

Trail. Marcus Whitman, later killed by Indians, is an example of sacrifice for the cause of the Gospel. Many others made similar sacrifices.

- The California gold rush was driven by rank covetousness. Many of the forty-niners lost everything they had, even their lives; or if they did get rich, they squandered their new-found wealth. These people experienced the truth of Proverbs 28:22: "He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him."

Further Study

- The Alamo and its defenders.
- The war of independence for Texas, and the life of Sam Houston.
- Events of the Mexican War.
- Mountain men and explorers such as Jedediah Smith.
- The Oregon Trail and experiences of the travelers. (See *Seven Alone* or *On to Oregon* for the story of young John Sager and his family, who were with the party led by George and Jacob Donner.)
- The California gold rush and how miners obtained gold.
- The pony express.
- The story of missionaries in Oregon, such as the Whitmans.