

1. Sea of Galilee:

- A legend arose about the Sea of Galilee.
- Paul makes a reference to this legend as he relates it to Jesus.

2. Miriam's Well:

- In the book of Exodus (40 years in the wilderness), there is only mention of needing water twice.
- **Exodus 17:3-6**
 - Moses extracts water from the Rock
- **Numbers 20:3** – the people complain about water.
- **Numbers 20:1** – the death of Miriam.
 - The death of Miriam immediately precedes the second complaint about water. She must have had something to do with the water – Miriam's Well.

3. The Rock that followed them in the desert:

- Where did they get water for 40 years in the desert?
- The rock – a “well” - followed them around the desert
- The rock represents **Spiritual Life** – the Living Waters of God. Just as the Manna from Heaven provided spiritual food, the Rock provided spiritual water.

4. A legend developed about this Rock:

- *The Legends of the Jews*, Louis Ginzberg (pg. 575-77)

“Thereafter, this water-giving rock accompanied the Children of Israel throughout their wanderings in the desert.”

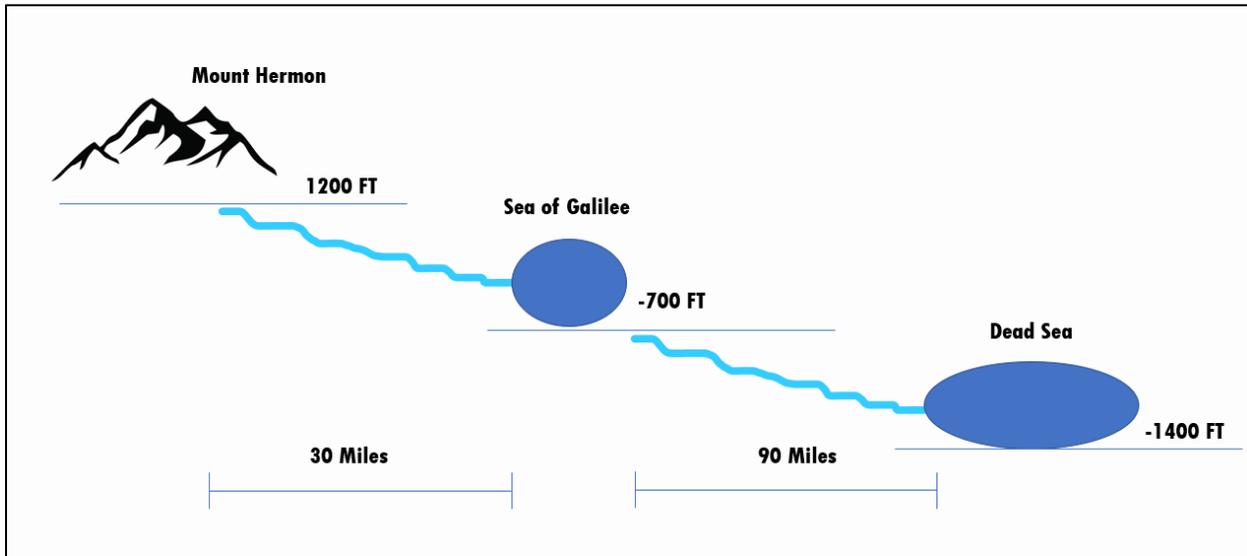
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- **1 Corinthians 10:3-4**
- Paul reinterprets the legend to say that the ‘spiritual rock’ was ‘Christ.’

5. Where did the Rock go when they got to the Promised Land?

“Upon the entrance to the Holy Land this well disappeared and was hidden in a certain spot of the **Sea of Tiberias**”

Legends of the Jews (576)



6. Jordan River:

English	Hebrew
To descend	יָרַד' (<i>yarad</i>)
'the descender'	יַרְדֵּן' (<i>Yarden</i>)

7. Jordan River serves as a **boundary**:

- Boundary for Israel
- A metaphorical boundary for reaching the Promised Land

8. Joshua's crossing of the Jordan (Joshua 3):

- More to the story than just crossing a river.
- Serves as an **object lesson** as they transition to the Promised Land

9. Lesson of the "Two Seas in the Land of Israel."

- There are two seas in the land of Israel – one is alive, one is dead.
- The Jordan river feeds both.
- What is the difference?
 - The Sea of Galilee receives the waters of the Jordan and then proceeds to give
 - The Dead Sea only receives the waters and does not give.
- Just as there are two types of Seas in the land of Israel – there are two types of people in the world.