

- b. A victory song (15)
 - 1) After this, they go into the wilderness of Shur.
 - i) For three days they don't have any water.
 - ii) They are looking for water and very thirsty.
 - 2) They finally end up at a place called Marah.
 - i) They find water, but the water is bitter and undrinkable.
 - ii) They start their grumbling campaign again.
 - iii) Moses goes to the Lord and says, "Lord, I've got 2 million people in my hands and they have no water to drink."
 - iv) So the Lord shows him a piece of wood which he throws in the water and as soon as he did, the Lord healed the water and it became sweet and drinkable.
 - 3) The Lord had them go through a very bitter experience, but he is the One who healed them in that experience because he changed the bitter water into sweet water.
 - 4) Then Moses says to the people, "The Lord is the One who is able to heal no matter what kind of situation you are in. And all you need to do is trust Him and if you trust in Him, the Lord won't bring on you any of the plagues He brought on the Egyptians."
 - 5) They leave here and come down to Elim - 12 springs, 70 palm trees, a time of refreshment.
- ii. From natural defeat (16-18)
 - a. Manna (16)
 - 1) They come down to the wilderness of Sin and run out of food.
 - 2) They start their grumbling campaign again.
 - 3) ^{people say} The Lord says, "When we were in Egypt, we had all the food we wanted. We had pots of meat. Now we are out in the desert with no food. Have you brought us out here to starve us to death?"
 - 4) Moses says, "Look by your complaining against me and Aaron, you are not complaining against us. You are complaining against the Lord."
 - 5) The Lord speaks to Moses and says, "Now I am going to give the people the meat and the bread they need."
 - i) The Lord supplied the meat through the quail.
 - ii) The Lord supplied the bread through the manna.
 - a) In the morning, there was dew on the ground and when the dew dried up, there were white flakes on the ground.
 - b) Those white flakes tasted like wafers with honey.
 - c) They looked at it and said, "What is this?"