

Paul says that all these things have been written for our admonition, and tells us that those of us who think we stand should take heed lest we also fall into idolatry!

The writer of Hebrews also exhorts us in chapter 3, verses 12-13:

{12} See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. {13} But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

But how are these things examples to us? How do they apply? After all, the historical circumstances 3,350 years ago (when the Israelites were in the wilderness), or even 1,950 years ago (when Paul wrote 1 Corinthians) were very different from those today!

I believe the connection between the Israelites and the Corinthians, and between the Israelites and us today, lies in the central teaching of our study passage; namely, that