**Paradigm Shift Scriptures**

**Deuteronomy 8:1-20 (TLB)**

1 "You must obey all the commandments I give you today. If you do, you will not only live, you will multiply and will go in and take over the land promised to your fathers by the Lord.

2 Do you remember how the Lord led you through the wilderness for all those forty years, humbling you and testing you to find out how you would respond, and whether or not you would really obey him?

3 Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to both you and your ancestors. He did it to help you realize that food isn’t everything, and that real life comes by obeying every command of God.

4 For all these forty years your clothes haven’t grown old, and your feet haven’t been blistered or swollen.

5 So you should realize that, as a man punishes his son, the Lordpunishes you to help you.

6 "Obey the laws of the Lord your God. Walk in his ways and fear him.

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land of brooks, pools, gushing springs, valleys, and hills;

8 it is a land of wheat and barley, of grape vines, fig trees, pomegranates, olives, and honey;

9 it is a land where food is plentiful, and nothing is lacking; it is a land where iron is as common as stone, and copper is abundant in the hills.

10 When you have eaten your fill, bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

11 "But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you don’t forget the Lord your God and begin to disobey him.

12 For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, and when your flocks and herds have become very large, and your silver and gold have multiplied,
14 that is the time to watch out that you don’t become proud and forget the Lord your God who brought you out of your slavery in the land of Egypt.

15 Beware that you don’t forget the God who led you through the great and terrible wilderness with the dangerous snakes and scorpions, where it was so hot and dry. He gave you water from the rock!

16 He fed you with manna in the wilderness (it was a kind of bread unknown before) so that you would become humble and so that your trust in him would grow, and he could do you good.

17 He did it so that you would never feel that it was your own power and might that made you wealthy.

18 Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you power to become rich, and he does it to fulfill his promise to your ancestors.

19 "But if you forget about the Lord your God and worship other gods instead, and follow evil ways, you shall certainly perish,

20 just as the Lord has caused other nations in the past to perish. That will be your fate, too, if you don’t obey the Lord your God.

Exodus 15:22-26 (TLB)

22 Then Moses led the people of Israel on from the Red Sea, and they moved out into the wilderness of Shur and were there three days without water.

23 Arriving at Marah, they couldn’t drink the water because it was bitter (that is why the place was called Marah, meaning "bitter").

24 Then the people turned against Moses. "Must we die of thirst?" they demanded.

25 Moses pleaded with the Lord to help them, and the Lord showed him a tree to throw into the water, and the water became sweet. It was there at Marah that the Lord laid before them the following conditions, to test their commitment to him:

26 "If you will listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and obey it, and do what is right, then I will not make you suffer the diseases I sent on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord who heals you."

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)

15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.