

# The Story of Moses



The Journey to the Promised Land

# *Let's Recap*

- How old is Moses when he led the Israelites out of Egypt?
  - 80 Years Old
- What did God do to punish Egypt for not obeying his commands?
  - He sent plagues on Egypt
- Where were Moses and the Israelites heading after leaving Egypt?
  - The promised land
- What sea did Moses part to escape from the Egyptians?
  - The Red Sea

## *So, What Happens Next?*

- The Israelites start a long, long journey to the promised land.....

# The People Complain

- **Manna and Quail**
- **16** The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”
- <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

# A History of Complaining

As we will see - the Israelites complained about many things in the wilderness, including:

**Food** - They complained about the manna, saying it wasn't enough and that they wanted meat.

**Water**- They complained about the lack of water, and named a place "Mara" after the bitter water they found.

**Leadership** - They complained about the leadership God had chosen.

**Strength** - They complained that they weren't strong enough to enter the promised land.

And even worse, they forgot about God.....

They forgot who was taking care of them and that God had freed them from Egypt.



# Consequences

- The Israelites' complaining led to a number of consequences, including:

**Loss of what was promised:** God would not let the current generation of Israelites enter the promised land. Instead they wandered the desert for 40 years.



# God Provides, People Complain



# *Time to Reflect*

- What is something that you complain about, but you know you really don't have to worry about?
- Do you think it makes non-Christians think the wrong thoughts about Christians if they hear us complain a lot or be negative all the time?

