



**"WARNING FROM THE WILDERNESS"**

***1 Corinthians 10:1-13***

**INTRODUCTION**

*For I do not want you to be unaware... - 1 Cor 12:1*

**Don't be unaware...**

- about the resurrection of dead delivers – I Thess. 4:13
- about the blindness of Israel - Romans 11:25
- about the timing of the Day of the Lord – II Pet 3:8-9

**REMEMBER the FAILURES of Israel – 10:1-11**

➤ **Their Privileges** - 1-4

- The **presence** and direction of the Lord - 1  
*"all under the cloud" – Exodus 13:21-22; 40:34-38*

- The **protection** of the Lord - 1  
*"all passed through the sea" - Exodus 14:21-22, 29-31*

***Remember...***

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

v. 2 – “all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea”

The word “**baptism**” is used in the following ways in the NT:

- Figuratively – *I Cor. 10:2* (cloud and sea)
- Emotionally – *Matt. 20:22-23* (His suffering)
- Physically – *Acts 8:35-38* (water)
- Spiritually – *I Cor. 12:13* (the Holy Spirit)
- Eternally – *Matt. 3:11-12* (fire – Hell)

- The **provision** of the Lord – 3-4

*“all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink.”*

*John 6:32-33, 35, 48-51; 7:37-39 – “that Rock was Christ”*

Rock used 119x, 13x in the NT = Messiah (*Matt. 16:18; Rom. 9:33; I Pet 2:8*)

➤ **Their Problems** - 5-10 “Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.”  
“overthrown” (*katastrōnnumi*) = “to strew or spread over”

- Lack of **contentment** with God’s provision – 6 - *Num. 11:4, 34*
- Lack of **conviction** about idolatry - 7 - *Exodus 32:1-10*
- Lack of **control** over sexual desires – 8 - *Numbers 25:1-3, 9*
- Lack of **confidence** in the Lord’s purposes and direction – 9  
*Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14*
- Lack of **commitment** to God’s plan for leadership and authority - 10  
“grumble” – (*gogguzo*) – used 8x – *Num 16:1-3, 13, 35, 41, 49*

➤ **The Purpose of the Lord** – 11

- Their failures were **illustrations**

*“Now these things happened to them as an example”*

- Their failures are **instruction** for us today

*“they were written down for our instruction” – “instruction” – (*nouthesia*) 11x  
*Rom. 15:4; I Cor. 4:14; Eph. 6:4; Col. 1:28; 3:16; I Th. 5:12, 14; II Th. 3:15**