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Preparation of the Israelites for Mount Sinai **17:1 to 18:27**



After leaving Dophkah **the people of Isra'el** eventually reached **their fourth important stop at Rephidim**, but found **no water**. **God** was preparing **them** for **their** encounter with **Him** at Mount Sinai. One would have thought that after seeing **Ha'Shem's** power over water at **the Sea of Reeds** and at **Marah**, and **His** abundant supply at **Elim**, that **the Israelites** would have learned to trust **Him** for water anywhere. But **they** seemed incapable of faith and met **their** new trial by **grumbling**.

Three important events happened at **Rephidim**. The first was **the rock** that was struck. The second was the defeat of **the Amalekites**, led by **Joshua**. And the third was **Moses'** encounter with **Jethro** and **his** advice in helping **Moshe** with **his** tremendous task of counseling. All this was in preparation for **Mount Sinai**.