

Israel in God's School of Training

Lesson #13

Exodus 15:22-16:35

With His mighty hand, the LORD had redeemed Israel from slavery. The LORD took them out of Egypt, parted the Red Sea before them and brought them safely into the desert. Pharaoh had refused to acknowledge the LORD saying he did not know Him. Pharaoh met the LORD through His mighty hand and now Pharaoh's army chariots and horses all perished in the sea. As for Israel, they were now in God's school of training to become His people so they would show the world that He is the one true God.

Into The Desert - Exodus 15:22-27

1. After experiencing God's mighty hand of deliverance, where was Israel directed to go? (Exodus 15:22a)

2. Three days later, what was the first problem they encountered? (Exodus 15:22b)

3. That location was named Marah. What does Marah mean in Hebrew? (Exodus 15:23)

4. Having just experienced God's miracles, how did the people deal with this situation? (Exodus 15:24)

5. Moses, God's prophet, then cried out to the LORD. What was Moses instructed to do? (Exodus 15:25a)
 - What was the LORD doing with Israel? (Exodus 15:25b)

6. Then the LORD began training His people by giving them some laws and decrees (teachings). Using Exodus 15:26 God said that
 - IF: _____ And do: _____

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 - Then: _____

 - For I AM: _____

7. Where was Israel's next camp site and how was it different from Marah? (Exodus 15:27)

The Lord's Provision - Exodus 16:1-36

8. From Elim, the LORD directed Israel into the Desert of Sin (short for Sinai). What day was mentioned? (Exodus 16:1)

9. Even though the LORD had taken care of the Israelites by providing water in the desert, who did they grumble against? (Exodus 16:2)

10. Why were they grumbling this time? (Exodus 16:3)

11. What was the LORD's answer to this complaint? (Exodus 16:4a)

12. Once again, the LORD would test Israel to see if they would trust Him to provide what they needed, and to obey Him. What were they directed to do? (Exodus 16:4b, 5)

13. From Exodus 16:6 and 7, what were the people told they were to expect in the:

- Evening:

- Morning:

- What was the LORD's reason for doing this?

14. What would the LORD be giving them? (Exodus 16:8a)

15. The people had been grumbling against Moses and Aaron, but who were they really grumbling against? (Exodus 16:8b)

16. Aaron was instructed to assemble the whole community of Israel and to come before the LORD. As Aaron was speaking, what happened? (Exodus 16:10)

17. The LORD told Moses that He had heard their grumbling and would send meat and bread to eat. What was the LORD's ultimate goal in doing this? (Exodus 16:11, 12)

18. What was the meat and bread the LORD provided? (Exodus 17:13-15)

19. Moses reminded the people of the LORD's command to gather only what they needed for the day, based on the number of people in each tent. Did the Israelites obey the LORD? (Exodus 16:17, 18)

20. What was the second part of the LORD's command regarding this? (Exodus 16:19)

21. Did the Israelites obey? (Exodus 16:20)
 - What happened?

 - How did Moses react?

22. The LORD faithfully provided for them each morning. What happened when the sun got hot? (Exodus 16:21)

23. On the sixth day, things were different. The people were to gather enough food for two days instead of only one. What was the reason for this? (Exodus 16:22, 23)

24. What was the difference for the food on this day? (Exodus 16:24)

25. As the sixth day of the first week arrived, Moses again reminded them that on the Sabbath, there would not be any bread to gather so they were to make sure they gathered enough for two days. Did the people obey? (Exodus 16:27)

26. The LORD asked Moses, *"How long will you refuse to keep My commands and My instructions?"* Why had the LORD given Israel the Sabbath? (Exodus 16:28-30)

27. When the people had first seen the flakes on the ground they had asked, *"what is it?"* What was this called in Hebrew? (Exodus 16:31a)

28. How was it described? (Exodus 16:31b)

29. What did the LORD command Moses to do with this "bread"? (Exodus 16:32)

30. Where was this "bread" to be kept? (Exodus 16:33, 34)

31. How long did Israel eat this "bread"? (Exodus 16:35)

Verse 36 is in parentheses and was added to explain the text; an omer is one tenth an ephah. Unfortunately that is not a measure used today. For us, an omer is about two quarts.

32. **Think about it!** What do you think was the LORD's reason by providing for the people on six days, instructed them to gather twice as much on day six, and then not providing any on the seventh?