

# **“The Beginning of the Wilderness Experience”**

**Exodus 15:22-16:36**

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- **Opening Prayer**

## **Overview**

- When you think of the word “wilderness” (or desert), what comes to mind?
- Please share a “wilderness experience” where you didn’t feel that you weren’t going to be able to escape but God delivered you. Examples: death of a loved one, divorce, grave illness, financial loss, betrayal, miscommunication...

## **Preview**

- Characters: The LORD, Moses, Aaron, the Children of Israel (What character(s) is/are conspicuously missing?)
- Places: Wilderness of Shur, Marah, Elim, Wilderness of Sin
- New Vocabulary: statute, quails, coriander seed, Sabbath

## **In View**

### **Video Presentation: Holy Land Site (excerpted)**

Ex: 15:22-15:27 – “Are we there yet?”

1. Where are we now?
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2. What was Israel's attitude in this passage?

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3. What irony do you notice between the song of Moses (15:1-21) and the journey from Marah to Elim?

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4. Summarize this passage.

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5. Can you think of a time when your "bitter" became "better"?

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Ex. 16:1-8 – "They don't know what they're doing!"

6. Where are we now? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What did the Israelites complain about this time?

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8. How did God promise to meet their needs?

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9. What reminder does Moses extend to them?

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Ex. 16:9-16 – "What is this?"

10. What did God specifically provide for the children of Israel in the wilderness?

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Ex. 16:17-26 – “But I don’t ‘wanna’...”

11. How did Israel display their defiance?

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12. Which of the Ten Commandments is introduced in this passage?

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Ex. 16:27-36 – “Here we go again!”

13. What instructions did the Israelites fail to follow and was the consequence?

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14. Describe “manna”.

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15. How long did they have to eat manna?

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16. What New Testament scripture passage supplants “manna”?

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**Review**

- Share a time when you felt convicted about complaining to the LORD and how you were able to move forward, especially as it relates to the church or church people.
- *Key Verse*: Select one or two scriptures within this lesson that proved to be the most impactful to you.

• **Closing Prayer**