

Exodus 13:17-22

Lest They Change Their Minds

The journey begins ...

- I. In Good Order
 - A. A Coordinated Effort
 - B. Directed by God
- II. On A Circuitous Route
 - A. Divine Navigation
 - B. The Best Route to Take
- III. Led By His Presence
 - A. With His People
 - B. Night & Day

... to the ultimate destination?

Children, Listen ...

1. Why didn't God take the easiest way to get to the Promised Land?
2. What two things did God use to show His people that He was leading them?
3. Even though God never promised our journey in life would be easy, how can we be sure He is guiding our lives?

Divine Navigation

God knows His people well. Aware of their fear and fickleness, when He took them out of Egypt, He did not take them immediately into an area where they would see war. Though they would be engaged in battle soon, they were not yet ready for that. He led them into the wilderness where they would still face tremendous challenges and trials that would test their willingness to trust and obey Him, the results of which we will see as the rest of Exodus unfolds. The sovereignty of YHWH is a major theme of Exodus. While it is clear that He is sovereign over all things, He exercises a special sovereign care for His Covenant people. It is important to keep in mind that this same God is sovereign over all things and that He continues to show special care to His Covenant people. That is true of the big picture, and it is true for each one of us in Christ. What a great comfort it is to know how intimately our God care for us. We may not always like the path He takes us on, but we can surely trust that He knows what He is doing and what is best for us.

And we know that for those who love God
all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.
Romans 8:28