

**MERIBAH**  
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**1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-11 (NLT)**

What happened in the wilderness was written to warn us of things to be avoided: Lust for evil things, idolatry, fornication, tempting Christ, and murmuring. Twenty-three thousand fell by the plague, many died from the serpent's bite, and many were destroyed of the destroyer.

**PSALMS 81:7**

What took place at the waters of Meribah is significantly important to anyone who wants to experience God's best in their lives. Moses and Aaron missed out on God's best because of the waters of Meribah. Their experience was written so we would avoid making the same mistake.

**TWO MERIBAH'S**

**EXODUS 17:1-7**

1. The first generation had problems with water.
  - A. At the Red Sea, too much water; at Marah, bitter water; at Meribah, not enough water.
  - B. The people got angry and blamed Moses and wanted to kill him.
2. The first generation had problems with unbelief.
  - A. They were complaining while being blessed: Protected from the plagues, cloud and fire air conditioning and heat, clothing grew, silver and gold, health, manna in their mouths while complaining. **PSALMS 78:24-25**
  - B. **HEBREWS** tells us God was grieved with this generation because of their unbelief. **PSALMS 95:7-11, HEBREWS 3:7-11**

**NUMBERS 20:1-13**

1. The second generation had a problem with water also.
  - A. They were influenced by their parents for 38-39 years. They too complained and blamed Moses, and had a problem with unbelief.

**CHRIST AND THE TWO ROCKS - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:4**

1. The **EXODUS 17** rock is TSUR, meaning a sharp, jagged rock. Moses striking it with the rod is a picture of the crucifixion, **ISAIAH 53:4**. By taking our judgment, Christ provides the waters of salvation.
2. In **NUMBERS 20** rock is SELA', meaning exalted, high, smooth rock. It's a picture of the resurrection, **PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11**.
  - A. **PSALMS 78:15-16** – Both words are used. In **15**, rocks is TSUR. In **16**, rock is SELA'.
  - B. The meaning: Christ was crucified, resurrected and exalted. All anyone needs to do to access grace and appropriate salvation is to speak to Him and confess their faith. **ROMANS 10:8-13**

**THE SIN OF UNBELIEF – NUMBERS 20:12**

1. God said Moses didn't believe Him.
  - A. Moses allowed his anger, frustrations and doubt to keep him from experiencing God's best.
  - B. **ROMANS 9:33** – The rock of salvation is a rock of offense to Jews. **1 CORINTHIANS 1:23**, a stumbling block to Jews, foolishness to Gentiles. **1 PETER 2:5-8** to believers, precious, to unbelievers, a stumbling rock of offense.
2. We've been warned. **HEBREWS 4:1-3**
  - A. The second Meribah took place two years before Joshua took over and brought them in.
  - B. God used Joshua to teach the second-generation faith.

**CONCLUSION:**

The rock has been stricken, smitten and afflicted of God for us. Let's not let our doubt, fear or frustrations keep us from God's best. Let's speak the Word, confess our faith and go possess our land.