

List of Ten Temptations of God in the Wilderness

Numbers 14:22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

Temptation	Scripture	Situation / Location	Sin	Moses' Response	God's Action
1	Exodus 14:10-14	Pharaoh and Egypt army behind Israel	Complain against Moses: Better to serve in Egypt than die in wilderness	Moses promises God will fight for them, and they should be quiet	Blocked Egyptians with cloud, divided Red Sea and destroyed the Egyptians as they chased
2	Exodus 15:23-27	At Marah (Bitterness) where could not drink water	Murmured against Moses: What shall we drink?	Moses cried to Lord	Lord showed Moses a tree which made the waters sweet – Told if they would listen to God none of the diseases of the Egyptians would effect them
3	Exodus 16:1-14	Wilderness of Sin with no food	Murmured against Moses: Would to God we had died when we sat by the flesh pots in Egypt... you've brought us out to die of hunger	None – Lord addresses directly – Moses just relays the message – not against him, but God	Lord proves people through law of manna, gives flesh (quail) and daily manna
4	Exodus 16:19-21	Wilderness of sin, gathering manna	Disobedience of Moses' command to leave none until morning	Moses was wroth (burst in rage)	It bred worms and stank, melted
5	Exodus 16:22-30	Wilderness of sin, gathering manna	Disobedience of Moses' command not to gather on Sabbath	Lord rebukes him, then as commanded he gathers a portion for memorial in Ark	God asks Moses, How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws
6	Exodus 17:1-7	Rephidim: no water	Chided (Contended) with Moses: Asking for water, questioning whether the Lord was amongst them or not. Asked why brought out of Egypt to kill	Cried to Lord – People were almost ready to stone him.	Commands Moses to spite the rock before the elders. Lord stands on rock - water flows out when smitten
7	Exodus 32:1-34:35	At Sinai: Moses on Mt for 40 days	Idolatry – Aaron makes golden calf – have feast day	Reminded Lord of covenant with Abraham, broke tables of law, made drink idol, put down rebellion, renegotiated covenant	Would have destroyed the people or left them to an angel to lead into land. Turned wrath based on intercession and showed glory – renewed a modified covenant
8	Numbers 11:1-3	3 days from Mt Sinai; Taberah (Burning)	People complained	Nothing – Lord addressed directly – when people cry to Moses though he prayed and stopped fire	God sent fire which burnt amongst them – consumed those on outside of camp.
9	Numbers 11:4-35	Kibrothhattaavah (Graves of Lust)	Lusted after food other than manna	Moses upset – Cries to Lord that the burden is too great. Doubts what Lord will do.	Lord puts spirit upon the 70; sends 3 feet deep of quail and while they eat (months worth), as they ate sent great plague killing many
10	Numbers 13:25-14:39	Wilderness of Paran, at border of Canaan	Murmur against Moses believing that could not conquer. Begin to make captain to return to Egypt, question why wives and children should be destroyed. Seek to stone Joshua and Caleb	Fell on face in prayer. Pleads for glory of name of Lord despite people's great sin.	God at first will destroy, but He pardons according to Moses' intercession. Promises to destroy all 20+ in wilderness. To wander for 40 years – one year for each day of spies in Canaan. All spies except Joshua and Caleb died immediately.