-2). This place "shut them in" (Ex. 14:3).
  - 4 CROSSING:** God told Moses, "Lift thou up thy rod" and divide the sea (Ex. 14:16).
  - 5** Into the Wilderness of Shur and went 3 days and found no water (Ex. 15:22).
  - 6** Came to Marah, but could not drink because the waters were bitter (Ex. 15:23). The Lord showed Moses a tree to cast into the waters to make them sweet (Ex. 15:25).
  - 7** Came to Elim which had 12 wells of water and 70 Palm trees (Ex. 15:27).
  - 8** From Elim to Wilderness of Sin (2nd month, 15th day) (Ex. 16:1). Israel murmured about food. The Lord provided "manna" (Ex. 16).
  - 9** From Wilderness of Sin to Rephidim (Ex. 17:1).
  - 10** Rephidim to Wilderness (desert) of Sinai (in the 3rd month). Israel camped before mount Sinai (Ex. 19:1-2). Sinai to Kadesh-barnea (Nu. 10-12)

**1** ..... Most supported route of Exodus

**2** ..... Alternate route of Exodus

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# Exodus Route



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Life is a journey of varied experiences, varied emotions, and varied reactions. The Israelites saw many wondrous miracles during their Exodus from Egypt, and confronted many arduous challenges. In Ex. 17:1-7, the Israelites expressed their grief with Moses and his leadership, which, in essence, was a temptation to God.

Ex. 17:2 Wherefore **the people did chide** with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? **wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?**

Deut. 6:16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, **as ye tempted *him* in Massah.**

Deut. 33:8 And of Levi he said, *Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, **whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah;***

❖ Facing such an emotional crowd of discontentment, Moses sought wisdom from God.

III. THE PROGRESS IN LIFE SEARCHES FOR ANSWERS,  
17:4

Ex. 17:4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

- ❖ A wise believer stays in constant fellowship with the Lord, praying without ceasing.

1 Thess. 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Isa. 26:3 **Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, whose mind *is stayed on thee***: because he trusteth in thee.

A. Life is Asking for Vital Explanations –  
“...What shall I do unto this people...”

- ❖ There are times in a believer’s life when problems arise with no apparent answers.



2 Chron. 20:5 And **Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation** of Judah and Jerusalem, **in the house of the LORD**, before the new court,

6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? ...

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; **neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.**

❖ When searching for answers, go to the house of God and pray!

B. Life is Admitting the Vexing Extent – “...they be almost ready to stone me.”

❖ For progress in life, face the challenges, admit truth, and stay close to the Lord.

1 Sam. 30:6 And **David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him**, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: **but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.**

2 Chron. 7:14 **If** my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; **then** will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Mt. 11:28 **Come unto me**, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest**.

## IV. THE PROPOSAL FOR LIFE'S SOLUTIONS ARE AMAZING, 17:5-7

- A. Life is an Advantage yet to be Visually Exposed  
– “Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and **thou shalt smite the rock...**”



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❖ Untapped and unknown, water was made available through **the smitten Rock**.

Isa. 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, **smitten of God**, and afflicted.

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."— **Thomas A. Edison**

<https://parade.com/937586/parade/life-quotes/>

Acts 17:27 That **they should seek the Lord**, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, **though he be not far from every one of us:**

B. Life is an Answer about to be Valuably Enjoyed –  
“...and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink...”

❖ Water, the desire of the complainers, was within their reach, waiting to be enjoyed.

Eph. 3:20 Now unto **him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that worketh in us,



❖ In spite of the Israelite's chiding and murmuring, God was gracious in providing the "Smitten Rock."

Rom. 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

C. Life is an Awareness of the Vicious Encounter –  
"And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD..."

❖ The victorious refreshing of Israel did NOT wash away their insolent behavior toward God and His servant, Moses.

**Original Word:** מַטָּה

**Transliteration:** Massah;

**Definition:** a place in the desert where Israelites rebelled = “temptation”

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**Original Word:** מְרִיבָה

**Transliteration:** Meribah;

**Definition:** "place of strife" or “contention,” two places in the desert

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/4809.htm>

## Summary

- ❖ The journey became very challenging, people were disappointed and frustrated, there was apparently no hope, and then the Israelites expressed a vicious and accusing attitude toward God and His servant, Moses.
- ❖ The answer, the “Smitten Rock,” was available in spite of Israel’s attitude.
- ❖ Moses sought the Lord and His guidance in order to provide the remedy to their dilemma.
- ❖ In spite of the froward hearts of the Israelites, the “Smitten Rock” provided the need.

## Conclusion

Deut. 32:4 **He is the Rock**, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he. ...

15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness*; then he forsook God *which* made him, and **lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation**. ...

18 **Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful**, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. .

31 For **their rock is not as our Rock**, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.

1 Sam. 2:2 *There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: **neither is there any rock like our God.***

2 Sam. 22:2 And he said, **The LORD is my rock**, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 **The God of my rock**; in him will I trust: *he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. ...*

32 For who *is* God, save the LORD? **and who is a rock, save our God? ...**

47 The LORD liveth; and **blessed be my rock**; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.