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Wonder in the Wilderness



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



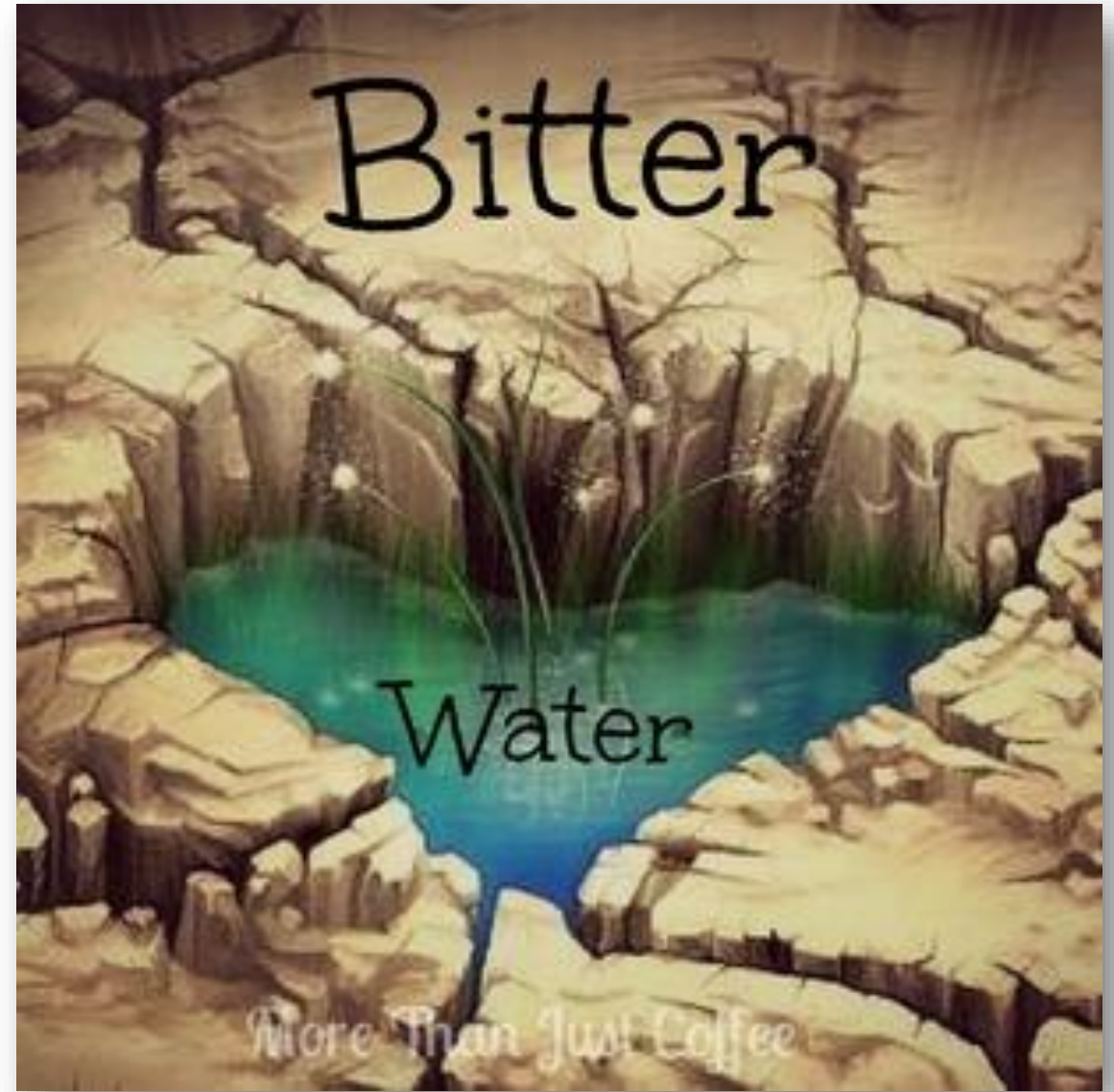
A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a circular stone well is built into the sand. Several tall palm trees are scattered across the scene, some casting long shadows. In the background, a person is visible walking near some more trees. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

