



# EXODUS

PART TWO



# **WATER FROM THE ROCK**

Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

VS 1

Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said,  
“Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them,  
“Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?”

V S 2

But the people thirsted there for water, and  
the people grumbled against Moses and said,  
“Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us  
and our children and our livestock with thirst?”

VS 3

So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

VS 4

And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

v v 5 - 6

He opened the rock, and water gushed out;  
it flowed through the desert like a river.

Psalm 105:41

He split rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.  
He made streams come out of the rock  
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Psalm 78:15-16

And he called the name of the place Massah  
and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the  
people of Israel, and because they tested the  
LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

V S 7

“The ancient man approached God as the accused person approaches his judge. For the modern man the roles are reversed. He is the judge: God is in the dock. He is quite a kindly judge: if God should have a reasonable defense for being the God who permits war, poverty and disease, he is ready to listen to it. The trial may even end in God’s acquittal. But the important thing is that Man is on the Bench and God is in the Dock.”

C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

“You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you.”

Deuteronomy 6:16-17

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned — every one — to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 7:37-39

“The water flowed when the rock was smitten not in scanty measure, but in large abundance. The miraculous stream was not exhausted, though many hundred thousand men, with their herds, drank it. Nor were the dry places of that sandy desert able to imbibe the copious moisture. So inexhausted is the fullness of Jesus Christ, from whom all sorts of men, the Jews, the Gentiles, the barbarians, the Scythians, the bond, and the free, may receive all sorts of blessings. You are not straitened [restricted] in him, O children of men; this river of God, which is full of water, can never run dry, nor be exhausted, how abundantly soever we drink of its refreshing streams.”

William McEwen



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