

# Exodus 16:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

## Analysis

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**And they took their journey from Elim**—Israel's wilderness journey from Elim to Sin represents the transition from initial refreshment to testing of faith. The Hebrew מִדְבַּר-סִין (midbar-Sin) means 'Wilderness of Sin,' possibly related to thorny bushes. This second month after exodus marks a critical period where Israel must learn dependence on God's provision rather than Egyptian security. The congregation's unity in journeying ('all the congregation') sets the stage for their collective murmuring, revealing how corporate faith can quickly become corporate unbelief.

## Historical Context

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This occurred approximately 45 days after leaving Egypt, in the second month (Iyar). The route from the Red Sea through Elim led into the barren Sinai peninsula where food supplies from Egypt would be exhausted.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

### Study Questions

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1. How do seasons of abundance (Elim) prepare us for seasons of testing (wilderness of Sin)?
2. What does this journey teach about corporate faith versus individual faith?

### Interlinear Text

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וַסְעוּ	כָּל	וְיָבֹאוּ	אֵילָם	עַד	תְּ
And they took their journey	came	came	from Elim	and all the congregation	
H5265	H3605	H935	H362	H5712	
בְּנֵי	אֶל	מִדְבָּר	יִשְׂרָאֵל	בֵּין	אֶשֶׁר
of the children	unto the wilderness	of Sin	of Israel	of Sin	
H1121	H4057	H5512	H3478	H834	H996
לְחָדָשׁ	יּוֹם	עָשָׂה	בַּחֲמִישָׁה	סִינַי	וְיָבֹאוּ
day	day	on the fifteenth	and Sinai	from Elim	
H3117	H2320	H6240	H5514	H362	H996
מִצְרַיִם:	מֵאֶרֶץ	לְצֵאתָם	הַשֵּׁנִי		
of Egypt	of the land	after their departing out	of the second		
H4714	H776	H3318	H8145		

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