



## Introduction

*Problems over lack of water.*



## Questions

1. What did Moses say that the people were doing by quarrelling with him?
2. What did Moses say to the LORD that indicated the anger of the people?
3. What did Moses have to do to enable the Israelites to defeat Amalek?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 4** The Israelites complain (see theme) angrily to Moses when they find there is no water to drink after they move to Rephidim (see map)
- **v 5 to 7** The LORD tells Moses to strike a rock which then provides water for the people
- **v 8 to 16** The people of Amalek come and fight Israel. Moses sends Joshua to fight Amalek. Moses, Aaron and Hur go up a hill. Moses holds God's rod high in the air and Joshua defeats the Amalekites

**Timeline** 1500 BC (see below)



## Theme / Information

### **We should trust God rather than complain**

*A selection of verses showing that we should ask God to help rather than complain about our problems.*

On two occasions, Moses asks God to help when the children of Israel complain about lack of water:

*Exodus 15 verses 24 and 25, 17 verses 2 to 4*

In the Psalms God tells us to ask him if we have problems:

*Psalms 50 verse 15*

The psalmist tells us to ask God if we have problems:

*Psalms 55 verse 22*

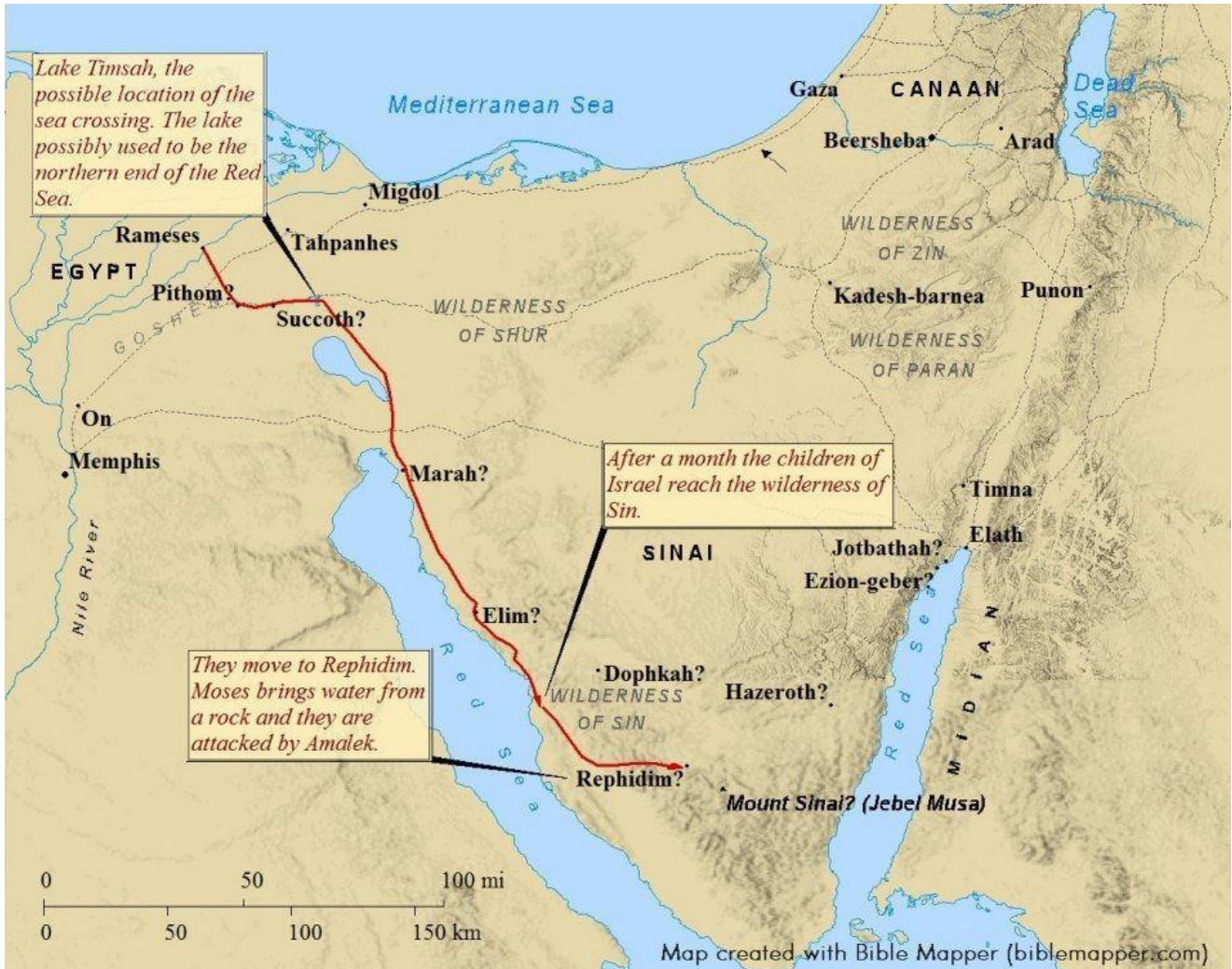
The Lord Jesus tells us that God is aware of our needs and that God will provide if we seek his Kingdom:

*Matthew 6 verses 31 to 33*



**Wilderness travels - to Rephidim**

Map showing the approximate travels of the Israelites to Rephidim. Question marks by place names indicate that the location is uncertain.



**? Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2, Q 2: v 4, Q 3: v 11



# Bible timeline

