

Exodus 17 & 18

1. What was the first thing Moses and the children of Israel did when they crossed to the other side of the Red Sea?
2. How did the Lord gather the waters together ?
3. Miriam and Aaron led the people with timbrels and dancing to celebrate their deliverance. T F
4. Marah means bitter. T F
5. It only took three days of lack for the children of Israel to begin to complain and murmur.
6. God used a tree to provide water for the people and quench their thirst. T F
7. There were 20 wells of water, and 80 palm trees for shade in Elim. T F
8. The word Manna means "hunger". T F
9. God rained down manna in the morning to feed the people. T F
10. At night God sent Ravens to feed the people. T F
11. There was enough Manna everyday so that the people could gather it and store it and save it for the next day. T F
12. The children of Israel ate Manna for 50 years in the desert. T F

*Bonus question; Manna looked like sunflower seeds, and could be eaten raw, boiled, or baked. T F

17 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: **and there was no water for the people to drink.**¹

² Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, **Give us water that we may drink.**² And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

³ And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?³

⁴ And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? **they be almost ready to stone me.**⁴

⁵ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

⁶ Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and **thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it,**⁵ that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. (Numbers 20:2-12)

⁷ And he called the name of the place **Massah, and Meribah**⁶, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

⁸ Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.⁷

¹ The children of Israel were quick to complain. They had short memories, and seemed to focus on their lack, rather than their provider.

² The people were still looking to Moses for provision. They did not understand their sustenance was coming from God the father, and Moses was his servant.

³ It became a constant refrain that they were going to die. Their lack of faith caused them to always fear the worst.

⁴ The people had become so ornery that Moses feared for his life.

⁵ God performed another miracle through Moses, proving that even when there was no water in sight, God would still be able to provide it for the people through his power.

⁶ Massah means temptation, and Meribah means strife.

⁷ Amalek, as it is called here is a people and nation who represent evil and war against the children of Israel. Later on they were called the Amalekites.

⁹ And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

¹⁰ So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek:⁸ and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

¹¹ And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.⁹

¹² But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur¹⁰ stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

¹³ And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

¹⁴ And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.¹¹

¹⁵ And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi:¹²

¹⁶ For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

18 When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt;

² Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,

³ And her two sons; of which the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land:

⁸ Joshua was chosen by Moses to lead the new army in war. While Joshua was fighting, Moses was praying.

⁹ When Moses held his hands in the position of prayer, the army was winning, when he got tired and stopped praying, they would begin to lose.

¹⁰ Aaron and Hur were Moses prayer partners.

¹¹ God tells Moses to tell Joshua that Amalek will be destroyed completely at a later date.

¹² Jehovahnissi means the Lord is my banner. The altar built in Rephidim was the mark of the worship place of the very first victory of the people of God after their freedom from bondage.

⁴ And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:

⁵ And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God:¹³

⁶ And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.

⁷ And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him¹⁴; and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent.

⁸ And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them.

⁹ And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel¹⁵, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

¹⁰ And Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

¹¹ Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.

¹² And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.

¹³ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.¹⁶

¹⁴ And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?¹⁷

¹³ Jethro is Moses father's title, it means priest. Jethro has been keeping Moses family for him while he went to do God's work. Now Jethro brings them back to Moses for a reunion.

¹⁴ Moses lived with his father in law for 40 years, It is obvious he learned much from him. Even the greatest leaders and pastors always have someone they go to for advice, and leadership.

¹⁵ Jethro was happy about how God had delivered them from Egypt, and rejoiced because of it. We should always be happy for the victory of others through the grace of God. It does not lessen our ability to be blessed, it makes it more likely that we will be blessed.

¹⁶ Moses now has a full time, all day job, judging the people and their disputes.

¹⁷ Jethro suggests Moses delegates some of his duty to those who he trains and makes qualified.

¹⁵ And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God:

¹⁶ When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.

¹⁷ And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.¹⁸

¹⁸ Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

¹⁹ Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

²⁰ And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

²¹ Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

²² And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge:¹⁹ so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

²³ If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

²⁴ So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.

²⁵ And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

¹⁸ Jethro was concerned that Moses would wear himself out attending to all the matters of the people. Leaders must have the ability to train and delegate work. Jethro did not just give an assessment of the situation but he also came up with a plan to help Moses with the judging of the people.

¹⁹ Moses still judged the most important issues but he trained men to take care of the smaller issues.

²⁶ And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

²⁷ And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.²⁰

²⁰ Thus ends the earthly counseling of Jethro. Going forward Moses will only be counseled by God. It's important to note that Jethro was not a Hebrew, but he had faith in the power and strength of the God of Israel.