

Lesson #9 – Moses Sins

Once again the people were on the move in the wilderness. After the rebellion, God told Moses to have each tribe leader to bring a rod and write their name on their rod. Aaron had his name on the rod of Levi.

Moses took all the rods and put them in front of the Ark of the Covenant. God was going to show by these rods who was chosen high priest.

The next day when Moses checked the rods, Aaron's rod had sprouted like a branch with buds and blossoms and ripe almonds. Moses took all the rods outside to the owners except Aaron's rod. Aaron's rod was kept before the Ark to remind them that God's choice was Aaron as High Priests. It was put inside the ark when it was moved from place to place.

The people came to Kadesh and camped a while. Here Miriam died and was buried. Soon the people grumbled for they needed water again. Once again they rebelled against Moses and Aaron.

Moses went to the door of the tabernacle and asked the Lord what to do. God told him to call the people together. He was to take the rod and speak to the rock before them. The rock would bring forth water to give to the people and their animals.

Moses and Aaron gathered the people. Moses said, "Hear now you rebels! Must we bring water out of this rock for you?"

Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod. Water came out abundantly.

God said, "You struck the rock and did not do just as I told you. Because you did not obey me, you will not bring the people into the land!"

What a sad thing! Moses lost his temper and forgot exactly what God had told him to do. He did not completely obey. Because of this, Moses did not get to enter the Promised Land.

We must be careful to do just as God wants us to do. We must listen to God and do what He says in the Bible. We must try not to lose our temper. When we do, it is easy to do wrong. How sad for Moses. He got to bring the people to the border of the land, but he did not get to enter in himself.

QUESTIONS

- T. F 1. God told Moses to get a rod from each tribe.
- T F 2. There were 10 rods in all.
- T F 3. Aaron had a rod with his name on it.
- T F 4. God was to show by the rod who was his pick for High Priest.
- T F 5. Aaron's rod budded and grew pecans.
- T F 6. Miriam died in Kadesh.
- T F 7. In Kadesh they had plenty of water.
- T F 8. God told Moses to speak to the rock..
- T F 9. Moses obeyed God exactly.
- T F 10. Moses struck the rock with his rod.
- T F 11. God was pleased with Moses
- T F 12. Moses did NOT get to go into the Promised Land since he did NOT obey God.