

MARAH, MASSAH, MERIBAH, MERCY & MIGHT

I. [Numbers 20:1-13](#) [Exodus 15:22-27](#) [Exodus 17:1-7](#)

A. As we step into Numbers 20, we'll be jumping ahead 40 years from when the spy debacle took place. In this chapter Miriam passes away. Aaron her brother, passes also. With respect to Aaron, Numbers 33:38-39 tells us in what year, what place, and how old he is when he dies. The whole nation mourns Aaron's passing.

B. I wonder how many of you have ever been thirsty, I mean really thirsty? I remember bailing hay with Joe Miller on a farm south of Newark. This farm had a spring. After bailing--hot, sweaty, and exhausted--water never tasted so good!

C. After being led out of Egypt through the Red Sea, the children of Israel found themselves in the desert. Even before they were sentenced to wander for 40 years, they grumbled from the start. Hunger and thirst topped their list of complaints. Despite all the miracles God had performed before the exodus, they couldn't bring themselves to trust Him. I've said this before, reverent fear gives way to unbridled trust which propels us towards loving obedience and peace. But that progression didn't happen with our ancestors. I truly pray it happens with us!

D. Today's message is about a thirsty people who need water. Where do you find it in the desert? In the old westerns, the Indians always seemed to know where to find it. In the wilderness between Egypt and Canaan, God knew exactly where to either find it or produce it. So before we launch into Numbers 20, we're going back in time to the book of Exodus just after the Red Sea crossing. Two important thirst-quenching events set the stage for the third one in Numbers 20...

E. [Exodus 15:22-27](#) (ESV) is the first event...

1) **22-23:** *22 Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. (Marah means bitter. Perhaps a sign there read, "Don't drink this water!" Or maybe the smell was enough. In old westerns the parched desert-crossers would crawl upon some poisoned watering hole and there'd be cattle bones or maybe a fly-covered carcass floating in the pool. Marah was such a place.)*

2) **V24-25a:** *24 And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25a And he cried to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a log (OV tree), and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. (Scholars theorize what kind of purifying agent this log or tree might've had. The best case scenario is God performed another miracle! If He can turn the Nile to blood, surely He can make a rancid pond, clean! After all, He makes rancid hearts, clean!)*

3) **V25b-26:** *25b There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there He tested them, 26 saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in His eyes, and give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your*

healer.” (God leads them to the bitter water why? To test them. To see if they'll trust Him. From here on out they will, right? Watch where He leads them next...)

4) **V27: 27** Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water. (Sounds like an Oasis!)

F. Exodus 17:1-7 (ESV) takes Israel to the next thirsty place...

1) **V1: 1** All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. (So who is leading God's people in this journey? God! And can we agree that He's led them to this place called, *Rephidim*? Absolutely! So by extension we must conclude that God's led His people to a place where there's no water, right? So after all the canteens from Elim are empty and they become thirsty, God leads them to a place where there's no water. Has God done this so they'll die of thirst? Or has He done so to affirm that He's trust-worthy?)

2) **V2-7: 2** Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?”
3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” (A false accusation!)
4 So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”
5 And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.
6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?” (Massah means, *testing*; Meribah means *quarreling*. We'll call this *Meribah South*, because jumping ahead 40 years we'll discover *Meribah North*. But before we turn there, say it with me, "God is merciful and mighty!")

G. Numbers 20:1-13 (ESV) is back to the future, north near Canaan, where the spy crisis took place 40 years earlier. Has Israel since matured?

1) **V1: 1** And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there. (Miriam, sister to Moses & Aaron, was like Israel's First Lady. As a young gal, she watched Moses' basket-boat drift into the Nile reeds where Pharaoh's daughter bathed. She then promoted their mother to be the nurse-nanny when the princess sought to adopt. Miriam was a prophetess; led the post Red Sea victory celebration with tambourines & dancing; and sadly she joined her brother Aaron when they tried to usurp Moses' leadership. Sadly she passes...)

2) **V2-5: 2** Now there was no water for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.
3 And the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD! (Moses should've said, "That can be arranged!")
4 Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? (A false accusation!)

