Wilderness Wanderings:

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The above lesson schedule for *Wilderness Wanderings: When the People of God Were Young* attempts to work selectively through events from the earliest days and years in the history of the nation of Israel after the exodus from Egypt until the death of Moses. Jesus mined this portion of Scripture to arm Himself for spiritual battle, and we can learn much from this Mosaic record to ready us to identify and counter temptation (1 Corinthians 10:11; Romans 15:4). The writer of Hebrews shows us how to make a discerning use of these wilderness events as well (Hebrews 3).

God used these events to identify what was in Israel's heart and to teach them to live in faith concerning God's faithfulness:

² You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³ He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD (Deuteronomy 8:2-3).

Naturally, the study does not cover every event during those 40 years, but in the main, it captures most of the prominent ones. As we taught through the material, we often spent more than a single week on each lesson. You may find it helpful to do the same.