Exodus 15:27

Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

Exodus 15:22-24

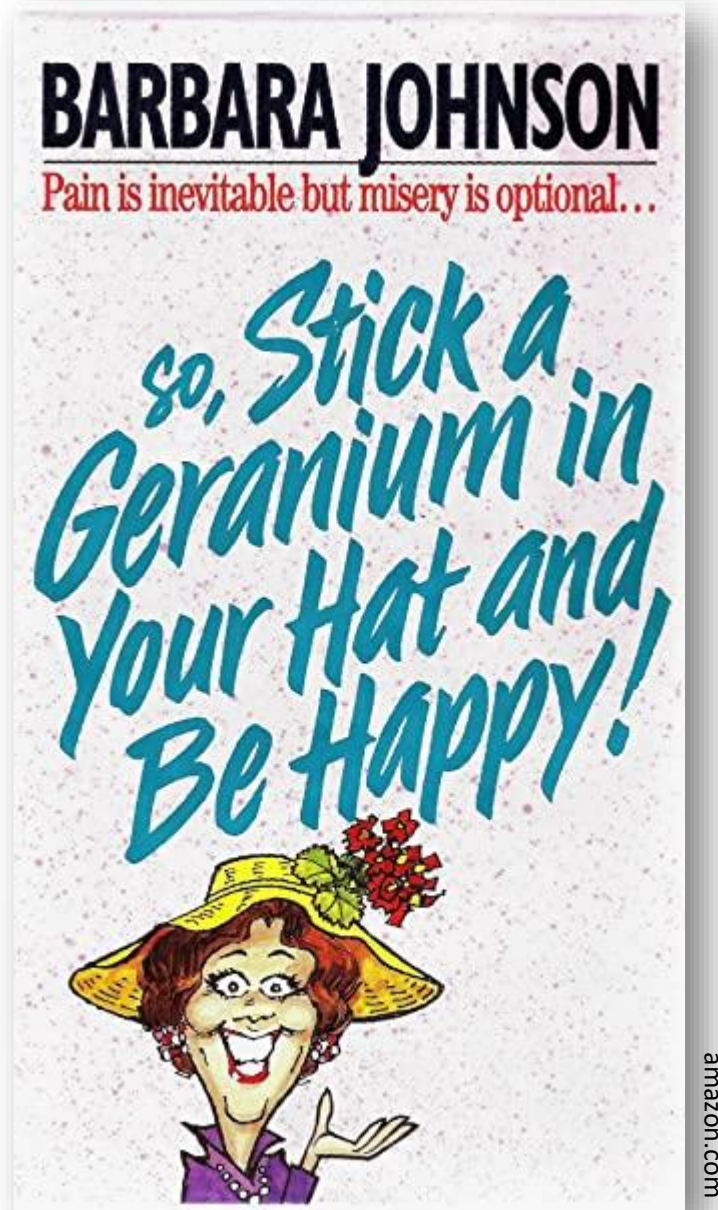
Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they travelled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, 'What are we to drink?'





The best way that I've learnt to laugh is to pursue joy and actually collect it. My books and newsletters often mention my joy room a 60 foot by 10 foot space attached to my home which is full of things to make me and my guests smile chuckle and even guffaw . My joy room started out as a joy box - a shoe box covered with some brightly coloured paper - in which I put things that made me laugh. When I was going through the really terrible times and doing my own share of tunnel walking I looked for things like cards , poems and even scripture verses that made me smile or laugh...

In no time at all , my joy box was brim full and overflowing, and we had to do something else. So much joy was coming back to me in the Mail I told Bill he had to build a room on the side of our home, and that's what we did. Today on every inch of the walls, we have plaques, pictures, dolls, and gimmicks all kinds of happy stuff all over the place.