5 And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink.” (Perhaps film footage of the first water-from-the-rock episode would've helped! Some people can learn from the mistakes of their parents, siblings, & friends; while others refuse. My dad used to say if we're going to make mistakes, let's make new mistakes, not old ones!)

3) V6-8: 6 Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. (Sound familiar?) And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, **7** and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **8** “Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.” (40 years earlier at Massah, what did God tell Moses to do? Take his staff and do what? Do you see how these instructions differ?)

4) V9-10: 9 And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as He commanded him. **10** Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” (Moses is furious! Exasperated! Do you make wise decisions when you're angry?)

5) V11: 11 And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. (Say it again: "God is merciful and mighty!" But Moses disobeys and sad consequences follow...)

6) V12: 12 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in Me, to uphold Me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.” (This is perhaps one of the saddest of all OT events. Moses got to see the Promised Land but didn't get to step foot in it. I ache whenever I read this.)

7) V13: 13 These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the LORD, and through them He showed Himself holy. (Meribah means quarreling and it's a habit Israel can't seem to break!)

H. At Marah, Massah, and Meribah we saw God demonstrate that He's both merciful and mighty! And guess what, He still is! Here's more...

1) God is sovereign. He providentially works things together for our good. But often that journey towards good doesn't feel good, look good, or taste very good. (Romans 8:28) Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) never gets old: 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. (And yes, He still knows where all the water is!)

2) The likelihood is high that God may lead you to a place without water. It may feel like a desert. You'll wonder why He brought you there. Your thirst may be palpable. But there will be a Rock there. And God will be on it. King David once found himself in the wilderness of Judah. Psalm 63:1-5 (NLT) was his heart's cry; may it be ours too: 1 O God, You are my God; I earnestly search for You. My soul thirsts for You; my whole body longs for You in this parched and weary land where there is no water. 2 I have seen You in Your sanctuary and gazed upon Your power and glory. 3 Your unfailing love is better than life

itself; how I praise You! 4 I will praise You as long as I live, lifting up my hands to You in prayer. 5 You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise You with songs of joy. (Many of you have prayed this prayer!)

3) When you find yourself in a harsh, dry, barren, painful place, you should know you're not obligated to emulate your ancestors. While your fleshly instinct may be to grumble, quarrel, become exasperated, curse, cast blame, wax carnal, kick & scream, strike the rock twice or more, you can ask the Holy Spirit to help. Yes He will!

I. In John 4 we read about Jesus encountering a Samaritan woman at a place called Sychar. She's there at noon in the heat of the day. The disciples have gone into town to get food. Jesus is exhausted physically but His Spirit recognizes a woman who's parched spiritually. Married five times, she's presently living with a guy. She's a Samaritan and a sinner--a hot mess on all levels. But Jesus, one who's both merciful and mighty, reaches out. John 4:10-15 (NLT) is what He says to her and oh how I wish you could hear Him say the same to you: **10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." **11** The woman said to Him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? **12** Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." **13** Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." **15** The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."**

J. Before you go home today, you should know that God is present in whatever spiritually waterless, desolate, dark place you're in. He's on a rock before you. You may not see the rock, let alone Him, but He's there! He invites you to drink.

*** Isaiah 55:1 (NASB) says: **1** You there! (Ho! Yo! Yes You!) Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.**

Revelation 21:5-7 (AMPC) is from our risen and reigning Lord: **5 And He Who is seated on the throne said, See! I make all things new. Also He said, Record this, for these sayings are faithful (accurate, incorruptible, and trustworthy) and true (genuine). **6** And He [further] said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. (Mighty!) To the thirsty I [Myself] will give water without price from the fountain (springs) of the water of Life. (Merciful!) **7** He who is victorious shall inherit all these things, and I will be God to him and he shall be My son.**

Revelation 22:17 (AMPC) echoes the same invitation from all of Heaven: **17 The [Holy] Spirit and the bride (the church, the true Christians) say, Come! And let him who is listening say, Come! And let everyone come who is thirsty [who is painfully conscious of his need of those things by which the soul is refreshed, supported, and strengthened]; and whoever [earnestly] desires to do it, let him come, take, appropriate, and drink the water of Life without cost.**

*** Jesus says, Come! Come & Drink! * Close with Prayer...**

Scriptures, Videos, & Bonus Stuff

Numbers 20:1-13 (ESV)

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Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

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Psalms 63:1-5 (NLT) A psalm of David, when David was in the wilderness of Judah.

