

Pitch Patience

Exodus 17:1-7 (AMP)

1 ALL THE congregation of the Israelites moved on from the Wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and encamped at Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore, the people contended with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, Why do you find fault with me? Why do you tempt the Lord and try His patience? 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst? 4 So Moses cried to the Lord, What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me. 5 And the Lord said to Moses, Pass on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you smote the river [Nile], and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at [Mount] Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He called the place Massah [proof] and Meribah [contention] because of the faultfinding of the Israelites and because they tempted and tried the patience of the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us or not?

Acts 1:7 (NASB)

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

"Times," Greek; *chronos*; ticking of time as humans measure it.

"Epochs," Greek; *Kairos*, seasons or God's divine timing.

Luke 21:19 (KJV)

19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

1. CRISIS

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2. COMPLAINT

Exodus 17:2, 3, 7 (AMP)

2 “...the people contended with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink... the people murmured against Moses, and said, Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst? Is the Lord among us or not?

3. CURE

Exodus 17:6 (AMP)

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