



# **God's Revelation of Himself in NAMES**

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**Yahweh Rophe  
(The LORD Your Healer)**



# Context of Reveling Yahweh Rophe

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- Soon after leaving Egypt, Israel faced the Red Sea.
  - Israel *feared* and *complained*, but God saved them – Ex. 14:30-31
  - Israel sang a song of faith and praise – Ex. 15:1-2, 11-13
- Just three days later Israel again faced the problem of water at Marah – 15:22-25a
  - In three days Israel went from fearing death from too much water to fearing death from too little water.
  - Because Marah's waters were undrinkable, Israel grumbled!
  - Moses looked to God and the solution was to cast a tree into the waters which made them sweet.

# God Reveals His Name at Marah

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- Exodus 15:25b-26
- Why at Marah?
  - Lack of clean water meant “bitterness” for Israel!
  - Purifying the waters showed that the sickness and death (bitterness) that Israel feared were taken away *by Him*!
- Revealing **Yahweh Rophe** at Marah showed that *people cannot truly live without His healing* – Ex. 15:25b-26
  - This did not mean that God’s people would never face disease or illness
  - It meant that the diseases God put on the ungodly Egyptians would not come upon God’s faithful people – Isa. 1:5; Psa. 103:2-3



# We Will Be Tested

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- Exodus 15:25b – “there He tested them”
- God tests His people.
  - Like our educators, God tested Israel to see if they were listening (in Egypt and at the Red Sea).
  - We will be tested to see if we are listening and learning that God is our deliverer, our life, our salvation!
- We must not despise the tests or give up – Heb. 10:35-38



# Do Not Forget What Follows

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- After God was shown to be Israel's **healer**, He brought them to Elim – Ex. 15:27
  - After deliverance, the statutes and regulations, and the tests, what followed were great blessings in abundance!
- **Yahweh Rophe** means that when you trust and obey God, He will provide more than enough for...
  - Life and godliness here in this world – 2 Pet. 1:2-3
  - Sustaining our hope of eternal life afterwards – Jn. 14:1-3



# Marah Must Come First

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- Israel had to pass through Marah, or bitterness, before coming to Elim and its blessings.
- So must we – Acts 14:21-22
- God was revealed as Israel's healer after casting a **tree** into the bitterness to make it sweet.
  - God is our healer because He has cast a **tree** shaped like a **cross** into the midst of our bitterness—1 Pet. 2:21-25
  - We must take up our tree, our cross, and bear it until the end – Lk. 9:23-24