Exodus 15:19-21

When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing. Miriam sang to them:

*'Sing, to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse, and driver,
he has hurled into the sea.'*



Ephesians 5:18-20

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us - for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who hangs on a **tree**"



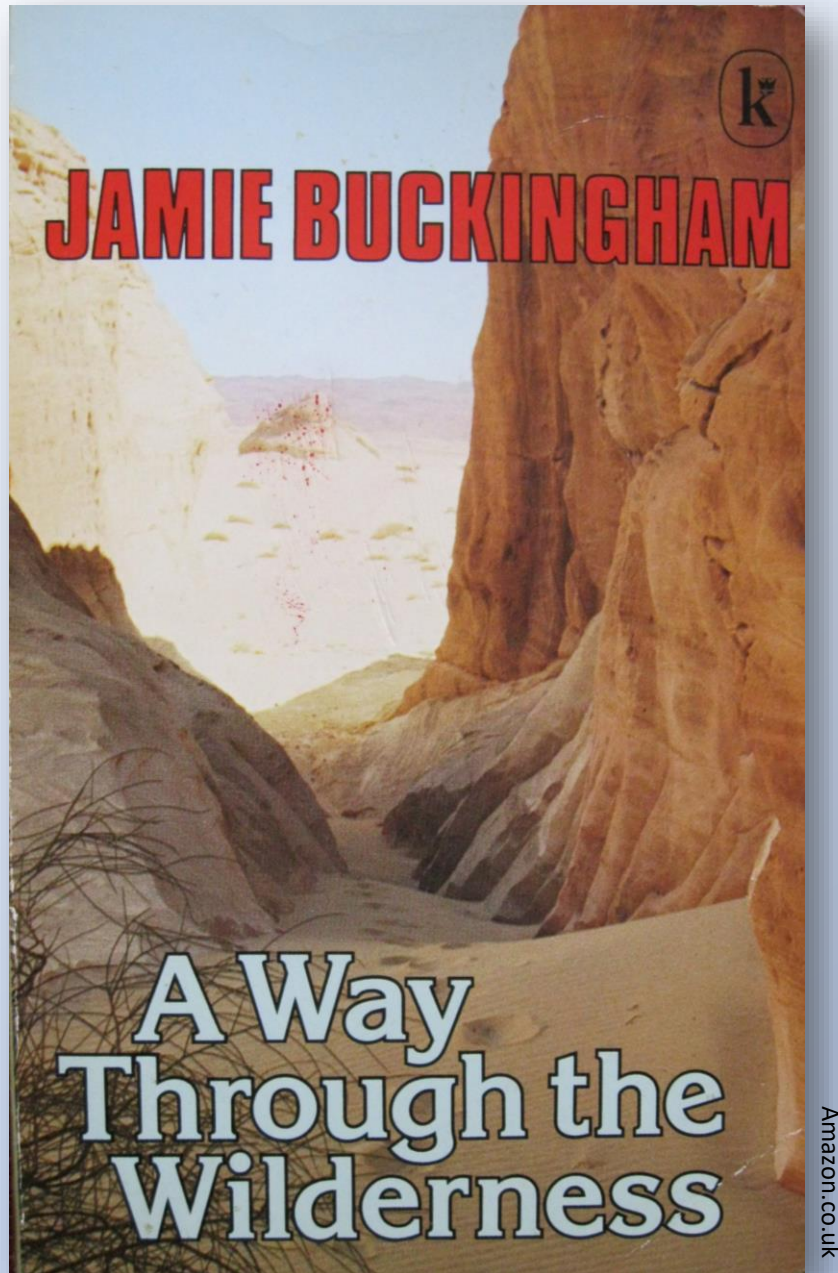
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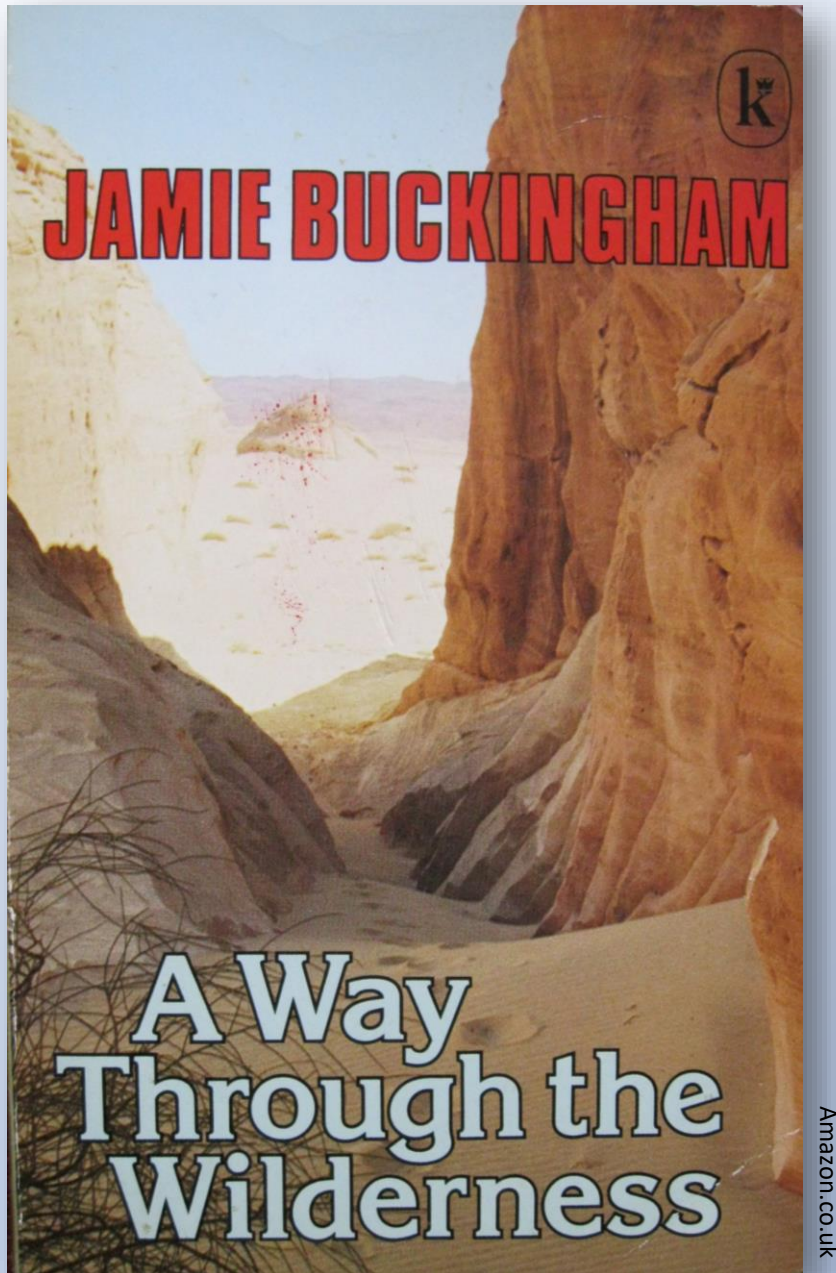
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Exodus 15:25-26

There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. He said, 'If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you.'



The people had brought a lot of Egypt with them - internally. The entire nation had just undergone a seizure of flies, locusts, dead frogs, boils and impure water. In the resulting plague, hundreds of thousands of Egyptian children had died . The Israelites, for the most part, had escaped the plagues. But they still brought with them the contamination of Egypt...



Now at Marah the Lord spoke and told them he would not allow the Egyptian diseases to afflict them - if they but obeyed him. What did God want the Israelites to do? Obviously he wanted them to drink the water of Marah - but it was filled with magnesium. True, but even Moses could not have known about the medicinal qualities of calcium and magnesium.

For one thing, magnesium is a powerful laxative. It was God's way of cleaning out their systems... In the process, they would have expelled most of the amoeba, parasites and death dealing germs they brought with them from Egypt.

Thus their first stop in the wilderness journey was not a place of despair but a place where God had provided medicinal water.

Luke 22:41-44

He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.' An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

