

## ONE BIG MISTAKE

Introduction: It has been \_\_\_\_ years since Israel left Egypt and 38 years since sending the spies. They now come full \_\_\_\_ back to the same place. Moses is near the \_\_\_\_ of his life, and Israel is near to entering the Promised Land.

- I. The \_\_\_\_ of Christ (Numbers 20:1-8)
- A. Miriam is one of the last of the unbelieving generation to \_\_\_\_.
  - B. Not much is said about the years of \_\_\_\_.
  - C. "It is true of you and me that we don't amount to anything when we are out of the \_\_\_\_ of God" (McGee).
  - D. Over \_\_\_\_ people died during these years.
  - E. "The bitter fruit of \_\_\_\_ was harvested in silence for an entire generation" (MacDonald).
  - F. The new generation \_\_\_\_ in the same way their parents did.
  - G. Israel \_\_\_\_ about their present situation.
  - H. Every time they complained, God \_\_\_\_.
  - I. "That should make us realize that if we are whining and complaining saints, we are not \_\_\_\_ to God. That is true no matter who you are, or where you are, or what you are doing" (McGee).
  - J. God gave Moses clear \_\_\_\_ about what he was to do.
  - K. The already smitten Rock was a picture of \_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 10:1-4).
  - L. All one needs to do to receive the water of life is to \_\_\_\_ upon the name of the Lord.
- II. The \_\_\_\_ of Moses (Numbers 20:9-11)
- A. \_\_\_\_ years of dealing with Israel finally catches up with Moses.
  - B. The very \_\_\_\_ record of Moses' leadership is now tarnished.
  - C. Spiritual leaders are held to a higher \_\_\_\_ (Ecc. 10:1; Jas. 3:1).
  - D. Moses reacts in a fit of passionate \_\_\_\_ (Ps. 106:32-33).
  - E. God still provided water in spite of Moses' sin; the ends do not \_\_\_\_ the means.
- III. The \_\_\_\_ of God (Numbers 20:12-29)
- A. Moses \_\_\_\_ God to the people of Israel.
  - B. For this sin, Moses would not be allowed to \_\_\_\_ Canaan.

Conclusion: "From the whole we may learn, that the best of men have their failings, even in those graces that they are most eminent for. The man Moses was very meek, and yet here he sinned in passion" (Henry).