

February 4/Day 35

Exodus 16

Verses 1-3

- In case we have forgotten from yesterday, Elim means “oasis”. There were 12 springs of water and 70 date palms in Elim and the sons of Israel camped beside the waters.
- Where is the wilderness of Sin? All you need to know about it is it’s a wilderness, not as in a forest, but as in a wasteland.
- How long had they been on the move by now?
- What do we find the people doing AGAIN in verse 2?
- The benefits of living in Egypt described in verse three sound good until we stop to think these things were available only because they were in bondage as slaves in Egypt.
- Is there anything from our past, as believers, anything from our lives in bondage to the enemy that we remember fondly though they were attained at a high cost?

Verses 4-7

- What did the LORD say the bread from heaven was in regard to His instruction?
- The dictionary defines a test as “a procedure intended to establish the quality, performance, or reliability of something, especially before it is taken into widespread use.” Think about a quality assurance team in a factory. It is their job to “test” a product or put a product through a “trial” period. Think about a “trial” sized shampoo bottle.
- How often were they to gather the bread from heaven?
- John 6:35, “Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.”
- How much would they gather on the 6th day? Do you know why?

Verse 8

- When we complain about our situation, who are we complaining against according to the text?

Verses 9-12

- What had the LORD heard from the people? Do you remember what He had heard them say while they were enslaved in Egypt?
- Where did the glory of the LORD appear? Glory is “splendor, holiness, or majesty”.
- The LORD had delivered the people from slavery, do you think it would be reasonable if their complaining angered God? Wouldn’t He have had a long-term plan? So, their complaining shows a lack of trust on their part, but do you observe patience and longsuffering with God?

Verses 13-21

- What kind of meat did God provide? Did the men have to go out and hunt it?
- What did the dew provide in the morning?
- Did this provide enough food in their wilderness?
- What happened with the leftovers? What about our disobedience, is it foul?

Verses 22-26

- Why should they gather twice as much bread on the sixth day?
- When was the Sabbath observance put into place by God? (Creation)
- Why did the leftovers on the sixth day not become foul?

Verses 27-30

- What did the people do on the seventh day?

Verses 31-36

- What did the house/sons of Israel name the bread?
- The word, manna, literally means “What is it?”
- What did it look like? Did you know coriander is also known as Chinese parsley or cilantro?
- What did it taste like?
- How were the people to keep the manna to save throughout the generations?
- Moses is pre-empting himself here by telling us about Aaron and the Testimony. We will find the jar of manna later being kept in the ark of the covenant.
- How many years did the sons of Israel eat the manna? Keep this number in mind.

Exodus 17

Verses 1-7

- What does it mean to journey by stages? What would be the purpose for this in relation to the terrain?
- What problem did they find in Rephidim?
- What did the people do with Moses? What does this mean?
- What was Moses afraid the people may do?
- What would Moses need to do at the rock to obtain water?
- Do rocks typically hold water?
- What does the passage say the people were doing to the LORD?
- Massah means “temptation”. Meribah means “strife”.

Verses 8-13

- Amalek was the son of Eliphaz and the grandson of Esau, who was Jacob/Israel’s brother.

- What did Amalek come to do with Israel at Rephidim?
- According to the passage, is “Amalek” a man here, or a nation of men?
- Who does Moses ask to choose men?
- Is this the first mention of him in the Bible?
- How did God use Moses’s hands in regard to the battle?

Verses 14-16

- In what “book” do you think Moses wrote this information? Think about it.
- What was the purpose of writing this information in a book?
- What did Moses name the altar?
- A “banner” is a flag, ensign, insignia, sign, standard, or warning.
- If another name for God is “The LORD is My Banner”, what would this signify in regard to the context of the passage? Hint: Think about flag, banners, and symbols in battle.
- Amalek represents pure evil and giving oneself over to the dark-side. Amalek is a picture of our enemy, the devil.
- Who will war with Amalek on our behalf? For how long?

Exodus 18

Verses 1-4

- Here we are reminded of Moses’s relationship with Jethro. Who was he to Moses?
- Why had Moses sent Zipporah away? Think it through, what had been going on?
- What were the names of his two sons and the meaning of their names? His sons were named according to what Moses experienced in Midian.

Verses 5-12

- Based on the previous context, if we only read verse 5 and no further, was it Jethro’s sons and wife, or Moses’s sons and wife who arrived with Jethro at the camp?
- Verse six confirms who this is.
- Does it seem like Moses and Jethro have a respectful relationship?
- Though Jethro is a Midianite, not a Hebrew, does he believe in the LORD?
- What does he say about the LORD in regard to all the gods? Who are these other gods? Do you remember the mention of the Canaanite god, Ba’al? The gods of Egypt? The household idols belonging to Laban? The mention of temple prostitutes (Judah & Tamar)?
- How would Jethro know about making burnt offering to God? Remember, Midian, was also a son of Abraham by his second wife, Keturah.
- In verse 12, could this possibly be a covenant meal? Sacrifice was involved.

Verses 13-16

- What did Moses do on the next day? When we read this, we should automatically think, *next day after what?*
- So, apparently, Moses was the first “judge” over Israel.
- How much time did hearing these cases take?

Verses 17-23

- What was Jethro concerned about in regard to Moses acting as judge?
- According to verse 21, what are the attributes men chosen as leaders should exhibit?
- Did Jethro give Moses good counsel?

Verses 24-27

- Notice how the work-load was distributed.
- Is it important to know how to delegate, so we don't become worn out?

See you tomorrow.