

{16} Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt?

{17} And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert?

{18} And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed ?

{19} So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

What truths do we learn in this passage?

- (1) The Israelites were deceived by the enticements of sin (verse 13).**
- (2) They hardened themselves against the revealed will of God, and thus became hardened. Verse 8 speaks of the Israelites rebelling against God and hardening themselves in the desert, and verse 13 speaks of being hardened by sin's deceitfulness.**
- (3) They rejected the truth of God and did not believe in Him. Verse 18 says they disobeyed God, and verse 19 speaks of their unbelief. In so doing, they departed from the living God (verse 12).**
- (4) The Israelites tempted and provoked God to anger. Verses 8 and 9 speak of their testing and trying God in the desert, and verses 10, 11, and 17 tell us that God was angry with them for forty years.**