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Exodus 16

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

Topics.

- Israel leaves Elim and travels to the wilderness of Sin.
- People grumble against Moses and Aaron, because they had no food.
- The LORD appears in a cloud and tells Moses he has Israel's grumbling.
- The LORD brings quail up in the evening and it covers the camp.
- In the morning the LORD gave Israel bread (the manna) to eat.
- Israel disobeys the LORD not to gather on the Sabbath Day.
- Aaron puts manna in a jar to be kept throughout Israel's generations.
- Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to Canaan's border.

INTRODUCTION: in the book of Exodus, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham by multiplying Abraham's descendants into a great nation delivering them from slavery in Egypt to journey to the Promised Land, and then binding them to Himself with a covenant at Mount Sinai. Moses, under the direct command of God and as leader of Israel, received the Ten Commandments from God, along with other laws governing Israel's life and worship. He also led the nation in building the Tabernacle, a place where God's presence can dwell among his people and where they can make sacrifices for sin. Most Jews and Christians recognise Moses as the author, writing sometime after the Exodus from Egypt (about 1445 B.C.). Note: the promise God made to Abraham will be perfectly fulfilled when Christ returns in glory and all those (Jews and Gentiles) who belong to God's Kingdom are gathered to him. (See also the introduction to chapter one).

NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

Israel leaves Elim: a place with an oasis, twelve springs and seventy palm trees where they camped on their way to Mount Sinai and came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai.

Israel grumbles against Moses and Aaron: on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. They accused Moses and Aaron of bringing them into the wilderness to kill the entire assembly with hunger and tell Moses and Aaron they wished they had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when they ate meat to the full.

Bread from heaven: the LORD said to Moses, that He is about to rain bread from heaven it will be a test for the people of Israel whether they will walk in His law or not because they will be commanded to only gather what they need for that day. Moses and Aaron told the people in the morning they would see the glory of the LORD. The glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud and the LORD said to Moses that He has heard the grumbling of Israel; the LORD tells them at twilight they shall eat meat and in the morning be filled with bread. In the evening quail came up and

covered the camp and, in the morning, dew lay around the camp. When the dew had evaporated, there was a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. The people said, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was and Moses tells them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. So, the LORD gave them meat (the quail) to eat in the evening and in the morning bread (mana) to eat to the full.

Laws for gathering the bread: the LORD commanded that they gather only as much as each person can eat for that day, and not to leave any of it over to the morning, but some left part of it till the next morning, and it bred worms and stank and Moses was angry with them.

Laws for the sixth and seventh day: each person was to remain in his place and not go out on the seventh day, because it was a Sabbath Day of rest. On the sixth day they were to gather twice as much bread and keep some aside for the seventh day as Moses commanded them otherwise it would stink, and there would be worms in it, because the seventh day was a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD.

The LORD told Moses on the sixth day He would provide enough bread for two days, because He gave Israel the seventh day as a Sabbath day to rest. Moses told the people that the seventh day was a Sabbath to the LORD, and commanded them to gather twice as much mana on the sixth day so they could rest on the seventh day. Against the LORD'S command some went out to gather bread on the seventh day, but of course did not find any. When the LORD saw this act of disobedience, He asked Moses, "How long will the people refuse to keep His commandments and His laws?

The manna: was like coriander seed, white and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. Early in the morning they gathered as much as they could eat, because when the sun grew hot, it melted. Moses told Israel to keep some of the manna so that future generations would see the bread that the LORD fed Israel with in the wilderness. Aaron put some of the manna in a jar and placed it before the Testimony to be kept. They ate the manna for forty years, until they came to the border of the Promised Land the land of Canaan.

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