

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 03 Sept 2017 Exodus 01-04 Reluctance
- 2) 10 Sept Exodus 05-10 Confrontation
- 3) 17 Sept Exodus 11-12 Liberation
- 4) 24 Sept Exodus 13-14 Victory
- 5) 01 Oct.....Exodus 15-18.....Sufficient**
- 6) 08 Oct.....Exodus 19-24 Commanded
- 7) 15 Oct.....Exodus 25-31 Equipped
- 8) 22 Oct.....Exodus 32-34 Rebellion
- 9) 29 Oct.....Exodus 35-40 His Presence
- 10) 05 Nov Leviticus 01-07 Set Before
- 11) 12 Nov Leviticus 08-15 Set Apart
- 12) 19 Nov Leviticus 16-22 Set Free
- 13) 26 Nov Leviticus 23-27 Set Futures

INTRODUCTION

- Moses had 80 years of training to lead the Israelites to their promised land (40 in Egypt & 40 as a shepherd), and it still seemed it wasn't enough time
- The Song of Moses summarizes God's wonders during Israel's march out of Egypt; and we see God providing sustenance while Israel continually yearned for more stuff. How grateful are we with God's provisions?
- God met the needs of the Jews on a daily basis. Why not provide a weekly or monthly surplus to give them more comfort & confidence?

Passage	Comments
Exodus 15:1-21	<p>The Song of Moses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v3. God is called a warrior, literally "a man of battle" • v6. ...and God's Right Hand shatters His enemies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ King David says that God taught his hands to war and his fingers to fight2Sam 22:35; Ps 18:34; 144:1 ♦ Jesus did not come to bring peace, but a swordMt 10:34 ♦ There is a time to pack, for Jesus also said, "Whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one."Lk 22:36 • Yes, we are to have a spirit of humility before God and man, but we also have the God-given right to defend ourselves and our loved-ones against evil, and even to take the fight to the enemy (not necessarily with a physical sword, but the sword of the Lord).....Prov 28:4; Eph 5:11 ♦ Why is God portrayed as a warrior – a killing machine? Consider this: The wicked do not listen to grace, mercy, or reason (Is 26:10), but only to force. Even when forced to obey, the wicked give only "feigned obedience" Ps 66:3 • v20. First incidence of Dancing. Is it right or wrong to Dance?
What is Right or Wrong with Dancing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dancing is mentioned 24x in the Bible (19x in the OT) • Dancing is portrayed negatively or sensually in 2 incidences: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ex 32:19-28 – Jews danced (out of control) before an idol, resulting in 3,000 men being slain with a sword 2. Mark 6:22 – The dancing of Herodias' daughter pleased Herod and his guests, whereby John the Baptist was slain • Dancing is portrayed positively in all other passages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 2Sam 6:14 – David danced to the LORD with all his might ♦ Ps 30:11 – God can turn our mourning into dancing ♦ Ps 150:4 – We are to praise God with music and dancing ♦ Ecc 3:4 – There is a time to mourn and a time to dance • Conclusions → Liberty vs Legalism vs Licentiousness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Provocative dancing seems to get men killed in the Bible, so avoid pole dancing & dancing with another's spouse ♦ We cannot be dogmatic or legalist and declare all forms of dancing as sinful or unbiblical. There is liberty in Christ.
Exodus 15:22-27	<p>First Water Purifier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv22-24. Provisions are gone after walking 3 days. The only watering hole is polluted – so what do grumblers do best? • v25. Moses "cries out " to the Lord. How would you cry out? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ It is a good thing Moses' prayer is not recorded for us, cause many people would use it as a magical formula ♦ Prayers are meant to be personal chats with God our Father and not recited formulas or "meaningless repetition" of many words as the heathens doMat 6:7 ♦ ...and the Lord "showed" Moses a tree to sweeten the waters (how the tree sweetened the waters is unknown) ♦ The Lord possibly showed the tree to Moses by His physical presence either through the Holy Spirit or a ChristophanyEx 14:19; 23:20,21; Act 7:38

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Exodus 16	<p>Manna, Meat, and the Sabbath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-21. More grumbling on day 45 over not having any meat (How soon former slaves forgot the misery they had in Egypt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Manna ("what is it") is provided for 40 years, 6 days/week ♦ Other 40-year miracles included their clothes and sandals never wore out, and feet didn't swell Deut 8:4 • v12. Quails were provided twice, here (without a curse) and in Num 11:31 with a curse – and this wonder occurred that they would realize God is for them – but it was short-lived <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ v16. An omer is 2 quarts (1/2 gallon), equivalent, not to a bowl, but to a box of Honey-Nut Cheerios per person/day • vv22-30 – The Sabbath was for the Jews, a covenant between them and God Ex 31:14-17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God's provision for the Jews on their Sabbaths while they were heading to and living in their Promised Land was nothing short of phenomenal. Consider the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God unconditionally blessed the 6th day with enough Manna to feed them for 2 days Ex 16:29 2. God would bless the 6th year with 3 years of food to provide nourishment during the 6th year, the 7th or Sabbath year of rest, & for the 8th year to replenish – If they Tithed Lev 25:21 3. During the 50th year of Jubilee, God would bless the 48th year with 4 years of food to cover for the 48th year, the 49th year (which was a Sabbath year of rest), the 50th year of Jubilee (another year of rest), and the 51st year to replenish – If they Tithed Lev 25:11-12 ♦ No other nation has been under such a Land covenant
Exodus 17	<p>More Grumbling for More WATER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When is grumbling or complaining about a bad situation OK? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Even righteous Job got chastised by God for complaining against Him Job 38, 39 ♦ BUT, recall Ezra 9 where the people rightly complained about their leaders marrying foreign wives and incurring more of God's wrath instead of His blessings on the nation ♦ We need to contend with evil, not with GodProv 28:4 • God Ultimately Fights for His People, but Soldiers Do Die <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv8-16. As long as Moses was able to keep his hands up, Joshua prevailed in battle over the Amalekites • Principle of "Shared Responsibilities" in the ministry. We are a team & we need others to work with & intercede for us • This battled marked the Amalekites for total annihilation, but it won't happen till centuries later 1Sam 28:18; 1Chr 4:43
Exodus 18	<p>Principle of Delegating Responsibilities to Qualified Men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God didn't tell Moses everything on day one how to lead 3M people through a wilderness for 40 years • Moses had to learn & experience many things as he traveled, and be humbled to receive instructions from others (Jethro) • vv20-21. Fearing God, being truthful, not being greedy, and being teachable are admirable qualities for all of us, but especially for leaders, deacons, and elders 1Tim3; Titus 1

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- Even when they complained, God's response, like a loving parent, was to provide for them and give them another chance to obey
- God's provisions were strictly according to the people's needs, no more and no less, and they were not to hoard God's provisions – WHY?
- The Jews had to learn to completely be reliant on Him for all their needs each and every day → His mercies are new every day Lam 3:22-23
- How do we rely on God on a daily basis?

NEXT WEEK: Exodus 19-24. The 10 Commandments



If there were cellphones at the Red Sea