

# Making Promises

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## Part 6: The Exodus

### Review

- After the 10<sup>th</sup> plague, the Egyptians gave to the Hebrew people, gold and silver as they left. This was both a fulfillment of what God told Abraham (**Gen. 15:13-14**)
- Through a miraculous work of God, the children of Israel crossed the Reed Sea (most likely a body of water just east of Goshen) on dry land.
- God hardened the heart of Pharaoh so that he send his armies and chariots after the children of Israel.
- Once the Hebrews were safely on the other side, God brought the waters of the Reed Sea back together, to drown Pharaoh's army.
- The drowning of Pharaoh's army in the sea becomes a type of victory that all of God's people will experience at the end of salvation history (**Rev. 15:1-4**).

### Testing

- Having crossed the Reed Sea, the tribes, in almost military formation (**Ex. 12:51**), traveled for three days through the **Desert of Shur** and arrived at **Marah**.
  - From the crossing of the Reed Sea to Mt. Sinai, the Lord begins to test the people so they might learn how **to listen to his voice** and **obey his commandments** (**Ex. 15:25-26**).
  - The people are without a source of water for **3 days** (**Ex. 15:22**), and when they came to Marah, they **grumbled** against Moses (**Ex. 15:23-24**).
  - Moses intercedes on behalf of the people, and the Lord miraculously changed the waters at Marah from **bitter to sweet** (**Ex. 15:25**).
- Between the Reed Sea and Sinai (**Ex. 15-18**), the prominent themes become **the grumbling of the people** and **the Lord's testing of the hearts of the people**.
  - The grumbling of the people is a **motif** throughout the wilderness wanderings, and especially in Exodus 16 (**Ex. 15:24; 16:2, 7-9, 12**).
  - The grumbling of the people comes out of their testing, and demonstrates a kind of wickedness that will ultimately lead to the death of many, because grumbling against the Lord's **appointed leader** is grumbling against the **Lord himself** (**Ex. 16:8; Num. 14:27-29, 36-38; 16:41-45**).

- Paul connects the grumbling of the people in the wilderness to the **church age** in **1 Corinthians 10:9-12**.
- The Lord also tests the hearts of the people in **obedience to his laws** in anticipation for the laws that he is about to give them at Sinai (**Ex. 15:25-26**).
  - ▶ He tests their trust in his **provision** (**Ex. 16:4, 12, 19**).
    - But the people didn't listen (**Ex. 16:20-21**)
  - ▶ He tests their obedience to **rest on the 7<sup>th</sup> day** (**Ex. 16:5, 22-26**).
    - But the people didn't listen to this either (**Ex. 16:27-30**).
- To alleviate their hunger, God promised to shower on them quail and bread in such supply that they would never again lack these necessities in all their journey. At the first appearance of manna, they were dumbfounded because of its source and nature; all they could exclaim was mān nû ("what is it?"). To memorialize this, a supply of the manna was conserved in a pot and later placed in the **ark of the covenant** (**Ex. 16:32-36; Heb. 9:4**).
- From Marah they traveled to Elim and entered the **Desert of Sin** forty-five days after leaving Egypt (**Ex. 16:1**). While in the wilderness of Sin, the people begin to **put the Lord to the test** (**Ex. 17:2, 7**).
  - In putting the Lord to the test, the people are **protesting** against Moses' leadership by quarreling and grumbling against him. They murmur against God, though they also see evidence of God's presence in great power again and again. (**Ex. 17:2-3**).
    - ▶ There are **three statements** by the people: "Give us water to drink," "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt...?" and "Is the Lord among us or not?" (**Ex. 17:2, 3, 7**)
    - ▶ Their sin comes in their **accusation against Moses/the Lord**, instead of their asking him for provision (**James 4:2; John 14:3**).
  - Moses cried out to the Lord for help out of **fear** that the people are going to kill him for not providing water for them in the desert (**Ex. 17:4**).
  - God instructs Moses to **strike the rock** with the staff, promising that God himself will stand before him on the rock (**Ex. 17:6**)
    - ▶ The striking rod was the rod of judgment over the Egyptians, through which he **took away their water** (**Ex. 7:17-18**).
    - ▶ Moses is to strike the rock, on which God stands, and through which (in spite of their sin) he will **provide water for his children**.
    - ▶ Paul tells us that the **rock was Christ** (**1 Cor. 10:4**).

<b>Exodus 12:51</b>	And on that very day the Lord brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.
<b>Exodus 15:25–26</b>	25 And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, 26 saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer."
<b>Exodus 15:22</b>	Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water.
<b>Ex. 15:23–24</b>	23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. 24 And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"
<b>Exodus 15:25</b>	And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them,
<b>Exodus 15:24</b>	And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"
<b>Exodus 16:2</b>	And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness,
<b>Exodus 16:7–9</b>	7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" 8 And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord." 9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.' "
<b>Exodus 16:12</b>	"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "
<b>Exodus 16:8</b>	And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord."
<b>Numbers 14:27–29</b>	27 "How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me. 28 Say to them, 'As I live, declares the Lord, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you: 29 your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against me,
<b>Numbers 14:36–38</b>	36 And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation grumble against him by bringing up a bad report about the land— 37 the men who brought up a bad report of the land—died by plague before the Lord. 38 Of those men who went to spy out the land, only Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive.
<b>Numbers 16:41–45</b>	41 But on the next day all the congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and against Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the Lord." 42 And when the congregation had assembled against Moses and against Aaron, they turned toward the tent of meeting. And behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. 43 And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting, 44 and the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 45 "Get away from the midst of this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." And they fell on their faces.
<b>1 Corinthians 10:9–12</b>	9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.
<b>Exodus 16:4</b>	Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.
<b>Ex 16:19</b>	And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning."

<b>Exodus 16:20–21</b>	20 But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. 21 Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.
<b>Exodus 16:5</b>	On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."
<b>Exodus 16:22–26</b>	22 On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers each. And when all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, 23 he said to them, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord; bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over lay aside to be kept till the morning.' " 24 So they laid it aside till the morning, as Moses commanded them, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it. 25 Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the Lord; today you will not find it in the field. 26 Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is a Sabbath, there will be none."
<b>Exodus 16:27–30</b>	27 On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, but they found none. 28 And the Lord said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws? 29 See! The Lord has given you the Sabbath; therefore on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Remain each of you in his place; let no one go out of his place on the seventh day." 30 So the people rested on the seventh day.
<b>Exodus 16:32–36</b>	32 Moses said, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Let an omer of it be kept throughout your generations, so that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.' " 33 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar, and put an omer of manna in it, and place it before the Lord to be kept throughout your generations." 34 As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before the testimony to be kept. 35 The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan. 36 (An omer is the tenth part of an ephah.)
<b>Hebrews 9:4</b>	having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant.
<b>Exodus 16:1</b>	They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt.
<b>Exodus 17:2</b>	Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?"
<b>Exodus 17:7</b>	And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"
<b>Exodus 17:2–3</b>	2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"
<b>Ex. 17:3</b>	But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"
<b>Ja. 4:2</b>	You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.
<b>John 14:3</b>	And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.
<b>Exodus 17:4</b>	So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."
<b>Exodus 17:6</b>	Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.
<b>Exodus 7:17–18</b>	17 Thus says the Lord, "By this you shall know that I am the Lord: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. 18 The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile." ' ' "
<b>1 Cor. 10:4</b>	and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.