22 Then Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea, and they went out into the Desert of Shur. They traveled for three days into the desert, but they found no water. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah, because it was bitter. Therefore, it was called “Marah.” 24 Then the people complained against Moses. They said, “What are we supposed to drink!” 25 Moses cried out to Yahweh. Then Yahweh showed him some wood, and Moses threw it into the water. The water became sweet.

There Yahweh issued a judgment and a law for them; He tested them there. 26 Moses said, “If you will carefully listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, and you will do right as HE sees it, and you will listen to His commands and obey all of His rules, then I will put none of the diseases upon you which I laid upon the Egyptians, because I am Yahweh who heals you.”

27 Then they came to Elim, where there were 12 springs of water and 70 palm trees. They camped there, next to the water.