

Into the Wilderness

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Exodus 16 - 18

Lesson 8: Into the Wilderness

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BIBLE

Book	Author	Chapter	Date
Exodus	Moses	16 - 18	1450-1410 B.C.

SUMMARY

In Exodus 16–18, God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, teaching them to trust Him through the gift of manna and miraculous water from a rock. Moses receives wise counsel from his father-in-law Jethro to delegate leadership, easing the burden of judging the people alone.

NOTES

God's Provision

- The Israelites complain about hunger; God provides manna and quail for them to eat - Exodus 16:1-36
- Instructions are given for gathering manna, emphasising rest on the Sabbath - Exodus 16:22-30
- The Israelites quarrel over lack of water at Rephidim; God instructs Moses to strike a rock, bringing forth water - Exodus 17:1-7
- The Israelites are attacked by the Amalekites; Joshua leads the battle while Moses prays, holding up his staff - Exodus 17:8-16
- Moses' father-in law Jethro visits and advises him to delegate judicial responsibilities to capable leaders - Exodus 18:1-27

Wandering for 40 years: Due to disobedience the Israelites ended up wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. - Numbers 14:33-34

KEY POINTS

1. God provides for his people miraculously when they are in the wilderness
2. When the Israelites worked together with God they found they could win unlikely battles
3. Because of their disobedience the Israelites ended up remaining in the wilderness.