



THE FORTY YEAR LESSON

**Deuteronomy 8:1-3
(p 211)**

THE LORD GOD LED THEM 40 YEARS



- To HUMBLE them

They needed to depend on the LORD

- To TEST them

They had to show their FAITH

- To KNOW what was in their HEART

They showed their faith by their obedience –

“whether you would keep His commandments or not”



WHAT
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ISRAEL
FOR
FORTY
YEARS

HE HUMBLLED THEM

- **Exodus 32:25-28 (p 99)**
- **Numbers 21:4-9 (p 178)**
- **Numbers 25:1-9 (p 184)**

The people needed to be humbled to learn that God was all powerful!



WHAT
GOD
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YEARS

HE ALLOWED THEM TO BE HUNGRY

- Exodus 15:22-27 (p 78)
- Exodus 16:1-3 (p 78)
- Exodus 17:1-7 (p 80)

*The people needed to
see how God provided
the basic needs of life!*



WHAT
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YEARS

HE FED THEM MANNA

- Exodus 16:4-8 (p 79)
- Exodus 16:9-15 (p 79)
- John 6:30-33 (p 1228)

The people needed to learn COMPLETE trust in the Lord – nothing short of complete trust!

WHY DID GOD DO ALL OF THESE THINGS?



***“THAT HE MIGHT MAKE YOU
KNOW THAT MAN SHALL NOT
LIVE BY BREAD ALONE; BUT
MAN LIVES BY EVERY WORD
THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE
MOUTH OF THE LORD”***

DEUTERONOMY 8:3

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OUR JOURNEY IN THE WILDERNESS

HE HUMBLER US

Hebrews 12:5-11
(p 1383)

**The chastening of the
Lord is real!**

**He still chastens
TODAY!**

HE TESTS US

Genesis 22 (p 21)
James 1:2-3 (p 1386)
1 Peter 1:6-9 (p 1390)

**The trials of life
continue!**

OUR JOURNEY IN THE WILDERNESS

HE HUMBLES US

CHASTENS US

Hebrews 12:11

(p 1386)

The chastening of the Lord is

not for our punishment,

He still chastens
TODAY!

WHY

Hebrews 12:11 (p 21)

Hebrews 12:11 (p 1386)

1 Peter 1:6-9 (p 1390)

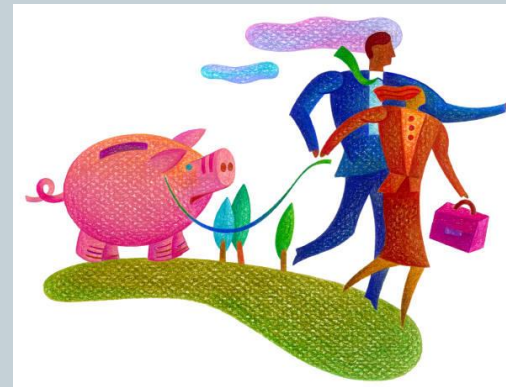
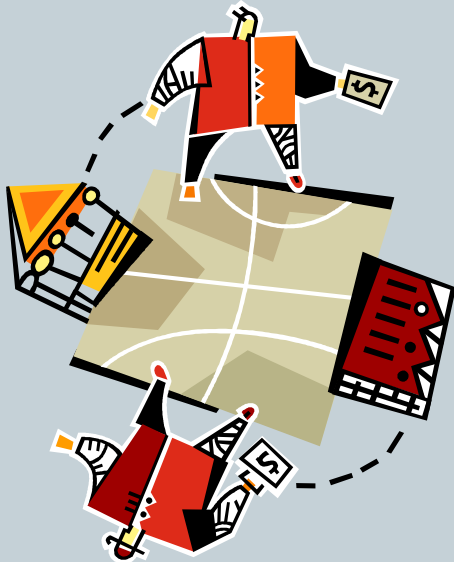
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OUR JOURNEY IN THE WILDERNESS



“THAT HE MIGHT MAKE YOU KNOW THAT MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE; BUT MAN LIVES BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF THE LORD”

DEUTERONOMY 8:3



LIFE IS
NOT
ABOUT ME
AND MY
NEEDS
AND MY
WANTS

Ecclesiastes

- **Life is vanity**
- **After-life is vital**
- **What is it all about?**

Ecclesiastes 12:13-1

(p 774)

*When all was said and done,
what had the children of
Israel accomplished in 40
years? Not much.*

What about you?



WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

MATTHEW 4:1-4 (P 1113)



THEN JESUS WAS LED UP BY THE SPIRIT
INTO THE WILDERNESS TO BE TEMPTED BY
THE DEVIL. AND WHEN HE HAD FASTED
FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS,
AFTERWARD HE WAS HUNGRY.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

MATTHEW 4:1-4 (P 1113)



NOW WHEN THE TEMPTER CAME TO HIM, HE SAID, "IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD, COMMAND THAT THESE STONES BECOME BREAD." BUT HE ANSWERED AND SAID, "*IT IS WRITTEN, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.'*"