

~MERIBAH 1 (47)
(Mer'i-bah) [Quarreling]

- A place in the vicinity of the Israelite wilderness encampment at Rephidim. It was there that Yehowah provided a miraculous supply of water when Moses struck the rock in Horeb with his rod. Moses then called the site: **Massah**, meaning, **Testing, Trial**, and **Meribah**, meaning, **Quarreling**. These names were commemorative of Israel's **quarreling** with Moses and its testing of God on account of the lack of water.
- And the entire assembly of the sons of Israel proceeded to depart from the wilderness of Sin by stages, which they took according to the order of Yehowah, and went camping at Rephidim. But there was no water for the people to drink. (**Exodus 17:1**)
- And the people fell to quarreling with Moses and saying; Give us water that we may drink. But Moses said to them; Why are you quarreling with me? Why do you keep putting Yehowah to the test? (**Exodus 17:2**)
- And the people went on thirsting there for water, and the people kept murmuring against Moses and saying; Why is it that you have brought us up out of Egypt to put us and our sons and our livestock to death by thirst? (**Exodus 17:3**)
- Finally Moses cried out to Yehowah, saying; What shall I do with this people? A little longer and they will stone me! (**Exodus 17:4**)
- Then Yehowah said to Moses; Pass in front of the people and take with you some of the older men of Israel and your rod with which you struck the Nile River. Take it in your hand and you must walk on. (**Exodus 17:5**)
- Look! I am standing before you there on the rock in Horeb. And you must strike on the rock, and water must come out of it, and the people must drink it. Subsequently Moses did so under the eyes of the older men of Israel. (**Exodus 17:6**)
- So he called the name of the place Massah and **Meribah**, because of the quarreling of the sons of Israel and because of their putting Yehowah to the test, saying; Is Yehowah in our midst or not? (**Exodus 17:7**)

