

Exodus 16

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16 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. (Sin = a bush) (Sinai = bush of Yah – this is where Moses saw the burning bush and spoke with God) (This is one month after they left Egypt)

² And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: (Here we go again. They are complaining instead of enjoying their new found freedom)

³ And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. (They have already forgotten all the miracles that they witnessed. They would prefer to be slaves, as long as they were fed. This is typical of a large group of people. There will always be trouble makers and nay-sayers to stir up the crowd)

⁴ Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. (God wants to test them to see if they will follow His commandments. They were told to gather only what they need for that day, and to have faith that God will provide more on the next day)

⁵ And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. (Because there won't be any on the Sabbath <the next day>)

⁶ And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: (That should have been enough proof to the people that God is taking care of them)

⁷ And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? (Stop whining)

⁸ And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD. (God will send them Manna now, and later, quail)

(Moses is trying to tell them to stop the complaining. They aren't complaining against Moses; they're complaining against God. That's not wise)

⁹ And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

¹⁰ And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

¹² I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God. (God is still trying to prove to them that He is their God; and that He can take care of them in the wilderness)

¹³ And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

¹⁴ And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. (This is a grain that they will use to make bread)

¹⁵ And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat. (Manna = what's that) (The Book of Psalms calls this Angel's food)

Genesis-1:26 (Our flesh bodies are an exact copy of our spiritual bodies from the First Age. Angel's food <manna> also sustained the Israelites flesh bodies. Today, our manna is the Word of God. Learn it; absorb it. Live well now on earth; and forever in the eternity)

¹⁶ This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents. (Gather enough, just for that day. The next day, there will be another fresh batch for collection) (an omer is a little more than ½ gallon)

¹⁷ And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. (According to their appetite and the number of people in their family)

¹⁸ And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. (This manna is symbolic for the Bread of Life – the Word of God, to us, today)

¹⁹ And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning. (This was a test of their faith in God's ability to provide for them)

²⁰ Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. (They failed again. These people just won't listen to God. The bottom line is – they don't trust God to provide again the next day; so they tried to hoard it)

²¹ And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. (It had to be gathered in the morning, before the heat of the day)

²² And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. (They were told to do that by God, through Moses)

²³ And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. (This time it will keep for the next day. Bake enough manna and seethe enough quail for two days and it will stay fresh)

²⁴ And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. (God allowed it because they could not collect food on the Sabbath Day. This should have been

enough proof that this was a gift from God. Otherwise, it would have rotted on the Sabbath Day)

(Sabbath = rest)

²⁵ And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field.

²⁶ Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

²⁷ And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. (They refused to listen over and over. Greedy Jews; they have no regard or respect for God, or for Moses)

²⁸ And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? (God is starting to get fed up with these losers; and rightfully so. They have seen miracle after miracle, and they still refuse to trust God)

NOTE: (This could be an effect of psychologically damaged people. They had grown up in slavery, under the whip of the Egyptians. They had no self discipline. This may be why God condemned them to live in the wilderness. The next generation would enter the Promised Land)

²⁹ See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

³⁰ So the people rested on the seventh day. (Only because they had tried it before and failed. It wasn't because they suddenly became obedient to God)

³¹ And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. (Flaky and sweet – sounds good)

³² And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. (This omer of manna was kept in the Ark of the Covenant. It never spoiled because God commanded it. This is

divine intervention, to be used to teach future generations of what God did for these people)

³³ And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations. (This would be a proof for future generations; for when people begin to think that all these writings are just myths, instead of facts)

³⁴ As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. (Moses and Aaron are doing as God commands)

³⁵ And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan. Psalms-78:24-26 (This is Angel's food)

³⁶ Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah. (According to Josephus – a little more than ½ gallon)