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John 4:10-15 (ESV)

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Bonus Goodies

Ten Reasons the OT Matters - Jason DeRouchie (For the Church)

<https://ftc.co/resource-library/articles/ten-reasons-the-old-testament-matters-for-christians/>

Our Only Hope in the Wilderness - John Piper (The Gospel Coalition)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ODvnSor3_g

Why Did the Jews Hate the Samaritans? - Luke Taylor - 2BeLikeChrist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gf7hfGdu5lg>

More Verses, Quotes, Excerpts, & Extras

Numbers 33:38-39 (ESV)

38 And Aaron the priest went up Mount Hor at the command of the LORD and died there, in the fortieth year after the people of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, on the first day of the fifth month. **39** And Aaron was 123 years old when he died on Mount Hor.

Psalms 95:1-11 (ESV)

1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! **2** Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! **3** For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. **4** In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. **5** The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. **6** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! **7** For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you hear His voice, **8** do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, **9** when your fathers put Me to the test and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work. **10** For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways." **11** Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter My rest."

Psalms 106:1-27 (ESV)

1 Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! **2** Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all His praise? **3** Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times! **4** Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to Your people; help me when You save them, **5** that I may look upon the prosperity of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance. **6** Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. **7** Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider Your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of Your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. **8** Yet He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make known His mighty power. **9** He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and He led them through the deep as through a desert. **10** So He saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy. **11** And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left. **12** Then they believed His words; they sang His praise. **13** But they soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel. **14** But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert; **15** He gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them. **16** When men in the camp were jealous of Moses and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD, **17** the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. **18** Fire also broke out in their company; the flame burned up the wicked. **19** They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a metal image. **20** They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. **21** They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, **22** wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. **23** Therefore He said He would destroy them--had not Moses, His chosen one, stood in the breach before Him, to turn away His wrath from destroying them. **24** Then they despised the pleasant land, having no faith in His promise. **25** They murmured in their tents, and did not obey the voice of the LORD. **26** Therefore He raised His hand and swore to them that He would make them fall in the wilderness, **27** and would make their offspring fall among the nations, scattering them among the lands.

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John 4:7-42 (NASB)

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." **8** For His disciples had gone away to the city to buy food. **9** So the Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, though You are a Jew, are asking me for a drink, though I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) **10** Jesus replied to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." **11** She said to Him, "Sir, You have no bucket and the well is deep; where then do You get this living water? **12** You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well and drank of it himself, and his sons and his cattle?" **13** Jesus answered and said to her,

“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again; **14** but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never be thirsty; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up to eternal life.” **15** The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water so that I will not be thirsty, nor come all the way here to draw water.” **16** He said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.” **17** The woman answered and said to Him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; **18** for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this which you have said is true.” **19** The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. **20** Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and yet you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one must worship.” **21** Jesus said to her, “Believe Me, woman, that a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22** You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. **23** But a time is coming, and even now has arrived, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. **24** God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” **25** The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.” **26** Jesus said to her, “I am He, the One speaking to you.” **27** And at this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What are You seeking?” or, “Why are You speaking with her?” **28** So the woman left her waterpot and went into the city, and said to the people, **29** “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is He?” **30** They left the city and were coming to Him. **31** Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat something.” **32** But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” **33** So the disciples were saying to one another, “No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?” **34** Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. **35** Do you not say, ‘There are still four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields, that they are white for harvest. **36** Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the one who sows and the one who reaps may rejoice together. **37** For in this case the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ **38** I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have come into their labor.” **39** Now from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I have done.” **40** So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. **41** Many more believed because of His word; **42** and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One truly is the Savior of the world.”