

147a How They Grieved Him in the Desert

From Psalm 78:40–55



16. ⁴⁰ How they grieved Him in the de - sert, Ev - er read - y to re - bel—
 17. They for - got His signs in E - gypt, When from hardship they were saved,
 18. ⁴⁶ He gave E - gypt's crops to lo - custs, And the swarms ate all their store.
 19. ⁴⁹ E - gypt felt His in - dig - na - tion, Dread hos - til - i - ty and wrath.
 20. ⁵¹ All the first-born sons of E - gypt In the tents of Ham He struck.
 21. ⁵⁴ To His ho - ly land He brought them, To the hills seized by His hand;

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 41 Vexed the Ho - ly One and test - ed The great God of Is - ra - el!
 44 When to blood He turned its riv - er, Mak - ing foul the drink they craved.
 47 Freez - ing rain de - stroyed their fig trees, And the hail their vine - yards tore.
 By His an - gels of de - struc - tion ⁵⁰ For His rage He made a path.
 52 But from there He led His peo - ple Through the de - sert like a flock.
 55 He drove na - tions out be - fore them, And as - signed to them their land,

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 42, 43 They for - got His won - ders shown To them in the fields of Zoan.
 45 God sent swarms of flies to bite, Hordes of frogs their land to blight.
 48 Hail - stones bat - tered all their stock; Light - ning bolts their cat - tle struck.
 Ev'n from death He did not spare; Mor - tal plague He made them bear.
 53 Fear - less, they were safe - ly led; In the sea their foes lay dead.
 Where, as their in - her - it - ance, Is - rael's tribes found res - i - dence.

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