

Sustained by God in the Desert

Quote:

“And Yahweh said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.”

Exodus 17:14

The People Murmured Ten Times

Mark above Exodus 15

1. For Water (Exodus 15:24-26)
2. For Food (Exodus 16:2-8)
3. For Water (Exodus 17:3-7)
4. Out of jealousy (Numbers 12:1-5)
5. Through fear from lack of faith (Numbers 14:2-38)
6. Out of jealousy (Numbers 16:1-35)
7. Through bitterness (Numbers 16:41-50)
8. Out of jealousy of Aaron (Numbers 17:1-11)
9. For Water (Numbers 20:1-13)
10. Because of monotony of food (Numbers 21:4-9)

How serious was this is brought home in Numbers 17:10

Verse by Verse Marking

Exodus 16:3

v3 - See Deut 8:2-3 - the reason God allowed them to hunger.

“assembly” - From a Hebrew word meaning “to call out”. Equivalent to the Greek for “ecclesia”.

Exodus 16:4

“I will rain” - See John 6:30-34 - Israel thought Moses gave them the bread, and therefore failed to see the spiritual lesson.

“bread from heaven” - a type of the “true bread from heaven” - even Christ and the principles he taught (John 6:32-35,63), which are able to impart eternal life.

“gather” - Means ‘to pick up’, ‘to gather’, ‘to collect’. All require effort. Translated ‘glean’ 12 times and ‘gather’ 23 times. Occurs 9 times in Exodus 16 and 12 times in Ruth 2.

(Colour this word in yellow as it is used in Exodus 16 - v4,5,16,17,18,21,22,26,27).

“rate” - Heb ‘dabar’ - it is translated 807 times as “word”. Our daily intake of natural food should be mirror our daily intake of the Word of God.

Exodus 16:15

“It is manna” - Lit “What is it?” - see margin. Typical of Jesus - see Jn 9:29; 8:23; Matt 21:10.

Exodus 16:18

"gathered much" - Means 'to multiply'

"gathered little" - Means 'to diminish, be small'

v18 - Some had the strength, ability, dedication, or opportunity to gather more than others.

Nevertheless, when it was all divided out, and a proper distribution made, it was found that there was adequate for all. See **2 Corinthians 8:15** which teaches the spiritual lesson: Those able to glean and gather more of the Word, have a responsibility to share it with their brethren and sisters so all are fed spiritually.

Three Types of Manna

Mark above Exodus 16

Manna that lasted One Day (Exodus 16:15-21): Represents the portion of the word of God we should read and meditate on each day. It is best gathered in the morning (see Christ's example - **Isaiah 50:4**). If we fail to gather it before trials come upon us (represented by the heat of the sun), we will be found wanting. It could not be kept for the next day, meaning we need to be daily reading and meditating on the Word of God in order to be spiritually sustained.

Manna Collected in the Sixth Day Lasted Two Days (Exodus 16:22-26): This pointed forward to the manna of eternal life, promised by the Lord, to be supplied on the seventh millennium from creation (**Rev. 2:17**).

Manna in a Golden pot in the Ark never corrupted (Exodus 16:32-34): Pointed to Christ who never saw corruption (**Acts 2:31-32**) and has entered into the heaven (the Most Holy Place) - **Hebrews 9:4,24**.

Exodus 17:1

"Rephidim" - means "Places of Rest". Noted for its clusters of palm trees which extend for several kilometres, and are fed by subterranean springs.

"And there was no water" - Reason - **Deuteronomy 8:1-4**.

"chide" - rendered by Rotherham as "found fault." They were tempting Yahweh, by questioning His ability to provide for their needs. See **Deuteronomy 6:16**

"tempt" - means 'to examine'. It was their persistence in so doing that resulted in that generation perishing in the wilderness (**Psa 95:8-10; Heb 3:8; 1 Cor 10:9**). The Law legislated against such limiting of God's power (**Deut 6:16**).

Exodus 17:5-6

vv5-6 - This miracle is identified by Paul as a type of the sacrifice of Christ (**1 Cor 10:1-4**).

"thy rod" - The rod which turned into a serpent (**Exod 7:15**) and smote the river (**Exod 7:20-21**). It types the seed of the serpent that would include the leaders of the nation, and those who trusted in the law of Moses who would smite the Lord Jesus Christ and crucify him (**Matt 23:33-35**).

v6 - An ample supply of water gushed out like a river (**Psa 78:15,20; 105:41; 114:8**). The miracle is typical of the water of life supplied by the Lord when he was "smitten" by crucifixion (**1 Cor 10:4; Jn 4:10-14; 7:38**).