

# Sermon Notes

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The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?”

<sup>3</sup> But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

<sup>4</sup> Then Moses cried out to the Lord, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

<sup>5</sup> The Lord answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?” Exodus 17:1-7

## 1. Why do you quarrel with me and put the Lord to the test?

To grumble gives us a picture of a \_\_\_\_\_ type of response, but to quarrel or contend with or strive against means they are \_\_\_\_\_.

As God tests them, they attempt to turn this around to try to \_\_\_\_\_.

They are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ God to give them what they want.

“Is the Lord with us or not” isn’t really a \_\_\_\_\_ but more like a \_\_\_\_\_. If you’re really God, then show us.

## 2. Moses’ scheme - bring the whole community to the desert to die of thirst.

\_\_\_\_\_ takes root when we \_\_\_\_\_ on all God has done and \_\_\_\_\_.  
He will continue to care for us.

## 3. Notice the importance of what is seen.

Moses did this in \_\_\_\_\_ of the Elders.

Go out \_\_\_\_\_ the people, take some elders.

God wants this event to be \_\_\_\_\_; He wants the elders, who would be reliable witnesses, to see what is going to happen so that they can spread the word.

## 4. Take the staff, the one you struck the Nile with.

Exodus 4: Moses throws his staff on the ground and it turns into a serpent.

Exodus 7: There are 2 different staffs.

- Aaron’s staff turns into a snake and swallows the sorcerer’s staff/snakes, and Moses would instruct Him to raise his staff \_\_\_\_\_ waters of Egypt.
- Moses was to \_\_\_\_\_ with his staff.

The word for snake used with Moses’ staff is not the same as the word for snake used for Aaron’s staff.

The Hebrew word for Moses' staff turning into a snake is the same word used in Genesis 3:1, the serpent who tempted Eve.

The word used for Aaron's staff is a completely different word.

Aaron and Moses' staffs turned into snakes, \_\_\_\_\_ Moses' staff was used to strike the Nile.

### **5. I will stand there before you ON the rock.**

The Lord is going to show Moses which rock to strike, and the way He will show Moses is by \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### **6. Water will come out of it for the people to drink.**

The water that flows from the rock is specifically \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Christophanies and Typologies**

### **The Rock is a type for Christ.**

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he. Deuteronomy 32:4

But the Lord has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge. Psalm 94:22

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; <sup>3</sup>my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—

"The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior! 2 Samuel 22:2-3 & 47

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal. Isaiah 26:4

<sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:3

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matthew 16:16-18

So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this... And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel. Genesis 3:14&15

Moses' staff represents \_\_\_\_\_, and the splitting of the rock is the \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Come to me to have life**

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13-14.

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. John 7:37-39

Step 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Lord and Savior.

Step 2: Allow Him to \_\_\_\_\_.

Step 3: Let Him to \_\_\_\_\_.