

# **THE EXODUS**

## **God's Provision**

**Exodus 16-17**

**Lesson 7**

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# Purpose of the Exodus Narrative

- ▶ The first Exodus depicts the second Exodus  
Historical Exodus depicts spiritual Exodus – Salvation
- ▶ The first Exodus reveals the character of God  
Display of God's glory in the earth – Christ's work

# Redeem with great acts of judgment

## Exodus 6:6

- ▶ With outstretched arm – great power
- ▶ By great acts of judgment (6:6)
  - Plagues – restrained wrath
  - Death of firstborn – Passover
  - Destruction of enemy – crossing the Red Sea
- ▶ Redeem from slavery
  - Substitution – Passover lamb
  - Union with Christ – baptized into *Moses*

# The just shall live by faith

- ▶ Hebrews 11:28-29 –Passover and the Red Sea
- ▶ The blessing of God comes through faith
- ▶ Real historical situations

# God's Provision – Exodus 16-17

- ▶ Sanctification
- ▶ Sanctifying grace
- ▶ The example of Jesus against the devil
- ▶ God's power against the enemy of His people

# Lesson 7: God's Provision

1. Manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16)
2. Water from the rock (Exodus 17:1-7)
3. War with the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-16)

# Fools in the Wilderness of Sin

- ▶ Psalm 14:1, 5 – No God! Great terror!
- ▶ Not a land flowing with milk and honey
- ▶ Death in Egypt preferred
- ▶ Moses brought them out to kill them
- ▶ Grumbling against the LORD (6:7-8)

# Faith in the Wilderness of Sin

- ▶ “I am about to rain bread from heaven.”
- ▶ A provision to permit testing (16:4)
- ▶ Deuteronomy 8:1-4
  - In the wilderness to humble them and test their heart
  - What is the place of God’s Word in their heart?
  - Hunger satisfied
- ▶ They despised the Word of God
  - Acts 4:42-43; Amos 5:25-26 – idolatry in the wilderness
  - No circumcision – Joshua 5:4-5
- ▶ The example of Jesus in the wilderness



# The Law of Manna

- ▶ Morning supply (until Joshua 5:12)
  - Melted in the sun
  - Could be baked or boiled
- ▶ One omer per person per day ( $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon)
  - Twice as much on 6<sup>th</sup> day
- ▶ Spoiled in 24 hours, except 48 hours on day 6
- ▶ 1 jar with an ephah lasted many years
- ▶ By the Law comes the knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:20)

# **The just shall live by faith**

- ▶ Life in the wilderness without food
- ▶ Life in the wilderness with food

# Water from the rock (Exodus 17:1-7)

- ▶ Moved on by the commandment of the LORD
  - From Marah and Elim to Massa and Meribah
  - No water
- ▶ The people grumbled
  - Moses brought us here to kill us
  - Different sin from Marah: testing the LORD
  - Is the LORD among us or not? (17:7)
- ▶ Striking the Rock
  - LORD on the Rock – a substitute for divine wrath
  - The smitten rock produced saving water
- ▶ Divine and human perspective

# Lessons from Massah and Meribah

- ▶ Grace greater than sin
- ▶ The example of Jesus in the wilderness (Matt. 4:5-7)
- ▶ Hebrews 3:1-19 – testing God
  - Have gone astray in their hearts
  - Have not known My ways
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 10:4, 9
  - Drank from the spiritual rock – blessings from Christ
  - Blessing from God – wait in silence

# War with the Amalekites

## Exodus 17:8-16

- ▶ Amalek in history
  - Grandson of Esau (Genesis 36:12)
  - Amalekites in the days of Abraham (Genesis 14:7) - anachronism?
- ▶ Unprovoked attack
- ▶ Battle plan
  - Moses with his rod raised
  - Joshua with the army
- ▶ Divine power in human instruments

# The curse on the Amalekites

- ▶ A written memorial – Amalekites destroyed
- ▶ An altar – The LORD is my Banner
  - YAWEH-nissi
- ▶ A hand upon the throne of the LORD
- ▶ The LORD'S war with Amalek
- ▶ Psalm 83:4

# God's Provision

- ▶ 2 Peter 1:3 – all things that pertain to life and Godliness through the knowledge of Christ
- ▶ Life by God's Word – a test
- ▶ Submission to God's sovereign rule – trust, not test
- ▶ The LORD our Banner – the Divine Warrior