

THE JOURNEY INTO THE WILDERNESS

Exodus 15 – 16

After the great triumph of the Lord at the Red Sea, the Israelites were completely rid of any threat from Pharaoh, and free to journey toward their own land. Trace this journey on a map and notice what happened at each place:

A. The First Great Problem: Read Exodus 15:20-27

1. What were the people doing as once more they began their journey?
Exodus 15:1, 20, 21 _____
2. After three days in the wilderness of Shur, what problem did they face? Exodus 15:22b _____
3. Although there was water at Marah, why did it not meet the need?
Exodus 15:23 _____
4. What was the people's reaction to this need? Exodus 15:24

5. What did Moses do about the need? Exodus 15:25a

6. What was God's answer to this need? Exodus 15:25b

7. Of what was this miracle to remind them? Exodus 15:26b

8. What did the people find at Elim? Exodus 15:27

B. The Second Great Problem: Read Exodus 16:1-36

1. When they came to the wilderness of Sin after 1½ months, what problem did they face?
Exodus 16:3b _____
2. What was the people's reaction to this need? Exodus 16:2, 3a

3. Was God pleased with the people's reaction? Exodus 16:7b, 8b, 9b, 12

4. What two things did God say He would give them to meet this need?
Exodus 16:8a, 12 _____
5. How did God fulfill His promise?
 - a. Exodus 16:13a _____
 - b. Exodus 16:13b-15, 4a _____
6. Describe the manna that God gave:
 - a. How large was it? Exodus 16:14c _____
 - b. What shape was it? Exodus 16:14b _____
 - c. What color was it? Exodus 16:31a _____
 - d. What did it taste like? Exodus 16:31b _____
 - e. How did they prepare it for eating? Exodus 16:23b _____

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7. Notice the rules God gave concerning it:
- a. What must they do before they could benefit from it? Exodus 16:4b

 - b. How often must they gather it? Exodus 16:4c _____
 - c. What time of day must they gather it? Exodus 16:21b

 - d. What must they ordinarily not do with it? Exodus 16:19

 - e. What happened when some of them did this? Exodus 16:20

 - f. For what day was there an exception to this rule? Exodus 16:5, 22, 23

 - g. What miracle took place in this case? Exodus 16:24

 - h. What happened when some of the people tried to gather it on the Sabbath day?
Exodus 16:27 _____
8. Where was some of the manna placed? Exodus 16:33, 34

9. How long did God continue to provide manna for them? Exodus 16:35

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Who is the bread of heaven on whom our souls may feed today? (See John 6: 32, 33)

2. How may I gather this food today? Would some of the same rules apply?
