

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

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Exodus 16	<p><b>Manna, Meat, and the Sabbath</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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"> <li>♦ Manna ("what is it") is provided for 40 years, 6 days/week</li> <li>♦ Other 40-year miracles included their clothes and sandals never wore out, and feet didn't swell.....<b>Deut 8:4</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• v12. Quails were provided twice, here (without a curse) and in <b>Num 11:31</b> 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"> <li>♦ 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</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv22-30 – The Sabbath was for the Jews, a covenant between them and God ..... <b>Ex 31:14-17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 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"> <li>1. God unconditionally blessed the 6<sup>th</sup> day with enough Manna to feed them for 2 days.....<b>Ex 16:29</b></li> <li>2. God would bless the 6<sup>th</sup> year with 3 years of food to provide nourishment during the 6<sup>th</sup> year, the 7<sup>th</sup> or Sabbath year of rest, &amp; for the 8<sup>th</sup> year to replenish – If they Tithed.....<b>Lev 25:21</b></li> <li>3. During the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Jubilee, God would bless the 48<sup>th</sup> year with 4 years of food to cover for the 48<sup>th</sup> year, the 49<sup>th</sup> year (which was a Sabbath year of rest), the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Jubilee (another year of rest), and the 51<sup>st</sup> year to replenish – If they Tithed.....<b>Lev 25:11-12</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>♦ No other nation has been under such a Land covenant</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Exodus 17	<p><b>More Grumbling for More WATER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When is grumbling or complaining about a bad situation OK?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Even righteous Job got chastised by God for complaining against Him ..... <b>Job 38, 39</b></li> <li>♦ BUT, recall <b>Ezra 9</b> 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</li> <li>♦ We need to contend with evil, not with God .....<b>Prov 28:4</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>God Ultimately Fights for His People, but Soldiers Do Die</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv8-16. As long as Moses was able to keep his hands up, Joshua prevailed in battle over the Amalekites</li> <li>• <b>Principle of "Shared Responsibilities"</b> in the ministry. We are a team &amp; we need others to work with &amp; intercede for us</li> <li>• This battled marked the Amalekites for total annihilation, but it won't happen till centuries later ..... <b>1Sam 28:18; 1Chr 4:43</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Exodus 18	<p><b>Principle of Delegating Responsibilities to Qualified Men</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God didn't tell Moses everything on day one how to lead 3M people through a wilderness for 40 years</li> <li>• Moses had to learn &amp; experience many things as he traveled, and be humbled to receive instructions from others (Jethro)</li> <li>• 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 ..... <b>1Tim3; Titus 1</b></li> </ul>

**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