

How Did We Get Here?

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Numbers 33:1-2 (NRSV)

¹ These are the stages by which the Israelites went out of the land of Egypt in military formation under the leadership of Moses and Aaron.

² Moses wrote down their starting points, stage by stage, by command of the LORD; and these are their stages according to their starting places. ...

Preacher: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Looking Back: What God Did

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Deliverance

³ They set out from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the Passover the Israelites went out boldly in the sight of all the Egyptians, ⁴ while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had struck down among them. The LORD executed judgments even against their gods. ⁸ They set out from Pi-hahiroth, passed through the sea into the wilderness,

— *Numbers 33:3-8*

Looking Back: What God Did

Bitterness

⁸ They set out from Pi-hahiroth, passed through the sea into the wilderness, went a three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and camped at Marah.

— *Numbers 33:8*

Looking Back: What God Did

Refreshing Springs

⁹ They set out from Marah and came to Elim; at Elim there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they camped there.

— *Numbers 33:9*

Looking Back: What God Did

Provision

¹ They set out from the Red Sea and camped in the wilderness of Sin.

— *Numbers 33:11*

Looking Forward: What God Plans for You

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⁵⁰ In the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

— *Numbers 33:50 (NRSV)*

Looking Forward: What God Plans for You

A Challenging Mission

⁵¹ Speak to the Israelites, and say to them: **When you cross over the Jordan into the land of Canaan,** ⁵² **you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you,** destroy all their figured stones, destroy all their cast images, and demolish all their high places.

— *Numbers 33:51-52*

Looking Forward: What God Plans for You

Promised Victories

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Looking Forward: What God Plans for You

Accountability to Obedience

⁵⁵ **But if you do not** drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then those whom you let remain shall be as barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides; they shall trouble you in the land where you are settling. ⁵⁶ And I will do to you as I thought to do to them.

— *Numbers 33:55-56*

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