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The Journey from Egypt to Sinai

15:22 to 19:2

The most common response to **God's** gift of redemption is a spontaneous outburst of gratitude and joy. As one might have expected, **Moses** and **the Israelites** reacted in just that way by singing a hymn of victory to **God** who had redeemed **them (15:1)**, and the **prophetess Miriam** did the same **(15:21)**.



But redemption is the beginning, not the end, of a journey. And although life after redemption is usually challenging and exciting at first, all too quickly it can become tedious and boring, especially if we forget our **first love** (see the commentary on the book of **Revelation Az - The Church at Ephesus**). When that happens, grumbling and complaining against **God** and **His** leaders is not far behind. Unfortunately **the Israelites**, who had so recently experienced the greatest act of redemption that would ever take place in **their** long history as a nation, were about to embark on a life of defeat by forgetting **ADONAI** and dwelling on **their** own problems.²⁸⁹

ADONAI would lead **His** people to **Sinai**, but they would make **four important stops** along the way, and at each stop **He** taught memorable lessons for them and for us. The first stop was at **Marah**.