

Timeline of Truth: Moses Strikes the Rock (Numbers 20:1-13)

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<p>^{NKJ} Numbers 20:1 Then the children 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</p>	<p>1. The _____ of Miriam</p> <p>a. The timeframe – year _____ of the exodus.</p>
<p>. ² Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron. ³ And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying: "If only we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! ⁴ "Why have you brought up the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our animals should die here? ⁵ "And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates; nor is there any water to drink."</p>	<p>2. The Israelite Continue to _____</p> <p>a. The people attacked Moses and Aaron Gathered against – "Assemble against"</p> <p>b. The content of their complaints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They lived through more only to die later • They were brought to an evil place • There is no good food and there is no water
<p>⁶ So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them. ⁷ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ⁸ "Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals."</p>	<p>3. Moses and Aaron get _____ from God</p> <p>a. Moses and Aaron humbled themselves before God.</p> <p>b. God gives instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take your rod • Gather the congregation • Speak to the rock • Water will come forth from the rock
<p>Exodus 17:1-6 Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but <i>there was</i> no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?" ³ And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!" ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. ⁶ "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.</p>	<p>How is this _____ from before?</p> <p>a. Notice a very similar complaint from the congregation.</p> <p>b. God's instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take your rod • Go before (in the face of) the people • Strike the rock • Water will come forth from the rock
<p>Numbers 20:9 So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him. ¹⁰ And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?" ¹¹ Then</p>	<p>4. Moses Does Not _____ God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did Moses do? • He took his rod • He gathered the congregation

<p>Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He struck the rock • Water came forth from the rock
<p>¹² Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."</p>	<p>5. God Punishes Moses for Not _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the reason? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because he did not believe God • Did Moses not believe that God could provide? <u>No</u> • Look again at verse 10: "Must we bring water for you out of the rock?" b. Why was this such a big deal? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because God was not hallowed in the eyes of the people • Hallow - שָׁדָשׁ , <i>qadosh</i> - be set apart, consecrated • The Moses promoted himself above God in this situation. c. What was the consequence of Moses' actions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He would not lead the people into the land • Deuteronomy 34:1-7 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³ the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴ Then the LORD said to him, "This <i>is</i> the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see <i>it</i> with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." ⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. ⁶ And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. ⁷ Moses <i>was</i> one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.
<p>¹³ This <i>was</i> the water of Meribah, because the children of Israel contended with the LORD, and He was hallowed among them.</p>	<p>6. God Was _____ Among the Children of Israel</p>
<p>1 Corinthians 10:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. <u>For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.</u></p>	<p>7. _____ Was This a Big Deal?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The rock was Christ b. As Christ only suffered once for our sin, the rock was only to be struck once. c. Moses was to speak to the rock because the rock did not need to be struck a second time.