



Introduction

After spending forty years in the wilderness, the Israelites are again approaching the promised land.



Questions

1. What is the people's reaction to Moses when they have no water?
2. What does God tell Moses to do and what does he actually do?
3. What does Moses ask the king of Edom and what is the king's response?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 5** At Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin, the Israelites complain to Moses and Aaron about lack of water
- **v 6 to 13** Moses and Aaron are told to speak to a rock which will then produce water. Moses in anger disobeys (see theme) and hits the rock, which produces water, but this means he will not enter the promised land
- **v 14 to 21** Moses asks the king of Edom to let the Israelites pass through his land on the king's highway. Edom refuses his request and threatens them with war if they try
- **v 22 to 29** They then travel to Mount Hor. Moses is told that Aaron is to die on Mount Hor. Before he dies, his son Eleazar is to have Aaron's garments and replace him as priest

Timeline 1500 BC (see below)



Theme

Obedience

A selection of verses showing that God asks us to be obedient to him.

The Israelites are promised that they will be precious to God if they obey him:

Exodus 19 verses 3 to 6

God spells out to the Israelites the consequences of obeying or disobeying:

Deuteronomy 11 verses 26 to 28

The prophet Isaiah tells us that God takes notice of those who obey him:

Isaiah 66 verse 2

The apostle Peter on two occasions is clear whom to obey when there is a conflict between obeying God or men:

Acts 4 verse 19, 5 verse 29



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3 to 5, Q 2, v 8 and 11, Q 3: v 17 and 18

Bible timeline

