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1. **Focus on physical things:** When the Israelites experienced hardship, they quickly began to doubt. They grumbled over bitter water (15:22-27), a lack of food (16), and a lack of water (17:1-7). We see their trust in God was diminished by their focus on physical things. We must learn to put God's kingdom first, and trust in His provision as Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 6:25-34)
2. **Forgetfulness:** The Israelites seemed to suffer from short-term memory loss. When things got hard, they longed to go back to Egypt! Had they forgotten how terrible the slavery was? Had they forgotten God's power to deliver? When we feel down or begin to doubt, it is time to remind ourselves of what God has already done for us, and what He has promised for us. Don't let forgetfulness and short-sightedness pull you away from trusting in the Lord!

# "That You May Grow Thereby..."

*A weekly Bible reading plan*



## Exodus 14-28

### Israel Arrives at Mt. Sinai

#### Overview

After the 10th and final plague, Pharaoh was finally ready to obey God; sort of. He permitted the Israelites to depart, but not long after that his hard-heartedness returned, and he chased after them with his army. At the Red Sea, God's power was shown again as He parted the waters so the Israelites could cross safely, and then He brought the sea crashing down on Pharaoh and his army, decisively ending the battle and freeing the Israelites (ch. 14)

The Israelites celebrated their deliverance, and seemed to be prepared to follow God (ch. 15). It wasn't long, however, before they began complaining. Lack of food and water caused many to doubt, but once again God delivered them in powerful ways (ch. 16-17). The nation travelled to Mt. Sinai, where they were told to consecrate themselves, for they were about to meet their mighty deliverer—God! God's presence descended on the mountain, and His voice thundered forth the "ten commandments" (ch. 20). The people could not bear the voice of God, and pleaded with Moses to be their go-between. Traversing up the mountain, Moses received the law that would guide God's people for hundreds of years to come!

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