

# Exodus & Wandering in the Wilderness

Exodus 15-18

# Journey to Sinai

## Bitter Water Made Sweet 15:22-25

- Moses led Israel from Red Sea into Desert of Shur
- Three days travel without finding water
- Come to Marah but water is bitter
- The people grumble against Moses

# Journey to Sinai

## Bitter Water Made Sweet (cont.)

15:22-25

- Moses cries out to the Lord
- Lord shows Moses a tree
- Moses throws tree into the water and it is made sweet
- Lord makes decree and law for them, for there He tested them

# Journey to Sinai

## Protection From Diseases 15:25-26

- If you:
  - Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God
  - Do what is right in His sight
  - Pay attention to His commandments and keep His statutes
- Then I:
  - Will not bring on any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord that heals you

# Journey to Sinai

## Murmuring for Food 15:27-16:3

- Next they come to Elim where there are 12 springs and 70 palms trees & camp by the water
- Leave Elim and come to the Wilderness of Sin
- 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month = 30 day of exodus
- Whole community grumbles against Moses and Aaron

# Journey to Sinai

## Murmuring for Food (cont.) 15:27-16:3

- If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt, there we sat around pots of meat and had bread to be filled
- But you have brought into the desert to starve the whole assembly to death

# Journey to Sinai

## Meat & Bread Promised 16:4-11

- Lord to Moses - Behold I will rain down bread from heaven for you
- People are to go and gather each day, only for that day... 6<sup>th</sup> day 2x as much
- The Lord was testing them to see if they would follow His instructions

# Journey to Sinai

## Quail & Bread Sent 16:12-21

- As Aaron was talking Israelites looked toward the desert and saw the glory of the Lord appearing in a cloud
- Quail come and cover the camp
- In the morning a layer of dew; then, thin flakes like frost
- “What is it?”



# Journey to Sinai

## Quail & Bread Sent (cont.) 16:12-21

- Moses – it is the bread the Lord has given
- Each one gather as much as he needs, an omer (~2 quarts) for each person in his tent
- Israelites gathered, some a little, some much; measured out

# Journey to Sinai

## Quail & Bread Sent (cont.) 16:12-21

- Moses – No one is to keep any of it until the morning
- Some hoarded, but the leftover was worm infested and stank; Moses was angry
- Each morning everyone gathered as needed, but when the sun grew hot the bread melted away

# Journey to Sinai

## Sabbath Rest Instituted 16:22-30

- 6<sup>th</sup> day gathered twice as much, 2 omers each
- Reported to Moses by leaders
- Lord commands tomorrow is a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord
- Bake/boil and save what is left until morning
- Saved without spoiling and could be eaten

# Journey to Sinai

## Sabbath Rest Instituted (cont.) 16:22-30

- None was to be found on the Sabbath
- Nevertheless some went out to gather
- Lord to Moses – How long will you (Israelites) refuse to keep my instructions and commandments?
- Seventh day is a day of rest, no one to go out

# Journey to Sinai

## Manna Kept for Memorial 16:31-36

- Israelites called the bread “manna”
- White like coriander seed, tasted like wafers made with honey
- Moses – Lord commands an omer of manna be kept for generations to come
- Aaron laid it up before the Testimony
- Manna eaten for 40 years

# Journey to Sinai

## Water from Rock 17:1-7

- Israelites set out from Desert of Sin, come to Rephidim
- No water there, the people quarrel with Moses; Give us water to drink... you've brought us out to die of thirst
- Why do you put God to the test (tempt the Lord)?

# Journey to Sinai

## Water from Rock (cont.) 17:1-7

- Moses to Lord – What am I to do with these people, they are ready to stone me?
- Lord directs Moses to go ahead with elders of people, take staff he had struck Nile with and at Horeb strike the rock for water will come
- So Moses did and called place Massah and Meribah (testing and quarreling)

# Journey to Sinai

## Defeat of Amalekites 17:8-13

- Amalekites attack Israelites
- Moses to Joshua – Choose some men and go fight, I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands
- Joshua sets out to fight Amalekites
- Moses, Aaron, and Hur go to top of hill



# Journey to Sinai

## Defeat of Amalekites (cont.) 17:8-13

- As long as Moses holds up hands, Israel prevails over Amalekites
- But when he lowers his hands, Amalekites prevail
- Aaron and Hur place stone for Moses to sit upon and hold up his hands on each side
- Hands steady until sunset and Joshua wins

# Journey to Sinai

## Amalek to be destroyed 17:14-16

- Lord to Moses – Write this in a book to be remembered and make sure Joshua hears that God would completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven
- Moses builds alter called “The Lord is my Banner”
- The Lord will be at war with Amalekites from generation to generation

# Journey to Sinai

## Reunion of Moses & Jethro 18:1-12

- Jethro had heard everything the Lord had done for Moses
- Moses had sent Zipporah and sons back to Midian
- Gershom = I have been a stranger in a foreign land
- Eliezer = The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh

# Journey to Sinai

## Reunion of Moses & Jethro (cont.)

18:1-12

- Jethro, Zipporah, and sons come to Moses
- Moses bows and greets Jethro, tells all that has happened
- Jethro worships God, brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices
- Aaron and elders come to eat bread before God

# Journey to Sinai

## Jethro Suggests Judges 18:13-27

- Next day Moses sits to serve as judge before people, people are around Moses from morning til evening
- Jethro questions why Moses is doing such
- Suggests Moses is wearing himself out, too much to handle alone
- Teach them the decrees and laws, show them the way to live, and the duties to perform

# Journey to Sinai

## Jethro Suggests Judges (cont.) 18:13-27

- Select capable men as judges of 1000's, 100's, 50's, & 10's
- They will judge the small matters, you will judge the greater
- If you do this, and God so commands, you will be able to endure and the people will go home in peace
- So Moses did; and Jethro departs

