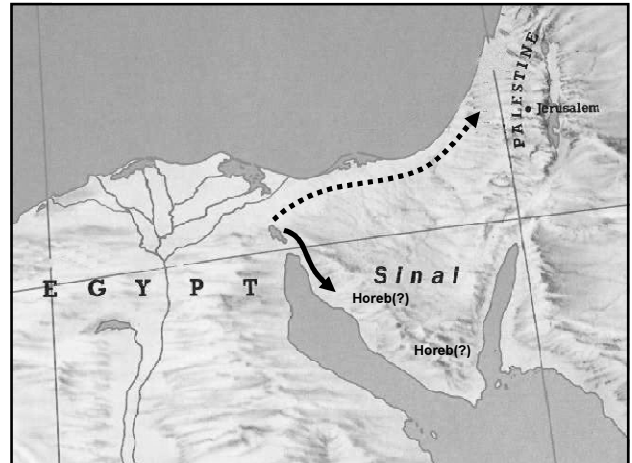


## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Unfolding Story of the Kingdom of God



### In the Wilderness

#### 1. Waters of Marah

- *Object lesson:* God's "torah" will be sweet and satisfying to them
- *Test:* will they trust that His statutes are for their good?

### In the Wilderness

#### 2. Bread from Heaven

- *testing:* will they follow His "torah"?
  - Gather only enough for one day
  - Do not gather on the Sabbath

### In the Wilderness

#### 2. Bread from Heaven

- *lessons*
  - Trust in God's provision ("manna")
  - Disobedience profits nothing
  - Obedience brings blessing

### In the Wilderness

#### 3. Water from the Rock

- God's power is for them to provide and satisfy them
- Miraculous provision – most unlikely place to get water

## **In the Wilderness**

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### **God's Purpose**

- 1. To make them deeply conscious of their total dependence on God**
- 2. To teach them that following His instructions brings life and satisfaction**

## **In the Wilderness**

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### **Deuteronomy 8:1-17**

#### ➤ *God's stated purpose*

- to make them understand that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord
- To humble them and test them for their good by removing all self-reliance

## **In the Wilderness**

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**"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for the testing of your faith, as though some strange thing were happening to you;"**

**-- 1 Peter 4:12**

**"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance."**

**-- James 1:2-3**